

LANCASHIRE COUNTY RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held at Liverpool St. Helens FC on Monday, 2nd July, 2007

Present: Mr. K. Jones in the Chair, Messrs. D. N. Herriman, K. Andrews, R. T. J. Briers, R. I. Grant and B. Leigh.

In Attendance: Mr. K. Mellalieu, Mr. C. Smail (part), Mr. P. Clarke (part).

Apology for Absence: Mr. W. G. D. Chappell. Members were advised that WGDC, subsequent to a fall at his home, had been admitted to hospital. All wished him a speedy recovery.

Minutes: The Minutes of the Executive Committee meetings held on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2007, (previously circulated) were accepted and signed as a correct record.

Matter Arising: RTJB, referring to the Minute relating to the County Championship, advised members of developments occurring since the last Executive Committee meeting. After consideration of this new information, members confirmed their original decision. RTJB was asked to proceed as initially requested and, should the two gentlemen concerned be prepared to take up the positions of Chairman of Selectors and County Team Secretary, to seek the approval of the RDP.

RDO: PC reported on the following:

1. Club Development – Go Play Rugby.
2. Player Development.
3. Coach and Referee Education.
4. Competition Development.
5. Coaching in Schools.
6. Women and Girls.
7. Partnership Working and Finance.
8. Future Plans.

Having been thanked for his report, PC left the meeting.

RFU Rep. Report: RTJB informed the meeting that he had nothing to add to the report made to the General Committee meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2007.

He then referred to the forthcoming RFU AGM and the importance of collecting proxy votes from our Section I Clubs. BL said that he had e-mailed the Clubs to emphasise the importance of the votes. It was agreed that this be followed up by telephone calls in the next few days. RTJB said that all proxy voting forms should be with him by Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2007.

Hon. Treasurer's Report: RIG reported on the following:

1. As the end of the financial year had arrived, any outstanding claims should be submitted immediately as the accounts had to be prepared for the Auditors.
2. Along with WGDC, he had met with representatives of the County's National League Clubs at a meeting hosted by Sale Sharks. All clubs were represented. It proved to be a successful meeting. So much so that the Clubs, previously unaware of the help that they could get from the County, requested that regular meetings take place in the future.
3. Much progress had been made with the acquisition of sponsorship for kit and various sections of the County.
4. The 125 Brochure was, because of a number of problems, not yet in print. As the 125

Year had now come to an end, was it worth proceeding with it. It was agreed that RIG discuss the matter with the Printer.

**Community Rugby:** CS reported as follows:

1. Go Play Rugby. 43 Clubs had signed up to date superseding the target of 38 Clubs. Recruitment meetings, focusing on events and activities, were to be held at LSH on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July, Didsbury Toc H on the 4<sup>th</sup> July and Preston Grasshoppers on the 9<sup>th</sup> July. Following that, Retention meetings dealing with the retention and integration of returning players, training needs, coaching, refereeing and regional courses will be held at Broughton Park and Preston Grasshoppers on the 6<sup>th</sup> August and LSH on the 8<sup>th</sup> August.
2. Basic player development sessions will be held on a regional basis throughout September using 'Scrum 123', 'Tackling Safety' and 'Space the Final Frontier' as models.
3. The Community Task Group will meet on the 22<sup>nd</sup> August to finalise the rest of the year. It is envisaged that there will be two Club Development evenings with possibly a Groundsmanship theme at one and Risk Management at the other. Other functions would include Volunteer Presentation Dinners on a regional basis and evenings for Volunteer Co-ordinators, Welfare Officers and Club Webmasters.

**Correspondence:** RFU – AGM 1<sup>st</sup> Calling Notice  
RFU – AGM 2<sup>nd</sup> Calling Notice  
RFU – Tarleton  
Orrell Anvils. It was agreed that the County support the Orrell Anvils application to the RFU to change their name to Orrell.

**ERCA** The Minutes of the meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2007, were noted.

**Topics for Publicity:** The Work of the RDOs.  
Proxy Votes for RFU AGM.  
Go Play Rugby

**New Member:** The application from Formby Vikings RUFC for Club Membership was approved.

**Date & Time of Next Meeting:** Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2007 at 6.00 p. m.

**Any Other Business:** 1. 200 Club Draw.  
2. Rugby First problems were again discussed.  
3. The need to double the current membership of the 125 Club in the forthcoming season was emphasised.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.30 p. m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairman      Date: \_\_\_\_\_