



**NLD RFU  
MINUTES OF THE NLD AGM  
HELD ON MONDAY 26<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2017  
NEWARK RFC**



Jeff Mapp (JM) opened the meeting at 7.30 and welcomed everyone to Newark.

Before the formal Agenda proceeded, the meeting stood in silence and remembered colleagues and members who had passed away during the season. In particular:-

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| David        | Colby       | Kesteven RFC         |
| Josh         | Davies      | Kesteven RFC         |
| Derek (Taff) | Deacon      | Long Eaton RFC       |
| Alistair     | Donald      | Hope Valley RFC      |
| Chris        | Flanagan    | Kesteven RFC         |
| Adrian       | Hackett     | Castle Donington RFC |
| Jimmy        | Hirrell     | Worksop RFC          |
| Bob          | Hubbuck     | NLD & Chesterfield   |
| Steve        | Kirk        | Bingham RFC          |
| Chris        | Loeber      | Matlock RFC          |
| Paul         | Mockford    | Long Eaton RFC       |
| Keith        | Myhill      | Tupton RFC           |
| John         | O'Sullivan  | Scunthorpe RFC       |
| Sandra       | Platten     | Mellish RFC          |
| Rick         | Smith       | Scunthorpe RFC       |
| Dennis       | Sutton      | Tupton RFC           |
| Alan         | Taylor      | Scunthorpe RFC       |
| Andy         | Whittington | Hope Valley RFC      |

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| <b>1</b> | <b>ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>   |  |
|          | <p>Please see attached appendix for attendees</p> <p>Apologies received from: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alan Shaw</li> <li>• Darren Dolby</li> <li>• Mike Waplinton</li> <li>• Kevin Price</li> <li>• Malcolm Yates</li> <li>• Pete Illot</li> <li>• Gordon Roulinson</li> <li>• Ian Roe</li> <li>• Dronfield RFC</li> <li>• Phil Cass</li> <li>• Ian Edwards</li> <li>• Neil Highfield</li> <li>• David Thorburn</li> </ul> |  |

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|          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brian Fisher</li> <li>• Derrick Smith</li> <li>• Mick Webster</li> <li>• Lee Slack</li> <li>• Bill Berridge</li> <li>• Karl de Groot</li> </ul>  |  |
| <b>2</b> | <b>MINUTES OF THE 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</b>   |  |
|          | <p>Jeff Mapp (JM) asked if everyone was happy that the minutes were a true and correct record of the meeting. Chris Johnson proposed them and Sam Heath seconded them, the meeting all agreed.</p>  |  |
| <b>3</b> | <b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</b>  |  |
|          | <p>There were no formal matters arising.</p>  |  |
| <b>4</b> | <b>REPORT FROM THE MANAGEMENT AND SUB COMMITTEES</b>  |  |
|          | <p>JM confirmed that the reports were sent out prior to the meeting and asked for any questions.</p> <p>JM thanked the committees for their hard work throughout the season.</p> <p>Meeting discussed the NLD Senior XV. There will be a review at the next NLD Board Meeting (end of July) to look at the squad for 2017-18, any proposals should be submitted for discussion at this meeting.</p> <p>Meeting all agreed that the abuse of match officials at the NLD Finals would not be tolerated. Discussed how to combat this and stop it happening. MoF said that the way forward would be to come down very hard on these clubs. Need to work within the RFU Guidelines but additional discipline to Team Captains for not controlling their players is also on the cards.</p> <p>Chris Johnson said that he feels the most effective way to change behaviour is to empower people within clubs to tackle it.</p> <p>Nicole Brown suggested that the next Management Meeting is themed towards Discipline to help give clubs confidence to tackle the problem. For any clubs who had discipline issues in 16-17 it will be compulsory to attend.</p> <p>Tracy Edmundson said that Tours need to be applied for</p> |  |

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|          | <p>in a timely manner and it should be remembered that where tours are for U18's it is not about the adults attending.</p>   |  |
| <b>5</b> | <b>FINANCIAL REPORT 2016-17</b>  |  |
|          | <p>Richard Carpenter went through his financial report that had been circulated to the meeting.</p> <p>We are continuing to improve governance and the accounts system, we will be able to track subscriptions and affiliations more carefully from next season.</p> <p>Some areas of the PFR will be carried forwards to 2017-18 or have been delivered for less spend than anticipated so there will be an underspend.</p> <p>Meeting discussed the club funding process, has worked really well with 33 clubs being awarded funding. Clubs encouraged to apply for funding more quickly to make the process more efficient and to ensure they don't miss out.</p> <p>For clubs who don't have memberships on a standing order it would be a good idea to set this up asap for 1<sup>st</sup> September.</p> |  |
| <b>6</b> | <b>PRESENTATION OF AWARDS</b>  |  |
|          | <p>Jeff Mapp presented the following awards:</p> <p><b>League Presentations</b><br/> M2EN - Melbourne<br/> M3EN - Lincoln<br/> M4EN - Long Eaton<br/> M5EN - Skegness</p> <p><b>Domestic Unions Trophy</b><br/> Derbyshire RFU</p> <p><b>NLD Awards</b></p> <p><b>Volunteer of the Year</b><br/> Matt Derbyshire</p> <p><b>Outstanding Achievement of the Year</b><br/> Tupton RFC</p> <p><b>Spirit of Rugby</b><br/> Mansfield U11's</p> <p><b>16-24</b><br/> Ashbourne RFC Colts</p>   |  |

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|          | <p><b>NLD Presidents Cup 2017</b><br/>JM presented to the President's Cup to Long Eaton RFC for their achievement of being unbeaten in 2016-17 and for their hard work in growing the club.</p> <p><b>England Rugby Mitsubishi Awards</b></p> <p>Pete Haskell – Mansfield RFC<br/>Syd Harris – Mellish RFC</p> <p><b>NLD Services to Rugby Awards</b><br/>Awards were given to the following people for their Service to the Game. they were nominated by their Domestic Unions.</p> <p>Graeme Gunn – NLD &amp; West Bridgford RFC<br/>Mick Webster – Bakewell RFC<br/>Chai Uawithya – Rolls Royce RFC</p>  |  |
| <b>7</b> | <b>ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS</b>   |  |
|          | <p>JM went through the main proposed Officers and Officials for the 2017-18 season including:</p> <p>Honorary President – Chris Johnson<br/>Honorary Chairman – David Chamberlin<br/>Honorary Secretary – Tracy Edmundson<br/>Honorary Treasurer – Richard Carpenter</p> <p>Sam Heath proposed the officials for the 2017-18 season and Roger Swain seconded, the meeting were all in favour.</p> <p>JM thanked everyone for all of their support for his year in office as President and invited Chris Johnson to take over the meeting as incoming President.</p> <p>Chris Johnson presented JM with a plaque for his year in presidency and thanked him for all of his hard work during his year in office.</p> <p>He introduced himself to the meeting and explained that he was looking forward to working with clubs within the Three Counties &amp; is particularly passionate about growing the game at Junior Level.</p> |  |
| <b>8</b> | <b>NOTIFICATION OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR SEASON 2017-18</b>  |  |
|          | Chris Johnson confirmed the circulated proposed Management Committee for 2017-18. Brian Dobb proposed, Roger Swain seconded and the meeting all   |  |

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|           | agreed.  |  |
| <b>9</b>  | <b>SETTING OF SUBSCRIPTION RATES FOR 2016-17</b>   |  |
|           | Richard Carpenter recommended that there is no increase to subscription rates for 2017-18. Roger Swain proposed, David Chamberlin seconded and the meeting agreed.   |  |
| <b>10</b> | <b>APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY AUDITOR</b>   |  |
|           | Richard Carpenter said that Brooke Mayfield would be auditing the accounts. David Chamberlin proposed, Russ Boyack seconded and the meeting all agreed.  |  |
| <b>11</b> | <b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>  |  |
|           | <p>CJ asked for any other business to be raised.</p> <p>Roger Swain said that while he appreciated that this was not the appropriate forum for discussion he would like to raise concerns regarding the Referee Costs within NLD and ask if anyone else had any experiences of this.</p> <p>Chris Johnson explained from the Society perspective that the reserve is comfortable and has not increased for the last 3 years. It is circa what the Society would require to operate for one year.</p> <p>Referees paid on a fixed rate per mile which means the society aims to break even at the end of each season. The fixed rate to clubs takes into account the geography of NLD and the clubs on the periphery of the area.</p> <p>MoF pointed out that the fees are in line with what would be paid in other comparable sports.</p> <p>RS explained that his main concern was regarding Finals Days and that there is a cost per referee for each match rather than each referee that attends when the referees only claim one set of expenses.</p> <p>RS to email concerns to CJ who will raise them at the referees society.</p> <p>Syd Harris expressed concern at the reduction of league teams in Midlands 4/5. Down to 9 which affects not only the players but the finances of the club.</p> <p>Sam Heath explained that feedback had been sought from all clubs in the leagues. Steve Allford clarified that</p> |  |

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|  | <p>the RFU are unable to relegate more teams than planned to even out the numbers but this has been addressed for 17-18 and 3 teams will be relegated.</p> <p>As there was no other business the meeting closed at 9pm.</p> |  |
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**ATTENDANCE**

David Chamberlin  
Chris Johnson  
Melvyn Ashton  
Leslie Law  
Martin Farr  
Ian Marriott  
Steve Gunter  
Geraint Prisk  
Matt Derbyshire

Tracy Edmundson  
Jeff Mapp  
Roger Swain  
Russ Boyack  
Roger Wilkes  
Brian Dobb  
Syd Harris  
Neil Jolly  
Dan Sutton

Richard Carpenter  
Nicole Brown  
Steve Allford  
Sam Heath  
Neil Clack  
Tony Smith  
Barnaby Hodges  
Tim Wilbraham  
Pete Haskell