



NLD RFU
MINUTES OF THE NLD MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 29TH FEBRUARY 2016
SOUTHWELL RFC



DH opened the meeting at 7.30 and welcomed everyone to Southwell.

1	ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
	<p>Please see attached appendix for attendees</p> <p>Apologies received from:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mike Waplinton• Bill Berridge• Ian Roe• Chris Johnson• Alan Shaw	
2	MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS	
	<p>DH went through the minutes of the previous NLD Board Meeting held in December.</p> <p>RB confirmed that Derbyshire have not heard anything regarding a Derbyshire Colts Competition.</p> <p>TE explained email sent this afternoon with details of Development Competition.</p> <p>The competition would need to be run within Regulation 15 to be insured.</p> <p>DD said that the NLD Competition for these age groups next season will be more open. A festival at the beginning of the year and then depending on demand more informal events run through the season.</p> <p>Agreed U13-19 committee to monitor and follow up.</p>	
4	PFR 2015-16 UPDATES	
	<p>LS went through a report on Representative Rugby. U17's trials have concluded, two matches coming up against Leicestershire and Cheshire.</p> <p>U18's finished 3rd in Midlands Championships, 5 players through to Midlands trials, 3 selected for the squad and James Newman has been selected for England U18's squad to play against Ireland and France.</p>	

<p>Lots of discussion surrounding representative rugby. Budget for Midlands this season has been reduced by £20 000 as the money has been allocated elsewhere.</p> <p>Clear that with the calendar it is very hard to manage all commitments.</p> <p>Nottm Academy has re-established. Concerns over management of player commitment but productive meeting in December with the team. U18 players not expected to play or train until after Super Sunday at the beginning of November. Continue to meet with team to have open dialogue.</p> <p>LS expressed concern regarding Tigers Academy. They are tasked with naming a squad of players who then wouldn't be eligible for NLD. However before this there are several players being told they cannot play for club / NLD but before they are named this should not be the case. TE to follow up at the Tigers meeting in a couple of week.</p> <p>DD went through the Competitive Rugby report. Calendar for next season is key, schools and clubs have been allocated blocks to organise fixtures. Will depend on clubs and schools communicating well.</p> <p>Explained calendar dates, aware that they start very early but working with what we have been given, very tight fit into the season. Will also depend on entries which won't be known until the summer.</p> <p>Age Grade Rugby Roadshow coming to Mansfield on Wednesday 3rd March, also live stream available online.</p> <p>Steve Allford explained the conflict with Finals Day. Glossop through to Shield Final but have a league game on 23rd April. Final will therefore move. Scunthorpe may be in a play off in which case their date would also need to move.</p> <p>Could play Shield Final before Cumbria County Championship Match and fill space on Finals day with a Ladies match.</p> <p>Luke Gray to discuss with Mansfield about hosting Shield Final.</p> <p>NB to talk to Women's Coaching Team about fixture on 23rd April.</p> <p>SA also asked the committees opinion on Glossop remaining as part of the NLD Competitions even though the Northern League Structure, in which they play, differs from the Midlands League Structure.</p> <p>Wasn't confirmed at the last Competitions Meeting that Glossop would have to forfeit home advantage but to</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tigers Academy (TE)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Senior Finals Day (LG / NB)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Clarify minutes</p>
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	<p>be discussed. Meeting agreed to leave with Competitions Committee for their input and SA to clarify minutes.</p> <p>NB briefly went through the Game Development Report submitted by Dave Andrews.</p> <p>Level 1 Referees Course a massive success. 44 14-18 year olds attended with most also keen to progress to the Level 2 course as well later this year.</p> <p>Immediate Care in Sport course money all spent too.</p> <p>JM went through Facilities report, next meeting is Monday 7th March.</p> <p>Volunteers £1400 has been spent on tickets for outstanding volunteers to attend the England v Wales match in May. Also £200 for a club in each county to hold a recognition event. Encouraged clubs with representatives at the meeting to look to take advantage of this.</p> <p>Groundsman evening will take place in April.</p> <p>RFU initiative for 100 artificial pitches. If your club is interested, contact the NLD Facilities Group. So far there are 4 from within NLD. There has been a survey on clubs with insufficient pitch space from GMS.</p>	(SA)
7	CLUB ISSUES	
	<p>Wet weather has caused a few issues but so far clubs working well with this.</p> <p>No update on Rolls Royce's ground for next year yet.</p>	
8	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
	<p>TE updated the meeting on the RFU Adult Competition Review. Went through RFU Council, 27 voted for, 25 against and 5 abstained.</p> <p>Voted through by non geographic CB's (eg Army / Navy) but it doesn't affect them directly so results being looked at. Both TE and MW voted against, more information on NLD website and sent out to clubs directly from MW and TE.</p> <p>DC said Disciplinary is roughly same position as this time last year. Referee abuse seems to be on the increase. Next meeting is 14th March.</p> <p>AS raised an item on behalf of Lincolnshire RFU.</p>	

<p>Invoice from the Referees Society from last year's Finals Days. 3 games, 3 referees provided in a rotating team of 3 to cover them all throughout the day and charged full amount for the 9 officials £270. Explained that he feels all clubs are being charged too much for referees.</p> <p>PC responded on behalf of the Referees Society. All prices are circulated to clubs and domestic unions at the start of each season so all are made very clear in advance.</p> <p>The charges are set so regardless of the referees' location and how far they have travelled they are charged the same amount depending on the service.</p> <p>Referees are paid their travel expenses and the society, while having some reserves, aim to break even each season.</p> <p>PC explained that fines for cancelled matches have also been reduced this season.</p> <p>DH suggested that the DU's put their concerns together and present to the Referees Society to resolve the disagreement.</p> <p>NB confirmed that both TE and MW would be re elected as NLD RFU council members for 16-17 having received valid nominations and there being no other nominations.</p> <p>Update from Barbarians RFC, they have sent through a license agreement. Now we need to apply for each of the teams to have permission to use this. They will need to submit a photograph of their kit and not use any derivation of the Barbarians logo or kit.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 9.15pm.</p>	
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ATTENDANCE

David Heath	DH	Tracy Edmundson	TE
Steve Allford	SA	Luke Gray	LG
Paul Carroll	PC	David Duddles	DD
Lee Slack	LS	David Chamberlin	DC
Antony Smith	AS	Nicole Brown	NB
Andrew Highton	AH	Tim Brooks	TB
Jeff Mapp	JM	Malcolm Gough	MG
Russ Boyack	RB	Brian Dobb	BD
Mick Webster	MiW	Geraint Prisk	GP
Byron Edwards	BE		

