

Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire and Derbyshire Rugby Football Union Competitions Committee Meeting Minutes

Date of meeting: Tuesday 8th July 2014

			Action
1	Present Steve Allford (SA), Melvyn Ashton (MA), Dave Miller (DM), Trevor Sharpe (TS), Fred Pell (FP), Tracy Edmundson (TE) & Rob Linthwaite (RL). Apologies Phil Gordon (PG), Mike Waplinton (MW), Dan Sutton (DS), Nicole Brown (NB), John Bradwell (JB), Tim Bembridge (TB) & Phil Cass (PC)		
2	Minutes of last meeting	Agreed as an accurate record.	
3	Matters arising	Following the review of the Committee role and purpose by the NLD General Committee the following roles and occupants had been agreed as the Competitions Committee for 2014-2015. Chairman: Steve Allford Secretary: Dave Miller MDOC Rep: Dave Miller Nottinghamshire Rep: Phil Gordon Lincolnshire Rep: Melvyn Ashton Derbyshire Rep: Fred Pell Referees Rep: John Bradwell Junior & Youth Rep: Melvyn Ashton RFU Council Members and League Secretaries (Tim Bembridge and Chris McLaren) would be deemed to be Associate Members of the Committee.	
4	RFU Structured Season	The structured season for the Midlands has been issued.	
5	NLD Structured Season	All knockout draws have been made. These need to be loaded on the NLD website and issued by the NLD office. The draws are attached.	DM
6	National RFU Cups	Last season 3 NLD clubs gave walkovers in the Intermediate Cup (Stamford, Melbourne & Kesteven) and 3 in the Junior Vase (Nottinghamians, Leesbrook & Stamford College OB) so will not be invited to take part this season. The draw is expected to be published by 18 th July.	
7	League Reports	All league fixtures have been published. DM - MDOC. Buxton and Barton and District had re-joined the Midlands leagues. No NLD clubs had dropped out. Leesbrook and Cresswell will be monitored during the season due to the large number of nominal walkovers they conceded last season. As a reminder any club that breaches the 20% boundary for walkovers will be investigated by MDOC and possible sanctions may arise. The MDOC AGM is planned for 16 th July.	
7	NLD Knockout Cups	NLD Knockout Competitions The winners of last season knockout competitions were Ilkeston (Cup), Newark (Shield), Boston (Plate) and Stamford College OB (Vase). The draw for this season has been made including all eligible clubs who expressed	

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		<p>an interest in participating. These are attached.</p> <p>Play-by dates for this season are;</p> <p>R1: 6th September QF: 29th November SF: 14th March Finals Day: 25th April</p> <p>A draft of an updated version of the competition regulations for 2014-2015 was presented for review. This was agreed.</p> <p>The draws and regulations need issuing to the clubs and publishing on the NLD website.</p> <p>Finals Day Venue</p> <p>The venue for this seasons Finals day will be determined by Lincolnshire.</p>	DM
8	Domestic Cups	<p>Nottinghamshire Knockout Competitions</p> <p>The draw has not been made yet. Finals day will be TBD at a venue TBD. There will be four finals.</p> <p>Lincolnshire Knockout Competitions</p> <p>The draw has been made. Finals day will be Monday 4th May at a venue TBD. There will be three finals.</p> <p>Derbyshire Knockout Competitions</p> <p>The draw has not been made yet. Finals day is provisionally Monday 4th May at a venue TBD. There will be four finals.</p> <p>Domestic Unions Trophy</p> <p>The future of the Domestic Unions competitions was brought into question. The matter will be put before the NLD General Committee to decide the future strategy. The regulations surrounding the Trophy need to be formalised as they are currently not written down.</p> <p>Proposed dates for the matches have been circulated.</p>	DS
9	Merit Tables	Tony Smith (Market Rasen) and Dave Stowe (Horncastle) have taken over organisation of the Lincolnshire Merit competition.	
10	Referees Representative	<p>Six clubs have provided their fixture lists for next season so far.</p> <p>There are still a worryingly large number of clubs with outstanding debts from last season. These will be chased up. Any clubs that fail to clear these debts may have sanctions imposed on them.</p>	
11	Youth/Junior Competitions	<p>The structure for competition for the next two seasons has been agreed. This will consist of competitions at U13-U17 and U19 levels. Draws have not been made yet.</p> <p>Dates for semi-finals, finals and sevens competitions have been set.</p> <p>There is a rumour of a Derbyshire U18 competition. This is independent of either NLD or Derbyshire.</p>	
12	Any other business	<p>The proposals for a set of generic job descriptions for the committee were reviewed by the Management Committee on 27th May and ratified by the AGM on 30th June.</p> <p>RL presented a proposal to allow Central College Event Management Students to</p>	

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		assist in the operation of the knockout competitions as part of their studies. Their role could include arranging facilities, contacting teams and officials, arranging catering, sourcing advertising etc. It was agreed that they would be involved in the Nottinghamshire knockout competition and possibly some of the junior events for this season. NLD would monitor the situation with a view to expanding their remit in 2015-2016 if it was deemed a success.	
	Future meetings	Next meeting will be Tuesday 30 th September. Venue TBD	

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Knockout Competitions Draw

Cup (to be played by 29th November)

Paviors v Ilkeston
Scunthorpe v Derby
Newark v Mansfield
Spalding v Market Rasen

Shield (to be played by 6th September)

Grimsby v Kesteven
Southwell v Sleaford
Lincoln v Boston
Stamford v Casuals
West Bridgeford v Glossop
Moderns v Melbourne
Bakewell v Matlock
Ashbourne v Mellish

Plate (to be played by 6th September)

Bingham v Stamford College OB
Cleethorpes v Long Eaton
Leesbrook v Skegness
Bourne v Rolls-Royce
Belper v Chesterfield
Tupton v East Retford
Worksop v Amber Valley
Ashfield v Buxton

Vase (to be played by 6th September)

Notts Corsairs v Horncastle
Gainsborough v Lowdham Lions
North Hykeham v Woodhouse Giants
Barton & District v Nottinghamians
Hope Valley v Castle Donnington
Meden Vale v East Leake
Ollerton v Cresswell
GEMS v Bye

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