

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

Date of meeting: Monday 19th January 2015

			Action
1	Present Steve Allford (SA), Melvyn Ashton (MA), Fred Pell (FP), Phil Gordon (PG), John Bradwell (JB) & Dave Miller (DM), Apologies Mike Waplinton (MW), Tracy Edmundson (TE), Dan Sutton (DS), Nicole Brown (NB), Phil Cass (PC), Trevor Sharpe (TS) & Tim Bembridge (TB)		
2	Minutes of last meeting	Agreed as an accurate record.	
3	Matters arising	These are dealt with under the appropriate section.	
4	RFU Structured Season	The structured season for the Midlands has been issued. No issues have been reported.	
5	NLD Structured Season	All knockout draws have been made. The draws have also been and published on the website and to the clubs. The draws are attached. The NLD senior side will play its RFU County Championship matches as follows; Sat 2 nd May Warwickshire TBC (Home) Kick-Off TBC Sat 9 th May Cumbria TBC (Away) Kick-Off TBC Sat 16 th May Staffordshire TBC (Home) Kick-Off TBC The NLD Ladies side will play matches as follows; Sun 3 rd May TBA TBC Kick-Off TBC Sun 10 th May TBA TBC Kick-Off TBC	
6	National RFU Cups	The QF of the competition has taken place and the draw for the SF made and published. Ashbourne are the only remaining NLD club and will play their delayed QF Intermediate Cup match on 24 th January. The new results portal on RFU.com has now been updated such that it shows walkovers. NLD clubs that have conceded matches this season and so will not be invited to compete next season are; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bingham • Chesterfield Panthers • Cresswell Crusaders • Dronfield • Keyworth • Long Eaton • Moderns The revised adult competitions structure has been reviewed and clubs at L5 and below have been canvassed on their preference for the Cup structure to be introduced for 2015-16. The Midlands preference was for a straight knockout format (50% in favour from a 41% return). For NLD clubs the preference was the same (42% in favour from a 52% return). This reflects the current system in operation.	
7	League Reports	There have been no major issues reported with NLD clubs although there have been a number of fines issued and matches defaulted. Two East Midlands clubs have withdrawn from the Midlands Leagues. The issue of league fixtures during the 2015 World Cup was raised at the November meeting. At the moment the proposal is that clubs will be given an option of whether to play or not during this period. Further clarification is needed from the RFU.	MW

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		<p>DM - MDOC.</p> <p>There had been no meetings since the last Competitions Meeting. Next meeting is on 21st January.</p> <p>Leesbrook and Cresswell will be monitored during the season due to the large number of nominal walkovers they conceded last season.</p> <p>As a reminder any club that breaches the 20% boundary for walkovers will be investigated by MDOC and possible sanctions may arise.</p> <p>Current clubs that have conceded walkovers and the % of matches this equates to are;</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="392 622 1066 943"> <thead> <tr> <th>Club</th> <th>Walkovers</th> <th>% of matches</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Leesbrook</td> <td>3</td> <td>27</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bourne</td> <td>2</td> <td>18</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bingham</td> <td>2</td> <td>14</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stamford College OB</td> <td>1</td> <td>9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Woodhouse Giants</td> <td>1</td> <td>9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Barton and District</td> <td>1</td> <td>9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Keyworth</td> <td>1</td> <td>7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rolls-Royce</td> <td>1</td> <td>7</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Club	Walkovers	% of matches	Leesbrook	3	27	Bourne	2	18	Bingham	2	14	Stamford College OB	1	9	Woodhouse Giants	1	9	Barton and District	1	9	Keyworth	1	7	Rolls-Royce	1	7	
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8	NLD Knockout Cups	<p>NLD Knockout Competitions</p> <p>A debate was held on whether to retain the current “opt-out” method of organising the tournament. Other options were an “opt-in” or partial “opt-in” method. It was agreed to retain the current method as it was thought that the others would dilute the competitions and lead to more mismatches and conceded matches. In addition it was agreed that if any clubs declined to take part then their position would be not be taken in the seedings by moving other clubs up the order.</p> <p>The regulations have been issued to the clubs and published on the NLD website. Despite this some clubs continue to plead ignorance or just ignore them. The most blatant example of this was a club self-appointing a non Society referee to a knockout match despite being told this was not acceptable. The club in question lost the match otherwise they would have been liable to sanction and possible disqualification.</p> <p>The SF draw has been made and published to all clubs. All clubs are reminded to notify any fixture arrangements or potential problems to DM asap.</p> <p>Play-by dates for this season are;</p> <p>QF: 29th November (1-off Shield and 2-off Plate matches still outstanding, mainly due to progress in the RFU knockout) SF: 14th March Finals Day: 25th April</p> <p>There had been a problem with arranging the Bourne v Belper plate match. The Committee had reviewed this and told the clubs the date that the match should be played.</p> <p>Finals Day Venue</p> <p>The venue for this seasons Finals day will be Lincoln. The requirements have been passed to Malcolm Ross and MA.</p>																												
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		<p>The draw has been made and initial matches played. Finals day will be TBD at a venue TBD. There will be four finals.</p> <p>Lincolnshire Knockout Competitions</p> <p>The competition is using an “opt in” strategy for this season, the draws have been made and the initial matches played. Finals day will now be Monday 4th May at Sleaford RFC. There will be three finals.</p> <p>Derbyshire Knockout Competitions</p> <p>The competition is using an “opt in” strategy for this season but there have still been a large number of walkovers. The competition is at the semi-final stage. Finals day is Monday 4th May at Chesterfield. There will be four finals.</p> <p>There is also a Veterans finals day planned for 18th April at Belper.</p> <p>Domestic Unions Trophy</p> <p>The 3 way U23 competition scheduled for 11th March will now take place at Southwell and not Newark.</p> <p>The future of the Domestic Unions competitions was brought into question at the July meeting. The matter will be put before the NLD General Committee to decide the future strategy. At the November meeting FP asked if the Domestic Unions Trophy had been discussed by the Board yet. MW responded that it had not but is due for review at the meeting on 26th January.</p> <p>The proposed regulations surrounding the Trophy have been formalised and are attached. Any amendments to this need to be fed back to DM. One proposed change from the current state is that the Development matches become U20 fixtures to align with the national structure.</p> <p>Proposed dates for the matches have been circulated.</p> <p>SA had attempted to organise a meeting between the three Domestic Unions as to how to support the competition. However, there had been minimal response to the communication.</p>	<p>MW</p> <p>All</p> <p>SA</p>									
10	Merit Tables	Lincs Merit finals day will be 11 th April at venue TBA. No known issues.										
11	Referees Representative	It was proposed that referee requirements for youth/junior matches are input by the home side in the same way as for senior sides, rather than as a block by the organiser. This needs discussion.	DS									
12	Youth/Junior Competitions	<p>Due to various issues the junior competitions committee has been dissolved for the remainder of the season.</p> <p>The 2014/15 NLD U19 competition has been abandoned due to a lack of numbers. The proposal for a replacement knock-out tournament has also been abandoned.</p> <p>As a result the future plans for the U13-U19 competitions need review. The competition dates also need publishing.</p> <p>The main events to season end are;</p> <p>Semi Finals</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>U13/15</td> <td>Sunday 8th March</td> <td>Chesterfield RFC</td> </tr> <tr> <td>U14/16</td> <td>Sunday 22nd March</td> <td>Sleaford RFC</td> </tr> <tr> <td>U17</td> <td>Sunday 12th April</td> <td>Lincoln RFC</td> </tr> </table> <p>Sevens</p>	U13/15	Sunday 8th March	Chesterfield RFC	U14/16	Sunday 22nd March	Sleaford RFC	U17	Sunday 12th April	Lincoln RFC	DS
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		<p>U13 Sunday 15th March Southwell RFC U14 Sunday 29th March Lincoln RFC U15 Sunday 15th March Chesterfield RFC U16 Sunday 29th March Sleaford RFC U17/19 Sunday 3rd May Southwell RFC</p> <p>Finals</p> <p>U13/15 Sunday 26th April Southwell RFC U14/16 Sunday 19th April Market Rasen RFC U17 Cup/Plate Sunday 1st February Southwell RFC U17 Knock Out Sunday 26th April Southwell RFC</p> <p>The nominations for the U17 national competitions are;</p> <p>Cup: Nottingham Corsairs & Newark Plate: Moderns & Pavors Shield: Derby Bowl: Lincoln</p>	
13	Any other business	<p>At the September meeting Rob Linthwaite (RL) presented a proposal to allow Central College Event Management Students to assist in the operation of the knockout competitions as part of their studies. The intention is still to trial their participation at the Notts Finals Day but an update on status is needed from the College. RL is chasing this.</p> <p>East Leake and Leesbrook are reported as struggling to put out regular sides.</p> <p>There was further debate about the “unhygienic” changing facilities at a club. This will be raised with the club in question via the RDO.</p>	<p align="center">DM/RL</p> <p align="center">DM</p>
14	Future meetings	Next meeting will be Monday 16 th March. Venue, The Fox.	

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These are the proposed regulations for the Domestic Unions Trophy for season 2015-16 and beyond.

**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE, LINCOLNSHIRE AND DERBYSHIRE
DOMESTIC UNIONS TROPHY**

The Competition

The NLD Domestic Unions Trophy (the Trophy) will be contested by the three Domestic Unions of Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire and Derbyshire on an annual basis.

Each Domestic Union will play the others at Senior and Development (U20) level. The venues will alternate between the two counties unless an alternative is mutually agreed or mandated by NLD. The Development matches may also be played as a triangular tournament at a central venue.

The squad size will be a maximum of 23 unless mutually agreed otherwise by the two teams. Each squad should contain at least five players capable of playing in the front row. In the event of a team being unable to field a suitable trained and experienced front row the match shall continue with uncontested scrums and the result will stand. However, the offending team will play a man down for this period.

Two competition points will be awarded for a win, one for a draw and none for a loss. If a match is defaulted then the non offending team will be awarded two points.

The Trophy winner will be the team that amasses most competition points from these matches. If two or more teams have the same number of points the Trophy will be shared.

Eligibility

Players will be eligible for the senior side if they either;

- Play for a Club that is affiliated to that Domestic Union
- Reside within the county boundaries

Players will be eligible for the development side if they are under 20 years of age on 1st September at the beginning of the season and either

- Play for a Club that is affiliated to that Domestic Union
- Reside within the county boundaries

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Knockout Competitions Summary

Round 1 Results

Shield

Grimsby	AWO	Kesteven
Southwell	3:31	Sleaford
Lincoln	38:17	Boston
Stamford	10:26	Casuals
West Bridgeford	28:10	Glossop
Moderns	33:27	Melbourne
Bakewell	AWO	Matlock
Ashbourne	70:5	Mellish

Plate

Bingham	32:14	Stamford College OB
Cleethorpes	20:17	Long Eaton
Leesbrook	15:13	Skegness
Bourne	HWO	Rolls-Royce
Belper	21:19	Chesterfield
Tupton	22:34	East Retford
Worksop	29:17	Amber Valley
Ashfield	14:21	Buxton

Vase

Notts Corsairs	AWO	Horncastle
Gainsborough	HWO	Lowdham Lions
North Hykeham	54:26	Woodhouse Giants
Barton & District	HWO	Nottinghamians
Hope Valley	AWO	Castle Donnington
Meden Vale	HWO	East Leake
Ollerton	AWO	Cresswell
GEMS	HWO	Bye

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Quarter Final Results

Cup

Paviors	22:34	Ilkeston
Scunthorpe	HWO	Derby
Newark	28:5	Mansfield
Spalding	14:55	Market Rasen

Shield

Kesteven	41:12	Casuals
Lincoln	17:34	Sleaford
West Bridgeford	17:3	Ashbourne
Matlock	TBP 24/1	Moderns

Plate

Leesbrook	AWO	Bingham
Bourne	TBP 14/2	Belper
Worksop	24:17	East Retford
Buxton	TBP 24/1	Cleethorpes

Vase

Horncastle	24:15	Barton & District
North Hykeham	49:14	Gainsborough
Castle Donnington	HWO	GEMS
Cresswell	0:46	Meden Vale

Semi Final Draws (to be played by 14th March)

Cup

Scunthorpe	TBP 24/1	Newark
Ilkeston	TBP 14/2	Market Rasen

Shield

Kesteven		Matlock/Moderns
Sleaford	TBP 24/1	West Bridgeford

Plate

Bingham		Bourne/Belper
Worksop		Buxton/Cleethorpes

Vase

Horncastle	TBP 28/2	Meden Vale
North Hykeham	TBP 14/3	Castle Donnington

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