

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

Date of meeting: Monday 16th March 2015

			Action
1	Present Steve Allford (SA), Phil Gordon (PG), Mike Waplinton (MW), Tracy Edmundson (TE), Dan Sutton (DS) & Dave Miller (DM). Apologies Melvyn Ashton (MA), John Bradwell (JB), Fred Pell (FP), Nicole Brown (NB), Phil Cass (PC) & 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 draft structured season for 2015/16 has been issued. The impact of the RWC on available match dates causes difficulties with arranging the NLD and DU knockout competitions. This will need to be revisited when the official structured season is issued. The draft is attached. A draft structured season layout for 2016/17 and beyond was reviewed. This includes the impact of the Adult Competitions Review. If this is implemented then there will be no free weekends for the local knockout competitions at L6 and above.	
5	NLD Structured Season	All knockout draws have been made 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	Ashbourne were the last NLD representative and went out at the QF stage. The Midlands winners were Bridgnorth (Intermediate Cup), Melton Mowbray (Senior Vase) and Rugby Lions (Junior Vase). 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	The issue of league fixtures during the 2015 World Cup was raised at the November meeting. This is covered by the draft structured season.	

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		<p>Leesbrook have met with Derbyshire RFU representatives regarding the number of fixtures that they are conceding.</p> <p>DM - MDOC.</p> <p>Leicestershire had proposed a revision to the organisation of the Midlands leagues on a geographic basis. This had been rejected as it would revert the leagues to the previous CB based lines and would be detrimental to the other CBs.</p> <p>All clubs who currently play in a division to which their CB is not aligned are to be asked if they would like to return "home" as part of the Adult Competition Review reorganisation. The only NLD club this applies to is Glossop and they have indicated a desire to remain in the North structure.</p> <p>Current clubs that have conceded walkovers and the % of matches this equates to are;</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="392 712 1066 1146"> <thead> <tr> <th>Club</th> <th>Walkovers</th> <th>% of matches</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>Leesbrook</td><td>5</td><td>33</td></tr> <tr><td>Keyworth</td><td>3</td><td>16</td></tr> <tr><td>Bourne</td><td>2</td><td>14</td></tr> <tr><td>Stamford College OB</td><td>2</td><td>13</td></tr> <tr><td>Amber Valley</td><td>2</td><td>11</td></tr> <tr><td>Bingham</td><td>2</td><td>11</td></tr> <tr><td>Nottinghamians</td><td>1</td><td>7</td></tr> <tr><td>Woodhouse Giants</td><td>1</td><td>7</td></tr> <tr><td>Barton and District</td><td>1</td><td>7</td></tr> <tr><td>Rolls-Royce</td><td>1</td><td>7</td></tr> <tr><td>Cresswell</td><td>1</td><td>6</td></tr> <tr><td>Cleethorpes</td><td>1</td><td>5</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>As a reminder any club that breaches the 20% boundary for league walkovers will be investigated by MDOC and possible sanctions may arise.</p>	Club	Walkovers	% of matches	Leesbrook	5	33	Keyworth	3	16	Bourne	2	14	Stamford College OB	2	13	Amber Valley	2	11	Bingham	2	11	Nottinghamians	1	7	Woodhouse Giants	1	7	Barton and District	1	7	Rolls-Royce	1	7	Cresswell	1	6	Cleethorpes	1	5	
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8	NLD Knockout Cups	<p>NLD Knockout Competitions</p> <p>The Bourne v Belper Plate QF match had not been played as the clubs could not agree a mutually acceptable date, time and venue. As a result Belper had been awarded the tie by application of the competition regulations. Bourne had appealed against this decision but the appeal had been dismissed.</p> <p>All the finalists are now known and a provisional running order has been published for Finals Day on Sat 25th April at Lincoln.</p> <p>Vase (11:30) North Hykeham v Meden Vale Plate (12:30) Belper v Worksop Shield (13:30) Matlock v West Bridgford Cup (15:30) Scunthorpe v Market Rasen & Louth</p> <p>This will be dependent on Matlock not being involved in an RFU league playoff on the date. If they are unable to play then the Shield final will be deferred (probably to Weds 29th April at a suitable location) and the Plate final moved to 13:30.</p> <p>A suitable location for a deferred Shield final needs to be investigated.</p> <p>The trophies need collecting from last season's winners.</p> <p>Cup: Ilkeston</p>	DS/SA SA																																							

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		<p>Shield :Newark Plate: Boston Vase: Stamford College OB</p> <p>It was agreed to retain the current “opt-out” method for future seasons. 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>However, due to the potential fixture congestion caused by the RWC’s impact on the structured season it may not be practical to run the NLD knockout competitions in 2015/2016. Further review is needed on this when the structured season is formalised.</p>	<p>MW TB PG</p> <p>All</p>															
9	Domestic Cups	<p>Nottinghamshire Knockout Competitions</p> <p>The draw has been made and initial matches played. Finals day will be TBD at a venue TBD. There will be four finals. A potential conflict with the NLD senior side’s matches needs to be resolved.</p> <p>Lincolnshire Knockout Competitions</p> <p>The competition is using an “opt in” strategy for this season and the competitions have reached the semi-final stage with some finalists already decided. Finals day will 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 with a few finalists already known. 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 development competition took place successfully on 11th March.</p> <p>The issue of the Domestic Unions Trophy regulations has been passed back to the NLD General Committee for further management and resolution.</p>	<p>DS</p>															
10	Merit Tables	Lincs Merit finals day will be 11 th April at Skegness. 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. The lack of co-ordination is causing an increased workload on the Sunday appointments team. Some further information on where the additional load was coming from was requested.	<p>JB</p>															
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 main outstanding events to season end are;</p> <p>Semi Finals</p> <table border="0"> <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> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>U14</td> <td>Sunday 29th March</td> <td>Lincoln RFC</td> </tr> <tr> <td>U16</td> <td>Sunday 29th March</td> <td>Sleaford RFC</td> </tr> <tr> <td>U17/19</td> <td>Sunday 3rd May</td> <td>Southwell RFC</td> </tr> </table>	U14/16	Sunday 22nd March	Sleaford RFC	U17	Sunday 12th April	Lincoln RFC	U14	Sunday 29th March	Lincoln RFC	U16	Sunday 29th March	Sleaford RFC	U17/19	Sunday 3rd May	Southwell RFC	
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		<p>Finals</p> <p>U13/15 Sunday 26th April Southwell RFC U14/16 Sunday 19th April Market Rasen RFC U17 Knock Out Sunday 26th April Southwell RFC</p> <p>In the U17 national competition both NLD nominees (Nottingham Corsairs & Newark) have reached the Midlands final and will play each other at Broadstreet on 29th March.</p> <p>Derby have also reached their Midlands final and will play Moseley.</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>The issue about the "unhygienic" changing facilities at a club has been raised with the club in question via the RDO.</p>	DM/RL
14	Future meetings	<p>Next meeting will be Monday 20th April to review Finals Day arrangements. The following meeting will be Monday 8th June.</p> <p>Venue, The Fox.</p>	

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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 Bridgford	17:3	Ashbourne
Matlock	HWO	Moderns

Plate

Leesbrook	AWO	Bingham
Bourne	AWO	Belper
Worksop	24:17	East Retford
Buxton	63:0	Cleethorpes

Vase

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

Semi Final Results

Cup

Scunthorpe	76:12	Newark
Ilkeston	15:17	Market Rasen

Shield

Kesteven	5:40	Matlock
Sleaford	10:38	West Bridgford

Plate

Bingham	AWO	Belper
Worksop	25:20	Buxton

Vase

Horncastle	14:50	Meden Vale
North Hykeham	HWO	Castle Donnington

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Draft Structured Season for 2015-2016

Weekend No.	Saturday Date	International Matches	National 1 & 2 (Levels 3 & 4) 16 clubs	National 3 M (Level 5) 14 clubs	Midlands (Level 6) 14 clubs	Midlands 12 Club Leagues	Midlands 10 Club Leagues	Midlands 8 Club Leagues	Intermediate Cup (Level 7)	Senior Vase (Level 8)	Junior Vase (Level 9 & 10)
0	29-Aug			CB?	CB?	CB?	CB?	CB?			
1	05-Sep		1	1	1	Res	Res	Res	Cup 1	Cup 1	Cup 1
2	12-Sep		2	2	2	1	1	1			
3	19-Sep	RWC	3	3	3	2	Res	Res			
4	26-Sep	RWC	4	4	4	Res	Res	Res			
5	03-Oct	RWC	5	5	5	Res	Res	Res	Cup 2	Cup 2	Cup 2
6	10-Oct	RWC	6	6	6	3	Res	Res			
7	17-Oct	RWC	7	Res	Res	Res	Res	Res			
8	24-Oct	RWC	8	7	7	4	Res	Res			
X2	31-Oct	RWC	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free
9	07-Nov		9	8	8	5	2	2			
10	14-Nov		10	9	9	6	3	Res			
11	21-Nov		11	10	10	7	4	3			
12	28-Nov		12	Res	Res	Res	Res	Res	Cup 3	Cup 3	Cup 3
13	05-Dec		13	11	11	8	5	4			
14	12-Dec		14	12	12	9	6	Res			
15	19-Dec		15	13	13	10	7	5			
16	26-Dec		Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free
17	02-Jan		16	Res	Res	Res	Res	Res	Cup 4	Cup 4	Cup 4
18	09-Jan		17	14	14	11	8	6			
19	16-Jan		18	15	15	12	Res	Res			
20	23-Jan		19	16	16	13	9	Res			
X5	30-Jan		20	17	17	14	10	7			
21	06-Feb	S v E	21	Res	Res	Res	Res	Res	Cup 5	Cup 5	Cup 5
22	13-Feb	It v E Sun	22	18	18	15	11	8			
23	20-Feb		23	19	19	16	12	9			
24	27-Feb	E v Ire	Res	Res	Res	Res	Res	Res	Cup 6	Cup 6	Cup 6
25	05-Mar		24	20	20	17	13	10			
26	12-Mar	E v W	25	Res	Res	Res	Res	Res			
27	19-Mar	F v E	Res	21	21	18	14	11			
28	26-Mar*		26	Res	Res	Res	Res	Res	Cup QF	Cup QF	Cup QF
29	02-Apr		27	22	22	19	15	12			
30	09-Apr		Res	23	23	Res	Res	Res	Cup SF	Cup SF	Cup SF
31	16-Apr		28	24	24	20	16	13			
32	23-Apr		29	25	25	21	17	Res			
X8	30-Apr		30	26	26	22	18	14			
34	07-May		Res	Res	Res	Res	Res	Res	Cup F	Cup F	Cup F
35	14-May		Res	Res	Res	Res	Res	Res			
36	21-May		Res	Res	Res	Res	Res	Res			
37	28-May		Res	Res	Res	Res	Res	Res			
38	04-Jun										

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