

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

Date of meeting: Monday 20th March 2017

			Action
	<p>Present : Dave Miller (DM), Dave Duddles (DD), Melvyn Ashton (MA), Steve Allford (SA), Tracy Edmundson (TE), Andrew Ashwell (AA) & Phil Gordon (PG)</p> <p>Apologies: Neil Clack (NC), Sam Heath (SH), Jeff Mapp, (JM), Steve Whiteside (SW) & Mike Waplington (MW)</p>		
1	Minutes of last meeting	The minutes of the meeting on 20 th February were agreed as an accurate record.	
2	Matters arising	These are dealt with under the appropriate section.	
3	RFU Structured Season	There have been no changes since the last meeting. Any clubs not currently playing in the RFU leagues structure are reminded that the deadline for applications is 1 st April. There have been two expressions of interest so far but no formal applications.	
4	NLD Structured Season	The dates for the remaining NLD knockout rounds are; Finals Day: 29 th Apr (at Chesterfield). The NLD senior squad will play Essex (H; 6 th May), Bucks (A; 13 th May) and Oxfordshire (A; 20 th May) in the County Championship. All venues are currently TBD.	
5	National RFU Cups	Long Eaton defeated Moderns in the Midlands Junior Vase final and will now host Goole on Easter Saturday for a place in the national final at Twickenham. Buxton, Mansfield, Grimsby, Meden Vale and Cleethorpes all conceded matches so will not be invited to participate next season.	
6	MDOC Report	There were no items of note from the latest meeting. There is a proposed change to the RFU knockout competitions under review at Twickenham. If implemented this would affect how the NLD knockout competitions are organised.	
7	League Reports	There have been 9 walkovers conceded by NLD clubs so far; 1 at L8, 5 at L9 and 3 at L10. No club is currently at risk of breaching the 25% walkover criteria. Ashfield, Bakewell and Chesterfield have been sanctioned for fielding unregistered players in league matches and deducted league points. Woodhouse Giants have been sanctioned for disciplinary issues and deducted league points. They have also been sanctioned for fielding too many unregistered players during a league match. A question has been raised about the viability of M5E(N) if clubs drop out (there is currently potential for two clubs to resign). This has been passed to MDOC for possible options. <i>PMN: a questionnaire has been put to the NLD L9 & L10 clubs given various options for the leagues and asking for their opinions.</i>	DM
8	NLD Knockout Cups	The 1 st round of the Shield, Plate and Vase was completed with 4 walkovers in the 17 scheduled matches. There were 3 walkovers in the 16 QF matches. Paviers forfeited their Cup SF match as they were unable to raise a side on the designated date. Chesterfield have been selected as the host venue for Finals Day. The outstanding trophies need to be obtained from last season's winners. Plate: Grimsby Vase: Meden Vale The finals day line-up was discussed. There was a proposal to change the sequence but the "innocent" clubs that would have been affected declined the change so the	

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		<p>usual format was agreed on;</p> <p>Vase (11:30 kick off) Bourne v Keyworth</p> <p>Plate (12:30 kick off) East Retford v Buxton</p> <p>Shield (13:30 kick off) Stamford v Melbourne</p> <p>Cup (15:30 kick off) Derby v Glossop</p> <p>There is a possibility that the Cup and/or Shield Finals have to be deferred. Glossop could be involved in a rearranged RFU league match and Melbourne could be involved in an RFU play-off. In the event of either of these being deferred a Ladies match is proposed to fill the gap (similar to last season). The possibility of arranging this needs to be looked into.</p> <p><i>NC provided an update on this. "I have spoken with Dan Edson regards possibility of ladies putting on a demo on 29.4.17 as discussed. We are looking to see if there is a way we can do this with ladies not picked for full squad. Trials were last night so awaiting decision from Dan as need to factor in coaching staff for both days."</i></p> <p>Alternate dates for the Cup and Shield finals have been investigated. Proposals are; Cup: Weds 26th Shield: Sat 6th May</p> <p>Based on his previous association with both Derbyshire and Chesterfield, Fred Pell is to be invited to the Finals Day as a guest.</p>	NC
9	Domestic Cups	<p>Nottinghamshire Knockout Competitions</p> <p>The "1st XV" finals day will consist of four matches on Saturday 15th April at Notts Corsairs.</p> <p>The "2nd XV" finals day will also consist of four matches and will be played on Sunday 30th April at Southwell.</p> <p>Lincolnshire Knockout Competitions</p> <p>Finals day will be Monday 1st May at Grimsby and there will be three finals.</p> <p>Derbyshire Knockout Competitions</p> <p>Finals day will be at Ilkeston on Saturday 6th May and there will be four matches.</p>	DM
10	Merit Tables	Lincs Merit and Notts Pennant continue. No issues reported.	
11	Referees Representative	<p>Organisers of the various tournaments and finals days need to formally notify the referees society of the requirement for officials, otherwise they will not be allocated.</p> <p>Referee allocations have been done for April and May and all matches are covered, although there will be a shortage of ARs for the Notts "2nd XV" finals day on 30th April.</p>	
12	Women	<p>West Bridgford Ladies have made it through to the National Women's Intermediate Plate Final against Loughborough on 1st April. Unfortunately the match is currently scheduled to be played at Royal Wootton Bassett.</p> <p>The NLD Senior Women's squad have matches against Yorks (A@Keighley; 30th April), Staffs (H@Southwell; 7th May) and North Midlands (H@Southwell; 14th May).</p>	

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		For next season any club volunteering to hold the men's knockout finals day will also be asked about their capability of holding a women's match on the same day (i.e. up to five matches on the same day). The capabilities of the clubs will then be used to determine if a women's match can be incorporated.	DM
13	Any other business	In general terms, it is now expected of all RFU Committees that "Declarations of Interest" must be made where appropriate, even where such appropriateness is marginal. This expectation will also apply to this Committee.	
14	Future meetings	Next meeting will be Monday 12 th June, 7:30 start. Venue, NLD Office, Newark.	

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2016-2017 Knockout Competitions Results and Draws

Cup

Quarter Final

Market Rasen	24:40	Glossop
Dronfield	14:48	Paviors
Ilkeston	39:29	Newark
Matlock	16:29	Derby

Semi Final

Ilkeston	5:32	Glossop
Paviors	AWO	Derby

Shield

Round 1

Lincoln	0:3	West Bridgford
Mansfield	20:29	Ashbourne
Southwell	14:20	Stamford
Melbourne	HWO	Belper
Casuals	39:0	Grimsby
Kesteven	29:23	Bakewell
Sleaford	35:10	Spalding
Ashfield	18:17	Chesterfield

Quarter Final

Sleaford	20:27	Stamford
Ashfield	AWO	Melbourne
West Bridgford	24:13	Casuals
Ashbourne	HWO	Kesteven

Semi Final

West Bridgford	27:31	Stamford
Melbourne	8:7	Ashbourne

Plate

Round 1

Worksop	53:12	Long Eaton
Moderns	BYE	BYE
East Retford	HWO	Amber Valley
Boston	59:6	Cleethorpes
Meden Vale	AWO	Ollerton
Buxton	BYE	BYE
Mellish	36:8	Tupton
North Hykeham	BYE	BYE

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Mellish	12:13	East Retford
North Hykeham	20:11	Boston
Worksop	HWO	Ollerton
Moderns	26:27	Buxton

Semi Final

Worksop	14:27	East Retford
North Hykeham	3:67	Buxton

Vase

Round 1

Horncastle	0:90	Bourne
Cresswell	10:15	Nottinghamians
Leesbrook	19:8	Bingham
Skegness	HWO	Barton & District
Keyworth	BYE	BYE
Gainsborough	BYE	BYE
Stamford College OB	BYE	BYE
Woodhouse Giants	BYE	BYE

Quarter Final

Stamford College OB	46:10	Skegness
Woodhouse Giants	3:50	Leesbrook
Bourne	62:8	Gainsborough
Nottinghamians	15:69	Keyworth

(following a replay)

Semi Final

Bourne	13:5	Stamford College OB
Leesbrook	23:24	Keyworth

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2016-2017 RFU Structured Season for Midlands

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 (L7)	Senior Vase (L8)	Junior Vase (L9 & 10)	County Championship
0	27-Aug			CB	CB	CB	CB	CB				
1	03-Sep		1	1	1	CB	CB	CB				NLD R1
2	10-Sep		2	2	2	1	1	1				
3	17-Sep		3	3	3	2	2	2				
4	24-Sep		4	4	4	Res	Res	Res	Cup 1	Cup 1	Cup 1	
5	01-Oct		5	5	5	3	3	Res				
6	08-Oct		6	6	6	4	4	3				
7	15-Oct		7	Res	Res	Res	Res	Res	Cup 2	Cup 2	Cup 2	NLD QF
8	22-Oct		8	7	7	5	5	4				
X2	29-Oct		9	8	8	6	Res	Res				
9	05-Nov		10	9	9	7	6	5				
10	12-Nov	E v SA	11	Res	Res	Res	Res	Res	Cup 3	Cup 3	Cup 3	
11	19-Nov	E v Fiji	12	10	10	8	7	6				
12	26-Nov	E v Arg	13	11	11	9	8	Res				
13	03-Dec	E v Aus	14	12	12	Res	Res	Res	Cup 4	Cup 4	Cup 4	
14	10-Dec		15	13	13	10	9	7				
15	17-Dec		16	14	14	11	10	8				
16	24-Dec		Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	
X4	31-Dec		Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	
17	07-Jan		17	15	15	12	11	9				
18	14-Jan		18	16	16	Res	Res	Res	Cup 5	Cup 5	Cup 5	
19	21-Jan		19	17	17	13	12	Res				
20	28-Jan		20	18	18	14	13	10				
21	04-Feb	E v F	21	Res	Res	Res	Res	Res	Cup 6	Cup 6	Cup 6	NLD SF
22	11-Feb	W v E	22	19	19	15	Res	Res				
23	18-Feb		23	20	20	16	14	11				
24	25-Feb	E v It	Res	Res	Res	Res	Res	Res	Cup 7	Cup 7	Cup 7	
25	04-Mar		24	21	21	17	15	12				
26	11-Mar	E v S	25	22	22	18	Res	Res				
27	18-Mar	Ir v E	Res	Res	Res	Res	Res	Res	Cup QF	Cup QF	Cup QF	
28	25-Mar		26	23	23	19	16	13				
29	01-Apr		27	24	24	20	Res	Res				
30	08-Apr		28	25	25	21	17	14				
31	15-Apr*		Res	Res	Res	Res	Res	Res	Cup SF	Cup SF	Cup SF	
32	22-Apr		29	26	26	22	18	Res				
X8	29-Apr		30	PO	PO	PO	Res	Res				NLD Final
34	06-May		PO	Res	Res	Res	Res	Res	Cup F	Cup F	Cup F	Pool
35	13-May		Res	Res	Res	Res	Res	Res				Pool
36	20-May		Res	Res	Res	Res	Res	Res				Pool
37	27-May	Eng Int	Res	Res	Res	Res	Res	Res				F

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