

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

Date of meeting: Monday 12th June 2017

			Action
	<p>Present : Dave Miller (DM), Melvyn Ashton (MA), Steve Allford (SA), Tracy Edmundson (TE), Mike Waplington (MW), Andrew Ashwell (AA) & Phil Gordon (PG)</p> <p>Apologies: Sam Heath (SH), Dave Duddles (DD), Neil Clack (NC), Steve Whiteside (SW)</p>		
1	Minutes of last meeting	The minutes of the meeting on 20 th March were agreed as an accurate record.	
	Committee Members	<p>The following were proposed as the members for the 2017-2018 season.</p> <p>Chairman: Steve Allford Secretary: Dave Miller Nottinghamshire Representative: Mike Waplington Lincolnshire Representative: Melvyn Ashton Derbyshire Representative: Sam Heath Referees Representative: Andrew Ashwell MDOC Representative: Dave Miller</p>	
2	Matters arising	These are dealt with under the appropriate section.	
3	RFU Structured Season	Any clubs not currently playing in the RFU leagues structure had been reminded that the deadline for applications was 1 st April. There were no formal applications to join.	
4	NLD Structured Season	<p>The dates for the NLD knockout rounds were agreed as;</p> <p>Round 1: 26th August (for clubs that do not have a league match on 2nd September and by mutual agreement this date may be used as an alternate)</p> <p>Quarter Finals: 7th October Semi Finals: 18th November Finals Day: 28th Apr (at a venue to be nominated by Lincs).</p> <p>It was accepted that there would probably be some disruption due to clubs progress in the RFU knockout but it was thought that this could be managed, and getting the NLD competitions sorted early gave a better chance for completing the DU knockouts.</p> <p>The NLD senior squad played Essex and Bucks in the County Championship. Unfortunately both matches were lost. The match against Oxfordshire was conceded due to a lack of front row.</p>	
5	National RFU Cups	<p>Long Eaton were defeated by Goole in the National Junior Vase semi-final.</p> <p>Buxton, Mansfield, Grimsby, Meden Vale and Cleethorpes all conceded matches so will not be invited to participate next season.</p> <p>The draw for next season is expected in early July.</p>	
6	MDOC Report	<p>The L5 league has been re-named from "National 3 (Midlands)" to "Midlands Premier" to reflect that it is not really a national league.</p> <p>Clubs were reminded that any players registered to them under the Student Pass scheme would automatically be deregistered and returned to their home club at the end of the season, so need to be re-registered at the start of the following season. One NLD club had fallen foul of this and fielded a player whose Pass had expired and was therefore ineligible and they were deducted league points.</p> <p>Fines were levied 72 times last season. 20 of these were against NLD clubs with one club being fined three times (Matlock) and a further four clubs fined twice (Melbourne,</p>	

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		<p>Bourne, Long Eaton, Newark).</p> <p>Following their promotion to L6 Melbourne had volunteered to be transferred to M1W. Stamford had also volunteered to remain in M2E(S) rather than return to their home base of M2E(N).</p> <p>Spalding had requested to be transferred to M3E(S) instead of M3E(N). After the mileages had been calculated it was determined that they were best placed in M3E(N).</p> <p>M3E(N) will contain 13 clubs next season. This is as a result of Stockwood Park being relegated from a London division league back into the Midlands at L8 and being placed in M3E(S), displacing Sibley Town into M3E(N). Following the mileage calculations and trying various league options it was decided that increasing M3E(N) gave the lowest net increase in mileage to the clubs involved. This also means that clubs in this league will not be able to claim a "non-league" weekend and that 3 clubs will be relegated at the end of the season. This may have a knock-on effect into M4E(N) relegation.</p> <p>The use of the RFU's Electronic Match Card System would be compulsory for Levels 5 & 6 in season 2017-2018. It would require less inputting of the detail that was required by the NCA and would therefore be simpler to use. Training in the use of the system was promised by the RFU but has so far not materialised.</p> <p>There was a proposed change to the RFU knockout competitions under review at Twickenham. If implemented this would affect how the NLD knockout competitions are organised. The proposed change seems to have been put on the back burner.</p>	
7	League Reports	<p>There were 12 walkovers conceded by NLD clubs last season; 2 at L8, 6 at L9 and 4 at L10. No club was at risk of breaching the 25% walkover criteria.</p> <p>Melbourne, Ashfield, Bakewell and Chesterfield were sanctioned for fielding unregistered players in league matches and deducted league points.</p> <p>Woodhouse Giants were sanctioned for disciplinary issues and deducted league points. They were also sanctioned for fielding too many unregistered players during a league match.</p> <p>Bakewell and Mansfield are subject to potential sanction next season following the abandonment of their league match at the end of this season.</p> <p>A question had been raised about the viability of M5E(N) if clubs dropped out. A questionnaire was put to the NLD L9 & L10 clubs giving various options for the leagues and asking for their opinions.</p> <p>The questionnaire gave three options</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Play home and away once II. Play home and away once with a 3rd fixture at one of the clubs III. Play home and away twice <p>There was no overall majority of opinion but all options had their followers. The favourite option was #1. Only 50% of the clubs canvassed responded.</p>	
8	NLD Knockout Cups	<p>Finals day took place at Chesterfield on 29th April as planned.</p> <p>Fred Pell was invited as a guest but declined as he had a previous arrangement.</p> <p>The winners were;</p> <p>Cup: Derby</p> <p>Shield: Melbourne</p>	

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		<p>Plate: Buxton Vase: Bourne</p> <p>Unfortunately there were several unsavoury incidents on the day (throwing of flares, verbal abuse of match officials and threatening behaviour and verbal abuse aimed at the volunteer gate staff). As a result of this any club applying to take part in the 2017-18 competitions have been reminded of their obligations under the games core values and warned that any breaches of these may result in disqualification and banning from subsequent seasons competitions.</p> <p>The Committee also recommended that NLD General Committee officially warn Glossop about their behaviour and put them on probation, with the option of excluding them from future competitions if there are further occurrences of actions liable to bring the game into disrepute.</p> <p>The current Shield trophy has no space for further winner's details to be added so a new trophy needs to be acquired.</p> <p>The regulations for 2017-2018 were reviewed and agreed and will be published on the NLD website.</p> <p>The draw for the initial rounds of the 2017-18 competition has been made and needs to be published.</p> <p>The tender document for hosting the finals needs to be updated and passed to Lincs so they can use it to nominate their proposal for the hosts at their meeting late December.</p>	<p align="center">TE</p> <p align="center">TE / NB</p> <p align="center">DM</p> <p align="center">DM</p> <p align="center">DM</p>
9	Domestic Cups	<p>Nottinghamshire Knockout Competitions</p> <p>Fixtures are being planned as double headers with league matches as in previous seasons.</p> <p>Finals day will be at TBC on TBC and there will be four matches.</p> <p>Lincolnshire Knockout Competitions</p> <p>Finals day will be Monday 7th May at TBC and there will be three finals.</p> <p>Derbyshire Knockout Competitions</p> <p>Finals day will be at TBC on TBC and there will be four matches.</p>	
10	Merit Tables	Lincs Merit and Notts Pennant are both being planned for next season. No issues reported.	
11	Referees Representative	For next season there was a request that where possible senior and junior finals events are not organised on the same weekend.	
12	Women	<p>West Bridgford Ladies made it through to the National Women's Intermediate Plate Final but lost to Loughborough.</p> <p>The NLD Senior Women's squad had matches against Yorks, Staffs and North Midlands. Unfortunately all three matches were lost.</p>	
13	Any other business	<p>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.</p> <p>East Leake made the decision to fold at their AGM so are no longer an extant club. Former members of the club will continue to represent South Notts Barbarians.</p> <p>Woodhouse Giants have had their name change to Mansfield Woodhouse approved.</p>	

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14	Future meetings	Next meeting will be Monday 2 nd October, 7:30 start. Venue, NLD Office, Newark.	
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2017-2018 Knockout Competitions Draws

Cup

Quarter Final

Market Rasen	V	Derby
Ilkeston	V	BYE
Dronfield	V	Glossop
Scunthorpe	V	Paviors

Shield

Round 1

Buxton	V	Bakewell
Ashbourne	V	Matlock
Spalding	V	Kesteven
Sleaford	V	Stamford
Southwell	V	Lincoln
Newark	V	West Bridgford
Casuals	V	BYE
Belper	V	Mansfield

Plate

Round 1

Bourne	V	Skegness
Grimsby	V	Boston
Ollerton	V	East Retford
Worksop	V	BYE
Long Eaton	V	Stamford College OB
Moderns	V	Mellish
Ashfield	V	Tupton
Amber Valley	V	Chesterfield

Vase

Round 1

Cleethorpes	V	BYE
Gainsborough	V	Barton & District
North Hykeham	V	BYE
Keyworth	V	Horncastle
Meden Vale	V	Mansfield Woodhouse
Bingham	V	Nottinghamians
Cresswell	V	Hope Valley
Leesbrook	V	Castle Donnington

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2017-2018 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 13/14 club Leagues	Midlands 11/12 Club Leagues	Midlands 9/10 Club Leagues	Midlands 8 Club Leagues	Intermediate Cup (L7)	Senior Vase (L8)	Junior Vase (L9 & 10)	County Championship / NLD Dates
0	26-Aug			CB	CB	CB	CB	CB				NLD R1
1	02-Sep		1	1	1	CB	CB	CB				R1 back up
2	09-Sep		2	2	2	1	1	1				
3	16-Sep		3	3	3	Res	Res	Res	Cup 1	Cup 1	Cup 1	
4	23-Sep		4	4	4	2	2	Res				
X1	30-Sep		5	5	5	3	3	2				
5	07-Oct		6	Res	Res	Res	Res	Res	Cup 2	Cup 2	Cup 2	NLD QF
6	14-Oct		7	6	6	4	4	3				
7	21-Oct		8	7	7	5	5	4				
8	28-Oct		9	8	8	Res	Res	Res	Cup 3	Cup 3	Cup 3	
9	04-Nov		10	9	9	6	6	5				
10	11-Nov	E v Arg	11	10	10	7	Res	Res				
11	18-Nov	E v Aus	Res	Res	Res	Res	Res	Res	Cup 4	Cup 4	Cup 4	NLD SF
12	25-Nov	E v Sam	12	11	11	8	7	6				
13	02-Dec		13	12	12	9	8	Res				
14	09-Dec		14	13	13	10	Res	Res				
15	16-Dec		15	14	14	11	9	7				
16	23-Dec		16	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	
X4	30-Dec		Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	
17	06-Jan		17	15	15	12	10	8				
18	13-Jan		18	16	16	13	11	Res				
19	20-Jan		19	17	17	Res	Res	Res	Cup 5	Cup 5	Cup 5	
20	27-Jan		20	18	18	14	12	9				
21	03-Feb	It v E	21	19	19	15	13	Res				
22	10-Feb	E v W	22	Res	Res	Res	Res	Res	Cup 6	Cup 6	Cup 6	
23	17-Feb		23	20	20	16	14	10				
24	24-Feb	S v E	Res	Res	Res	Res	Res	Res	Cup 7	Cup 7	Cup 7	
25	03-Mar		24	21	21	17	15	11				
26	10-Mar	F v E	25	22	22	18	Res	Res				
27	17-Mar	E v Ir	Res	Res	Res	Res	Res	Res	Cup QF	Cup QF	Cup QF	
28	24-Mar		26	23	23	19	16	12				
X7	31-Mar*		Res	Res	Res	Res	Res	Res	Cup SF	Cup SF	Cup SF	
29	07-Apr		27	24	24	20	17	13				
30	14-Apr		28	25	25	21	Res	Res				
31	21-Apr		29	26	26	22	18	14				
32	28-Apr		30	PO	PO	PO/Res	Res	Res				NLD Final
33	05-May		PO	Res	Res	Res	Res	Res	Cup F	Cup F	Cup F	Pool
34	12-May		Res	Res	Res	Res	Res	Res				Pool
35	19-May		Res	Res	Res	Res	Res	Res				Pool
36	26-May	Eng Int	Res	Res	Res	Res	Res	Res				F

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