



## NLD RFU

### Minutes of NLD WOMEN & GIRLS COMMITTEE

held on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018  
at Mansfield RFC

#### PRESENT

Neil Clack	(NC)	NLD Chairman
Neil Speechley	(NS)	Secretary
Dan Edson	(DE)	NLD Ladies Head Coach
Tracy Edmundson	(TE)	NLD
Neil Whitehead	(NWi)	NLD U15 Head Coach
Nick Woodland	(NWo)	NLD U13 coordinator/Castle Donnington
Simon Boyd	(SB)	RFU
Ellis Thorpe	(ET)	Ashfield
Ritchie Fleet	(RF)	Ashfield
John Payne	(JP)	NLD U18 Head Coach/Ashfield
Nick Hughes	(NH)	Mansfield
Andrew Palmer	(AP)	Ashfield
Philip Heath	(PH)	Chesterfield
Jo Dawson	(JD)	Ashfield

<b>1</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>	<b>Action</b>
	Sam Bignall Gareth Pilkington Carl Whitley Caitt Dummer	
<b>2</b>	<b>U18 C OF E NOMINATIONS</b>	
	Nominations were submitted and it was confirmed that all CBs would receive the list of those invited prior to contact with players  These have subsequently been received and copies forwarded to U18 head coach and Chairman  Loughborough Lighting have also been confirmed as our host C of E	
<b>3</b>	<b>COACHING TEAM</b>	
	Coaches expenses are required by 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2018  Caitt Dummer has been appointed as Ladies Manager for this season.	

	<p>Head coach positions for U15 and U18 and co-ordinator U13 will be re advertised starting April 2018 and hoping appointments by the end of May 2018</p> <p>Head Coach ladies to be September 2018</p>	
<b>4</b>	<b>WOMEN AND GIRLS CLUBS</b>	
	<p>Following discussions regarding numbers and locations of women and girls at various clubs and the fact that we are not fully aware of all the pockets of players in NLD. Agreement was made that <b>TE</b> being able access GMS would be able to identify all registered players and compile a list</p>	<b>TE</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>LADIES PROGRAM</b>	
	<p>The ladies program will be based at Southwell RFC again this season but would be reviewed once the CB season was completed</p> <p>21<sup>st</sup> Jan    Open session intro pre-trial U18/ladies  11<sup>th</sup> Feb    Trial  27<sup>th</sup> Feb    Training  13<sup>th</sup> Mar    Training  27<sup>th</sup> Mar    Training  10<sup>th</sup> Apr    Training  24<sup>th</sup> Apr    Training</p> <p>29<sup>th</sup> Apr    Match    home  6<sup>th</sup> May    Match    away  13<sup>th</sup> May    Match    home</p> <p>The ladies training day has now been confirmed as a Tuesday evening as was previously suggested might happen giving better option to contact players for selection and clashing with less club training</p> <p>Away game we will be prepared to lay on a coach but this must be supported by the players as last time only about 8 players used and it is a large financial commitment</p> <p>U17 players who are pre-registered with dispensation in place currently playing senior ladies rugby would also be eligible to trial</p> <p>With the age group change in ladies it was pointed out that DBS checks would be needed if U18 players joined the Senior squad and TE agreed this would not be a problem as she is able to sort</p>	

<b>6</b>	<b>THE FUTURE</b>	
	<p><b>W&amp;G 5 YEAR PLAN</b></p> <p>We are looking to develop a 5 year plan to deliver Women and girls rugby within NLD. This involves moving away from the year to year organisation of primarily funding to develop and grow Female rugby in a way that will be sustainable within club as well as a CB level.</p> <p>This will be a living document which will be open and we would like as much input from everyone within NLD.</p> <p>Budget planning will be affected as we move on and we would like to be forward planning and having funds in place.</p> <p>Discussions regarding the CB girls program saw a decision to remain as it operates at present but to be kept under review.</p> <p>Meeting agreed that for 2018/19 season the girls trials/selection will be held on Sunday afternoons and training sessions for next season on Friday evenings. It was acknowledged that this has the potential to have a minor disruption on clubs training on Friday evenings.</p> <p><b>U15 and U18</b></p> <p>TE thanked NWo for the hard work he has put in to the u13s pitch up and play weekends. The biggest bonus being low numbered clubs get their players game time and interaction with other players. NWo informed the meeting that the events have resulted in numbers growing throughout the season.</p> <p>As these have been so successful, rather than arranging further 'CB development squads' at u15s &amp; u18s, NLD are arranging support for clubs to grow their girls sections with a similar programme being extended to u15 and u18 girls. NWo will send plan of how the u13s was implemented to NS following this meeting so that planning can begin.</p>	<b>NWo</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>AOB</b>	
	<p>As a result of an incident at the girls CB home game it was suggested that additional U15 and U18 appointments of Safeguarding Officers but TE advised that NLD has staff in place and that we could request them to attend and support our program</p>	
<b>8</b>	<b>NEXT MEETINGS</b>	
	<p>11<sup>th</sup> April 2018      Girls meeting  5<sup>th</sup> June 2018        Ladies meeting</p>	