



**NLD RFU
MINUTES OF THE NLDRFU AGM
HELD ON MONDAY 4th JULY 2022
PAVIORS RUGBY CLUB**



Dave Andrews opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed everyone.

Dave asked for a moment of reflection to remember absent friends who had passed away during the season. In particular: -

Karl Bartsch	Bingham
Tony Hoole	Bingham (also supported Newark & NLD)
Martyn Jones	Stamford
Pete Lewis	Stamford
Alan Lambe	Matlock
James Eyre	Matlock
David Allen	Matlock
Ray Williams	Matlock
Nigel Briddon	Matlock
Mick Webster	Bakewell Mannerians
Christopher Ord	Tupton

1	ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
	<p>Please see attached appendix for attendees.</p> <p>Apologies received from: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Chris Brookes – Long Eaton/RFUScunthorpe RFC (except M. Yates, in attendance)North Hykeham RFCLincoln RFCMike Waplinton – RFU/ KeyworthTim Wilbraham - NLDBob Curry - TuptonJohn Constable - SpaldingTim BembridgeDavid Chamberlin – MR & LouthMal RossMatt EyreDave PointingJai Nairn - StamfordDave Duddles - NewarkKevin Price - Keyworth	
2	MINUTES OF THE 2021 GENERAL MEETING	
	All agreed as true and accurate reflection.	

3	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</p>	
	<p>No matters arising. Proposed: Phil Molyneux Seconded: Leslie Law</p> <p>Following the approval of previous minutes, Jeff Mapp thanked Dave Andrews for his year of service as NLD Honorary President. Following years of playing rugby and successful terms as manager of NLD U17s, U18s and U20s, Dave has continued to volunteer for NLD and has worked hard in his Presidency to visit as many clubs as possible and attend as many Rep Rugby games as he was able to. Jeff presented Dave with a plaque to commemorate his year in office.</p> <p>Dave summarised his 'enjoyable' year as President and thanked the clubs for welcoming him when he visited. He noted the highlights of his year were welcoming HH Jeff Blackett to a very successful Volunteer of the Year event at Nottingham Rugby, which showcased lots of flourishing areas of NLD, and also watching the NLD Women play in the Gill Burns Final and be presented with their runners-up medals at Twickenham.</p> <p>Dave announced that the new NLD Hon. President for 2022-23 will be Mike Waplinton. Normally Mike would have taken over chairing the AGM at this point, but he was unable to attend so Dave continued in his absence.</p>	
4	<p>REPORTS FROM THE MANAGEMENT AND SUB COMMITTEES</p>	
	<p>Reports were sent out prior to the meeting. Jeff expressed how important it is for clubs to read these reports and circulate them within clubs so all parties involved in running the clubs can read them. It is a summary of what has happened in each are of NLD in the previous 12 months so shows what NLD does. It is also important that clubs raise questions/provide feedback so that NLD can best serve them in the coming season.</p> <p>CP (Bingham) asked for information on Play it Safe procedures and on U6-U12 teams as they have struggled to get other clubs engaged to provide fixtures. He was referred to Jim McDonald (NLD Safeguarding Officer) and Tim Wilbraham (NLD Head of Age Grade).</p> <p>Discussion was held about new requirements for Emergency 1st Aiders. JM confirmed that NLD have £1500 in budget to help with costs and the Sir Anthony Wharton Trust are willing to spend their annual £5k budget helping get people qualified. RP noted that some people may already have the qualification as it is equivalent to Level 3 First Aid at Work.</p> <p>The new ERCA and Coaching Awards take 12 months to complete. After completion of 1 day ref/coach course,</p>	

	<p>volunteers can carry out the role if supervised. The qualifications are vital for those working with young people starting contact in the game.</p> <p>JM thanked Jackie Dyer & Chris Brookes for putting together the Merit League fixtures. Recent survey found that the top 2 concerns for clubs were 'playing teams of a similar standard' and 'travel time to matches'. The format of the Merit fixtures tries to address these concerns. It will be reviewed at Christmas to see how it is working and feedback from clubs is encouraged.</p>	
5	FINANCIAL REPORT 2021-22	
	<p>RC presented financial report (attached).</p> <p>The NLD Management Committee devise the LRP budget for the year, based partly on the Club Action Plans that clubs are asked to submit. This ensures some funds are allocated according to club need. Not all needs will be met. Last year £72k was applied for, against a budget of £16k. However, it is important that clubs return their CAPs.</p>	
6	PRESENTATION OF AWARDS	
	<p><u>League Awards:</u></p> <p>Nottingham Moderns Gainsborough Mellish</p> <p><u>President's Cup</u></p> <p>The President's Cup was awarded to West Bridgford, who had fielded 3 teams every week during this season.</p> <p><u>Service Awards</u></p> <p>This year's Service Award was awarded to Mike Waplinton, in recognition of his ongoing work with the RFU. He has been an RFU Council Member for the maximum term allowed, and is currently Chairing a committee reviewing the structure of the RFU.</p>	
7	ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS	
	<p><i>Officers:</i></p> <p><i>Chair</i> – Mr J Mapp (Director) <i>Honorary Secretary</i> – Mr D Dolby (Director) <i>Honorary Treasurer</i> – Mr R Carpenter (Director) <i>Honorary President</i> – Mr M Waplinton</p>	

	<p><i>Head of Resources – Mr D Evans</i> <i>Diversity & Inclusion Lead – Mr C Nelson</i></p> <p>Proposed: Sam Heath Seconded: Jackie Dyer</p> <p><i>Elected Officials:</i></p> <p><i>Honorary Assistant Secretary (Discipline) – Mr A Statham</i> <i>Honorary Assistant Secretary (Membership) – Mr R Carpenter</i></p> <p>Proposed: Malcolm Yates Seconded: Phil Molyneux</p> <p><i>Directors of the Company:</i></p> <p>Mr J Mapp, Mr D Dolby, Mr R Carpenter, Mrs J Dyer</p>	
8	NOTIFICATION OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR SEASON 2022-23	
	A copy of the NLD Management Committee and Sub-Committee Structure for 2022-23 was sent out with the agenda. No comments made.	
9	SETTING OF SUBSCRIPTION RATES FOR 2022-23	
	<p>The Management Committee recommends no change to subscription levels for 2022-23. It will remain at £40+VAT for a club and £20+VAT for an individual. This year, each club will be sent an invoice for their subscription fee.</p> <p>Proposed: Phil Molyneux Seconded: Dilwyn Evans</p>	
10	APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY AUDITOR	
	Duncan & Topliss will remain as the auditors.	
11	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
	<p>Question around children registered on GMS. They need to re-affiliate every year but it is a simple process for parents to do.</p> <p>GG raised question about whether O’Neill’s, as the main kit supplier for NLD, offer any money in terms of sponsorship too. Darren confirmed that a percentage of the sales we put through to O’Neill’s comes back to us in credit to spend with them at the beginning of the next</p>	

season. O'Neill's are keen to tie NLD into a fixed term contract, but nothing has been decided yet.

NLD need to fill the post of Marketing & Sponsorship Lead. Job descriptions can be made available from the RFU and tailored to NLD's needs. DD asked if those in attendance could ask around their clubs for anyone that may be suitable.

BD asked why the RFU are cutting funding to NLD. The answer is that they just don't have the funds to give at the moment. They did facilitate government funding through lockdown, but despite lots of money being available, very few clubs applied for it.

DG questioned the disparity between the different NLD Representative Squads in terms of training days and stash and asked how NLD would treat them in the future to be more equal. DA explained that money is allocated to Rep Rugby (same amounts for men & women) but how that is spent is up to the individual managers which is why there may be differences. RP is taking over as Head of Rep Rugby as of 4th July and will cover boys U16s & U18s and U20s & Senior Men. Women & Girls is managed by Neil Clack. NC explained that there had been some miscommunication with the RFU over permitted training days for the girls' programme, but there will be more training days next season.

JM - NLD's total budget is £108k and 25% of that is spent on Rep Rugby so it needs to serve its purpose of keeping players in the game.

Girls U16s will have a Developing Player Programme (DPP) from 2022-23 season, run by NLD. James Hamilton and Siobhan Peeling will be running it.

All attendees signed in to the meeting on a numbered sheet of paper. This range of numbers was put into an online random number generator to select one number and corresponding name to win a pair of tickets to the upcoming England v South Africa game.

The winner was Brian Dobb from Ashfield Rugby Club.

Dave Andrews thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.45pm.