

# North West Counties Juniors

## Minutes of AGM 6<sup>th</sup> July 2010 Held at Leigh Miners Welfare

### ROLL CALL

**Absent** Haydock Warriors, Oldham St Annes, Orrell St James,

**Rochdale Mayfield and Widnes St Maries.**

Clubs fined £ 30 as per association rules.

Before the meeting the membership was sadly informed of the tragic loss of Sean Mullaney a serving police officer and a member of Hindley A.R.L.F.C a minutes silence was observed in his honour.

Trevor Barton M.B.E and Cliff Littler of Leigh Miners Rangers addressed the meeting to explain and request support in their desire to raise funds for the family of Gary Purdam who was killed in the wake of the Cumbrian Shooting disaster recently.

Also with the news of the passing of Sean Mullaney it was agreed that the members would support any initiative in the above plans. Trevor and Cliff will also canvass support from the other of our regional leagues and report back.

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Were read and passed

No matters arising

### AGM

The chair opened his address praising the conduct of all the clubs especially in the way everyone worked together during the difficult winter. This year's Under 12s were praised for their commitment to the new format of four groups fully embracing the new concept which gave us a very exciting season with many games being decided by only one score.

The chair thanked his management committee for their terrific service to the association and was pleased to announce that all had decided to continue to offer their valuable and much appreciated service for a further twelve months.

All the clubs were also thanked for their commitment and dedication to the association and the sport.

### Constitution.

The secretary read out several changes in the wording of the constitution to bring it up to date with modern practices a full revised constitution will be updated on the website .

The main changes were to provide all the clubs with a pre- registration document to cover new players to the game whilst training.

Apologies will no longer be accepted at monthly meetings and non attendance would carry a £10 fine.

All festivals and Curtain raisers must have team sheets completed as per normal games.

#### **FOUR SEASONS VOTE.**

Following recent events all clubs had been asked to consult the whole of their respective club members to ascertain a true feeling on which period the game should be played for the benefit of the clubs.

The three options submitted by the RFL / COMMUNITY BOARD were voted on.

39 clubs were eligible to vote on the night.

Option 1. 21 votes.

Option 2. 14 Votes

Option 3. 3 Votes

1 abstention.

The association now has a clear mandate to take to any further meetings with the RFL / community board.

#### **Finance**

The accounts were submitted and accepted with a balance of £ 9,153.77

Given the healthy balance the chair announced that next season we would be running a free lottery to give something back to the clubs and to also promote our partnership with Raging Bull .

It will be run in connection with the national lottery.

Each club at the August meeting will draw out a number and that will be their number for the season. On the last Saturday night national lottery draw of the month the winning number will be the bonus ball drawn. The winning club will receive training equipment in a goody bag consisting of balls, cones ,water bottles ,tackle bags etc .With a special draw over Christmas when the winning club will win a full kit for a junior side. The winning club MUST be represented at the meeting if they are to accept their prize, otherwise it will be subject of a roll-over.

It was pointed out that Graham attends many meetings on behalf of the league, mostly in Yorkshire, and doesn't claim expenses. It was suggested by the Chair that a sum of £10 (Yorkshire) and £5 (Lancashire) should be paid in fuel expenses. It was suggested from the floor that a 40p per mile mileage claim would be more appropriate and this was accepted by the clubs.

### **NEW CLUBS**

Irlam Hornets were welcomed into the association and accepted as associate members for a period of twelve months with a view to become full members.

Liverpool Lions were welcomed back into the association with a commitment from the members to work to with the Lions to aid their continued development.

### **APPLICATIONS 2010-2011.**

Clubs were reminded to get their applications in ASAP to give us more time to prepare the fixtures for the new season with a final deadline of **10<sup>th</sup> August 2010** at the next meeting. Any club failing to get their application form and fees in by the deadline would not get any fixtures until the second half of the season.

### **REGISTRATIONS**

Registration Secretaries will remain as last season and they will also be processing transfers for their age group. Transfers can take place throughout the year except for U12s when the transfer window closes on the last day of February.

Clubs were reminded that it is necessary for them to ensure that they have contact details for ALL players training at their club and permission from the parent/ guardian. With this in mind we will be having a Pre-registration Form to be completed for all new players and a copy sent to Graham Aitken.

Under 12s teams were advised that from now until September all registrations should be sent to Ann Hunt (U11s) as Sarah will be unavailable to process them for the next six weeks.

### **CURTAINRAISERS AND FESTIVALS**

Permission must be sought from the league prior to the game taking place. Team sheets must be completed and the appropriate rules for the age group adhered to. This is an insurance requirement.

Being no other business the chair closed the meeting at 9.40 pm, thanking the members for their attendance.

**Next Meeting Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2010**