

AGENDA

RFL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Location RL HQ, House of Sport,
Gate 13, Rowsley Street,
Manchester, M11 3FF
(Parking in Blue Car Park,
M11 2DU)

Date & Time Wednesday 19 October 2022,
0900hrs until 1400hrs

Present Simon Johnson, Ralph Rimmer, Karen Moorhouse, Sandy Lindsay and Rimla Akhtar.

Chair Simon Johnson

Observer Ed Mallaburn

In attendance Tony Sutton
Robert Graham
Victoria Sinacola
Robert Hicks
Marc Lovering
Dave Rotheram
Alison O'Brien

Item No	Agenda Item	Who
1.0	Apologies	
2.0	Declarations of Interest	
3.0	Minutes from the previous meeting and Action Tracker	Simon Johnson
3.1	<i>Draft Board Meeting minutes – 31 August 2022</i>	
3.2	<i>Action Tracker from the meeting – 31 August 2022</i>	
4.0	Matters Arising from Minutes	All

Items for Discussion/Decision			
5.0		<p>Rugby League World Cup 2021, and International Matters</p> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to receive an update on:</p> <p>World Cup delivery by RLWC 2021;</p> <p>5.1 The details of this agenda item has been removed because it contains confidential information.</p> <p>5.2 World Cup Maximisation; and</p> <p>5.3 other International Matters.</p> <p>5.4</p> <p><i>Letter from Chris Brindley to Simon Johnson.</i> <i>Presentations on the day.</i></p>	<p>Ralph Rimmer / Karen Moorhouse / Marc Lovering / Alison O'Brien</p>
6.0		<p>Strategy and Realignment</p> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to:</p> <p>6.1 receive an update on governance realignment; and</p> <p>6.2 receive an update on the Sport's partnership with IMG including next steps in relation to developing the 'Reimagining Rugby League Recommendations'.</p> <p><i>IMG Report circulated in advance.</i> <i>Presentation attached.</i></p>	<p>Ralph Rimmer / Karen Moorhouse</p>
7.0		<p>People</p> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to receive updates on and discuss:</p> <p>7.1 RL Commercial staffing structure and process;</p> <p>7.2 RFL staffing matters including post realignment staffing structure; and</p> <p>7.3 the outcomes of the survey of female employees and the steps being taken to correct the gender disparity at the RFL.</p> <p><i>Presentation and discussion on the day.</i></p>	<p>Simon Johnson / Executive Board Members / Victoria Sinacola</p>
8.0		<p>Financial Matters</p> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to:</p> <p>8.1 receive an update on both the 2022 Management Accounts and the 2022 Forecast Outturn;</p> <p>8.2 review the RFL's Reserves Policy; and</p> <p>8.3 consider the draft 2023 Budget against the 5-year financial planning.</p> <p><i>Papers attached.</i></p>	<p>Robert Graham / Tony Sutton</p>

9.0		<p>Facilities Matters</p> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to consider the current options relating to:</p> <p>9.1 Odsal Stadium; and. 9.2 the OurLeague Life project.</p> <p><i>Papers attached.</i></p>	Tony Sutton / Ralph Rimmer
Governance and Operational			
10.0		<p>Toulouse Olympique</p> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to consider the payment of a parachute payment for 2023 and beyond.</p> <p><i>Paper attached</i></p>	Ralph Rimmer / Tony Sutton
11.0		<p>Roll of Honour and President's Award</p> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to consider and, if thought appropriate, approve the Roll of Honour and President's Award nominations.</p> <p><i>Paper attached.</i></p>	Ralph Rimmer
12.0		<p>On Field Disciplinary</p> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to update and seek the Board's input into the On Field Disciplinary Review.</p> <p><i>Summary presentation attached. Current Sentencing Guidelines in the For Information Folder.</i></p>	Robert Hicks
13.0		<p>Player Welfare</p> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to update the Board on the Player Welfare review and proposed next steps.</p> <p><i>Presentation attached.</i></p>	Robert Hicks
14.0		<p>Board Code of Conduct</p> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to review the current Board Code of Conduct.</p> <p><i>Code of Conduct attached.</i></p>	Simon Johnson

Chief Executive Officer & Quadrant Reports			
15.0		Chief Executive Officer's Report <i>Paper by Ralph Rimmer</i>	
16.0		Chief Commercial Officer's Quadrant Report <i>Paper by Mark Foster</i>	
17.0		Chief Regulatory Officer's Quadrant Report <i>Paper by Karen Moorhouse</i>	
18.0		Chief Operating Officer's Quadrant Report <i>Paper by Tony Sutton</i>	
19.0		Chief On-Field Officer's Quadrant Report <i>Paper by Dave Rotheram</i>	
20.0		RFL Operational Plan & RLWC2021 Maximisation and Transition Plan The purpose of this paper is to provide the Board with an update on progress against 2022 Operational Plan targets including RLWC2021 areas of focus. <i>Paper by Alison O'Brien</i>	
		Other	
21.0		Litigation The purpose of this agenda item is to provide the Board with an update on existing or pending litigation. <i>Paper by Robert Hicks and Richard Yates.</i>	
22.0		RLWC2021 Update The purpose of this agenda item is to keep the Board appropriately updated on RLWC2021 (in conjunction with agenda item 6). <i>None within the period.</i>	
23.0		Board Sub-Committee Minutes The purpose of this agenda item is to receive minutes and/or Chair reports from any Sub-Committee meetings or Club meetings held within the period. <i>None within the period.</i>	

24.0		Risks The purpose of this agenda item is to update the Registers of any risks that arise from the meeting.	
25.0		Any Other Business	
26.0		Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 8th December 2022	