AGENDA ITEMS 1.0 and 2.0 WELCOME 8 INTRODUCTION & MINUTES

Simon Johnson



AGENDAITEM 3.0 GOVERNANCE

Chris Brindley
Simon Johnson
Ralph Rimmer
Sarah-Jane Gray



AGENDAITEM 3.1 ORDINARY BUSINESS-APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND NEW NEDS

Chris Brindley



BACKGROUND

VACANCIES

- Brian Barwick decided to not stand for 3rd term
- External Evaluation recommendation

PROCESS

- Skills Matrix
- Diversity
- External recruitment agency appointed (Kinsey Sears)

INTERVIEWS

- 2 stages
- Involvement of Council representatives
- Involvement of Sport England

APPOINTMENTS

- Fit for purpose to Fit for the future
- No additional cost
- Code compliant



RESOLUTION

- The Resolutions for consideration by Council are that after due consideration:
 - Simon Johnson be elected as Chair of the RFL;
 - Sandy Lindsay MBE be elected as a Non-Executive Director of the RFL;
 - Rimla Akhtar MBE be elected as a Non-Executive Director of the RFL.



AGENDA ITEM 3.2 UPDATE ON ROLLOUT OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARD EVALUATION

Simon Johnson



AGENDA ITEM 3.3 PRESIDENT'S PLANS AND AWARDS

Sarah-Jane Gray



CREATED





PURPLEAGUE - CONTROLLED - CONTR

PRESIDENT PLAN & AWARDS

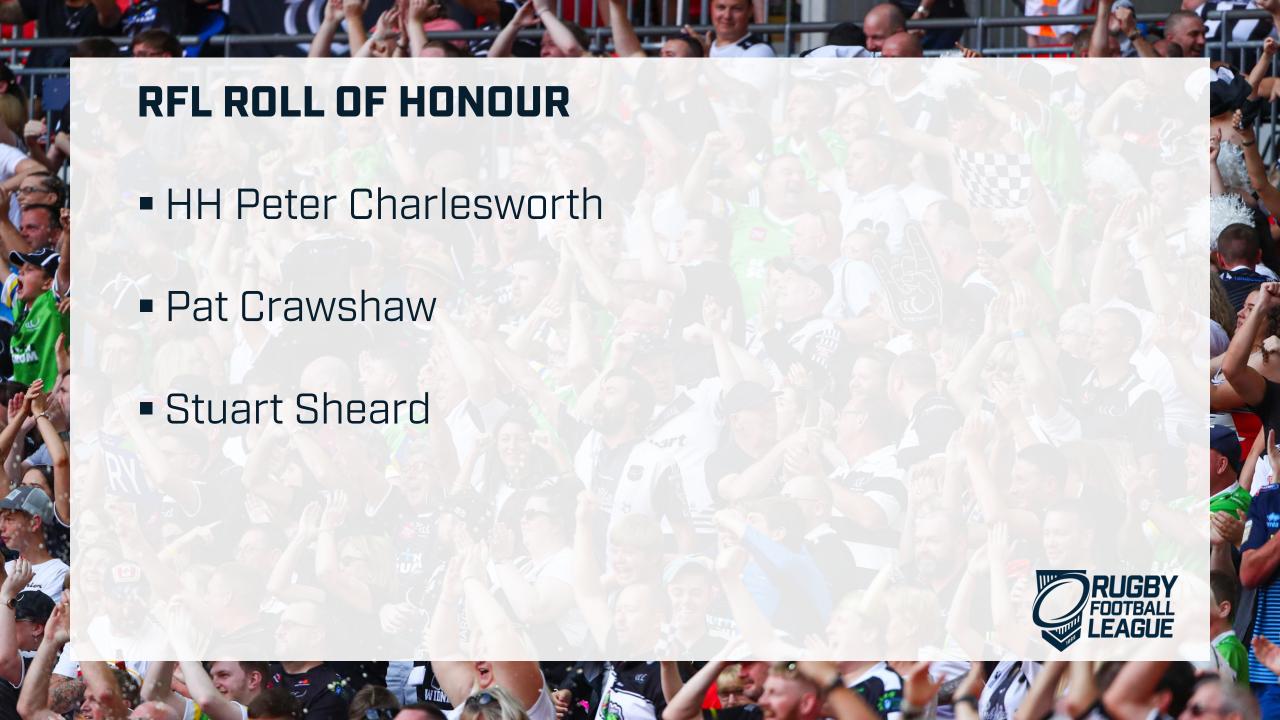


SPORTINGCHANCE

AGENDA ITEM 3.4 RFL ROLL OF HONOUR

RUGBY
FOOTBALL
LEAGUE

Ralph Rimmer



AGENDA ITEM 3.5 NOMINATIONS FOR THE NEXT PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

Ralph Rimmer



Mike Smith







Clare Balding MBE

AGENDA ITEM 4.0 BRADFORD BULLS AND ODSAL STADIUM

Simon Johnson Ralph Rimmer



AGENDAITEM 5.0 STRATEGIC REVIEWS

Ralph Rimmer



AGENDA ITEM 5.1 PERFORMANCE AGAINST THE RFL STRATEGY

Ralph Rimmer



2019 TARGETS

£200k

Reset RFL

Support for reset
Super League Europe
and
Rugby League Cares

Growing to 200k emailable customer contacts

75,000+
at Wembley for the Challenge Cup

Commercial Partnerships Income of

£1.87M

175K
OURLEAGUE Members

Growing and supporting a more inclusive and diverse volunteer base

participation growth across all formats:

revamped social offers; junior; 12-18; disability RL; open age; new HE and FE formats growth in girls' and women's games

Successful GB&I Lions Tour

Successful GB&I Lions Tour

Win record

£4 million

invested via large and small grants in community legacy in projects worth £10m

PlantGrowPick





FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

- Value into the sport
- Youth endowment fund £550k into Foundations
- Created BY funding partnership RFL and RLWC2021
 - c£4m in small and large grants
- New 'Movember' campaign funding into RL Cares and RL foundation















PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Telegraph

WE'RE CALLING ON THE

NEXT GOVERNMENT TO WORK

WITH US TO INCREASE SKILLS AND

SOCIAL MOBILITY IN THE NORTH

THROUGH RUGBY LEAGUE AND...



DIVIDEND AND SOCIAL IMPACT

Rugby League Dividend Report



2019 Sport Policy Unit of the Business and Law Faculty

Social Impact

is the economic estimation of the social value of Rugby League and is estimated at

£185m

RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

41%

of players are in the lowest quartile for education and skills

42%

of players are in the lowest quartile of employment

36%

of players are in the lowest quartile of employment

46%

of players from lower socio-economic groups

sport policy unit of the Business and Law Faculty

50%

of players are in the lowest quartile for health and disability

Economic mpact

Total annual economic impact of Rugby League is estimated at more than



£141m





MATCH OFFICIALS

- Whole squad progress
- Measurement through MOSP report which will be circulated asap
- Improved recruitment and retention in 2019

	Nov 2017	Nov 2018	Nov 2019
Courses	10	16	28
Attendees	59	158	287
Joined a society	52	67	129
Officiated 1st game	51	59	116
Nominees for grading	46	35	47



2020 FOCUS

95,000

cumulative attendance for RL Ashes Series and **England win**

£2 MILLION INCOME

Commercial Partnerships

Positive positioning for broadcast cycle

70,000+ at Wembley for the **Challenge Cup** Final

200k

OURLEAGUE Members

emailable customer contact records

- Post 2021 preparedness

Continued support for SLE and **Rugby League Cares**

Growing & supporting a more inclusive and diverse volunteer base

Sustainability & income diversion source a new £1m into the game

Progress against 21,000 BY 2021 women's and girls'

RFL budget delivery of £200k **RLWC2021 maximisation:** £7 million









AGENDA ITEM 5.2 COMMUNITY GAME UPDATE

Ralph Rimmer Marc Lovering









COMMUNITY GAME - 2019 HIGHLIGHTS

- Community RL three consecutive years of growth
- On track to become completely inclusive sport
- Significant growth in women's and girls'
- Secondary schools' engagement 13s and 9s
- Focus on youth and Open Age through game-wide reviews
- More flexible ways to play via player development leagues
- Sky Try all targets exceeded
- CreatedBY partnership





AGENDA ITEM 6.0 RLWC2021 & INTERNATIONAL RL

Ralph Rimmer
Kevin Sinfield
Callum Jones
James Simpson (RLWC2021)
Dean Hardman (RLWC2021)



AGENDA ITEM 6.1 INTERNATIONAL RL CONGRESS



Ralph Rimmer



2019 IRL Annual Congress and AGM in Sydney on 16-19th October

58 delegates invited and attended. Sessions included:

- Rebrand of International Rugby League
- Guest speaker Women's Rugby League
- Asia Pacific RL update
- European Federation RL update
- International calendar
- Technical Education & Match Officials pathways
- Digital redevelopment
- RLWC2021 progress report
- Guest speaker RL in a multi-sport games
- AGM
- RLWC9's event attendance



AGENDA ITEM 6.2 INTERNATIONAL RL 2019

Ralph Rimmer Kevin Sinfield Callum Jones



INTERNATIONAL RL 2019

ACTIVITIES

- EPS (Off feet sessions)
- KPS (Off feet sessions)
- GBPS (Off feet session)
- National Performance Programmes (Regular sessions)
- Youth, Academy, Wheelchair & Women
- Core skill, Decision Making & Tackle Technique





INTERNATIONAL RL 2019

YOUTH

66 from 11 different clubs in the Programme 39 played (2 x France & 1 x Wales) 3 wins

ACADEMY

55 Players in the Programme 19 played (1 x Wales) 1 win 51 played Origin

KNIGHTS

37 Players in the Programme 17 Played (1 x Jamaica) 1 win





INTERNATIONAL RL 2019

WHEELCHAIR

15 Players in Programme (2 x France, 1 x Scotland, 2 x Wales & 2 x Australia) 15 Played 7 wins

WOMEN

45 Players in Programme 40 Played Origin 23 played (3 x 9s & 2 x PNG) 2 wins

MEN

32 Players in Programme

16 Played (4 x 9s) 2 wins

GB

29 Players in Programme

22 Played (1 x Tonga, 2 x NZ & 1 x PNG) 0 wins





INTERNATIONAL RL 2019 - REVIEW

9s

- Pre-During-Post 2019 Tournament
- Role of 9s in the growth of the International game

• GB RL LIONS

- Pre-During-Post 2019 Tour
- On and off-field learnings
- Input from full EPU team and externals
- Role of GB Lions in the growth of the International game







- 130+ exclusive pieces of video content, shared across the RFL and England's social media channels, website and Our League app, covering England men and women at the RLWC9s, GB RL Lions in NZ and PNG, England Women in Australia and PNG, plus England Wheelchair in Aus and the England Community Lions in NZ.
- Content ranging from unique insights into training camp, match previews and reactions, travel diaries, as well as life-changing experiences to the likes of local schools, local landmarks, plus inspirational interactions with local communities, particularly in PNG.
- For the first time, the men's, women's and wheelchair sides were given equal prominence across our channels, with live social coverage of games, previews and post-match interviews, plus colour pieces with members of the respective squads.





53 RLIONS

DIGITAL METRICS

123,989

25%

TOTAL SOCIAL FOLLOWERS PRE-TOUR 19.5M

15M

TOTAL SOCIAL IMPRESSIONS/REACH

1.1M

TOTAL SOCIAL ENGAGEMENTS

1.6M

46%

28%

111,413

TOTAL SOCIAL PROFILE VIEWS

14%

%6

9,513

6,634

TOTAL NEW SOCIAL FOLLOWERS

43%

129%

4.3M

26% 3.4M

TOTAL VIDEO VIEWS

1.9M

%6 9

29%

TOTAL VIDEO MINUTES WATCHED

83,500

TOTAL VIDEO ENGAGEMENTS (FB)

305,910

279,846

TOTAL OUR LEAGUE SESSIONS

42,681

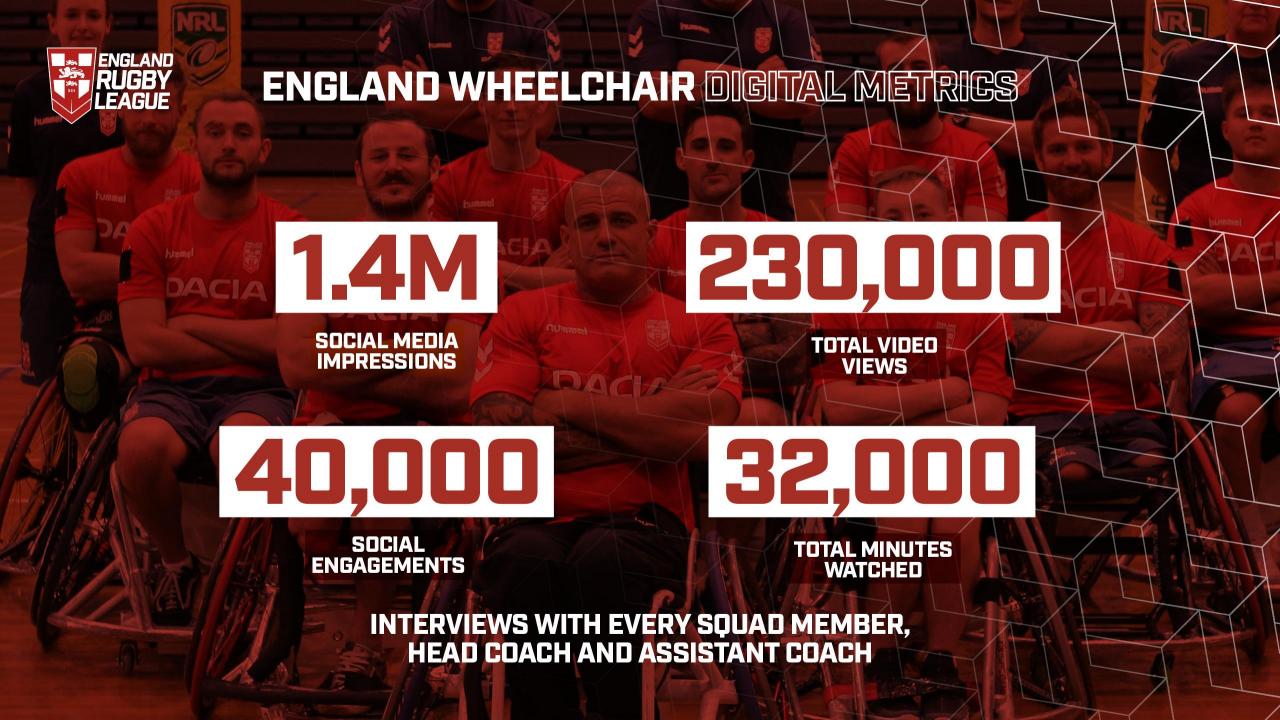
TOTAL OUR LEAGUE UNIQUE USERS



All statistics compared against 2018 England v NZ Tour









ENGLAND COMMUNITY LIONS DIGITAL METRICS



439,000

SOCIAL MEDIA IMPRESSIONS

82,000

SOCIAL VIDEO VIEWS

MATCH HIGHLIGHT VIEWS



ALL 3 GAMES BROADCAST LIVE ON SKY SPORT NZ

AGENDA ITEM 6.3 INTERNATIONAL RL 2020

Ralph Rimmer Kevin Sinfield







KNIGHTS

October Tests

ACADEMY

Origin Fixtures
2 Tests vs NZ & 2 Tests vs
Australia (A)
Vs Wales (H)

YOUTH

2 Tests vs France (A) 1 Test vs Wales (H)



INTERNATIONAL RL 2020





MEN

Mid Season Warm Up Ashes Series **(H)**

WOMEN

Origin Fixtures Vs France (A)

WHEELCHAIR

2 Tests vs France (H) Ashes Series (H)



AGENDAITEM 6.4 RLWC2021

Dean Hardman (RLWC2021)

James Simpson (RLWC2021)













BUILDING THE TEAM AND BOARD

JULY





SCHOOLS RESOURCE LAUNCHED



JULY





FESTIVALS LAUNCHED





THE COMPLETED LINE UP







NEW ZEALAND

#

















MEN'S







GREECE

IRELAND



















WOMEN'S



















WHEELCHAIR



Women given more rest days at RL World Cup

©aap lan Laybourn

Australian Associated Press 28 Oct 2019, 2:17 pm

Women's World Cup extended to give teams longer turnarounds

Brad Walter & Alicia Newton

Mon 28 Oct 2019, 10:11 AM

The women's World Cup is set to start earlier and run longer after officials announced an increase in turnaround times between matches to bring them closer to the standards for the men's tournament.

A week after revealing that women and wheelchair players would receive <u>prizemoney</u> for the first time and be paid the same participation fee as their male counterparts at the 2021 World Cup, tournament organisers have introduced a minimum four-day turnaround for women's teams.



The 2021 women's Rugby League World Cup tournament will start earlier and run longer after officials extended the turnaround between matches to bring them closer to the timings for the men's tournament.

The announcement comes a week after it was revealed that women and wheelchair players will receive prize money for the first time and be paid the same participation fee as their male counterparts.

Tournament organisers have introduced a minimum four-day turnaround for women's teams, longer than

ternational Rugby League officials are working towards extending it to five at the 2025 World Cup, the

change means the women's competition in 2021 will kick off four days earlier than originally planned

d will continue to host the marquee women's and men's double header on Saturday, November 13,

WOMEN'S SCHEDULE









NOVEMBER











TICKET SALES

AGENDA ITEM 7.0 RFL HQ

Tony Sutton



RED HALL SALE

- Following an open market process, best unconditional offer being progressed
- Good value offer with a strong purchaser who displays a strong track record
- RFL will remain in occupation until mid 2021
- Strategic objective to enhance Financial Sustainability by increasing RFL liquidity and reducing borrowing costs
- Part of the RFL HQ relocation to Etihad Stadium campus





ETIHAD STADIUM CAMPUS

- Development of an extensive elite sporting campus as part of the long-term regeneration of East Manchester as a joint venture between Manchester City Council and the City Football Group
- Modern RFL office accommodation under one roof
- Access to significant sporting facilities in the regional arena, MiHP, 3g & grass pitches, sports centre & swimming pool plus indoor track providing a hub of options for all RFL functions
- Manchester City Council's House of Sport concept housing the RFL alongside other NGBs
- Medium term office lease to be agreed in long form in Q1 2020 followed by access agreements for the wider facilities











AGENDA ITEM 8.0 RL CARES & RL BENEVOLENT FUND

Chris Rostron



PLAYER WELFARE - IT'S ALL ABOUT THE PLAYERS!

AIMS:

- Happy & successful when playing
- Happy & successful when not playing

Services:

- FT Careers Advisor
- FT Transition Manager
- Sporting Chance
- Education Grants
- Hardship Grants
- Business Club Services



MENTAL HEALTH & WELL BEING

- 2019 150 PLAYERS ACCESS COUNSELLING SERVICES
- EVERY YEAR APPROX 5 PLAYERS USE RESIDENTIAL CLINIC
- SIGNIFICANT PART OF RL CARES BUDGET FREE TO PLAYERS

SPORTINGCHANCE





TRANSITION MANAGER

- 170 Players met since late March
- Approximately 75% sub optimal post RL life
 - Homeless on the streets
 - Lost £50k gambling in one day
 - Bankrupt
 - Cocaine &/or Prescription drug addictions
 - Prison
 - Suicidal
 - Alcoholics



Heritage



- Heritage Quay (University of Huddersfield)
- Rugby League Collections
- National Rugby League Museum
- HERITAGE UPDATE
- Intern Appointed in Partnership with Uni of Huddersfield – Heritage promotion role.
- PHD research The social impact of Sporting Heritage projects.
- 125 Years Celebration Support.
- Sport and the Armed Forces Project –
 Sports Heritage Network
- Memories Clubs











RL Cares Grants Programme 2019

- Offload in the Community
- New 2 year Big Lottery Funding- c. £200k
- Warrington, Widnes & Salford Foundations- c. £140K distribution
- New Commissioned Project St Helens
- Expansion opportunities identified- Wakefield & Wigan
- Former Players at the Centre of Delivery
- Offload in the workplace
- Delivered Offload to over 2,000 employees since November 2018.
- Engaged with partners including SSE, Environment Agency & Barclays.
- Main mental health provider for the SSE workforce
- Back Onside
- Sport England funded 2 year project running to October 2020- c.£400k
- 11 Foundations, 7 Super League, 4 Championship- c. £300k distributions

RL Cares Grants Programme highlights 2019

ManVan 2.0

- Raising awareness of Men's Health 20,000 Engaged
- Attended over 15 events including Magic Weekend, CCSF & Women's CCF, Warrington Armed Forces Day, Hull and Proud Week
- Extended strong partnership with Movember.

Tackle the Tough stuff campaign

- Partner to the round
- Opportunity to showcase projects across the sport including Back Onside and Offload











RLWC 2021

Legacy Project

- New Partnership with RLWC 2021 & Movember Foundation.
 - 1. Community Clubs, Families and Volunteers.
 - 2. Training Workforce, Teams and Volunteers.
 - 3. Campaign.
 - Starts January 2020.

RFL Benevolent Fund

- 60 People supported in the year 10% from Women's game.
- Support for the families of 3 players who lost their lives in the year.
- Permanent Injuries -Lifelong care and support for 20 people.





AGENDA ITEM 9.0 125th ANNIVERSARY OF RUGBY LEAGUE

Alan Darfi









OBJECTIVES & OUTLINE ACTIVITIES

- Celebrate 125 years of RL in all its forms and re-emphasise its social impacts
- Ensure all stakeholders can play a part in celebrations; and use the anniversary to connect with existing and new audiences
- Launch President's Ball and Season Launch; and 125 video to be used all year
- Digital/content campaigns:
 - Recognising key historical dates
 - Celebrating teams, players, coaches and events
- 125-year logo including for founder member clubs
- Charity 'birthday party' event 29 August 2020; and Challenge Cup Final 2020
- Our League



ONGOING AND COUNCIL INPUT

- Input from Council and other stakeholders
- Archive footage project
- Kangaroos Tour 2020
- Super League 25th anniversary
- Based on which we collectively both:
 - celebrate the past; and
 - use it to look forward to help shape our future

Involvement of stakeholders as we build to 2021 and beyond



AGENDAITEM 10.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Simon Johnson







