



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 24 May 2023,
1000hrs until 1400hrs

Present Simon Johnson, Tony Sutton, Robert Hicks,
Sandy Lindsay, Rimla Akhtar and Cherrie
Daley.

Chair Simon Johnson

Observers Ed Mallaburn (IMG) and Jamie Jones-
Buchanan.

In attendance Rhodri Jones, Laura Fairbank, Rob Graham,
Victoria Sinacola, Richard Munson, Ashleigh
Seddon and Professor Ben Jones.

Item No	Agenda Item	Who	Timing
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 – 29 March 2023</i> 3.2 <i>Action Tracker from the meeting – 29 March 2023</i>		
4.0	Matters Arising from Minutes	All	

Items for Discussion/Decision

5.0		<p>Financial Matters</p> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to:</p> <p>5.1 Receive an update on the 2023 Management Accounts and Forecast Outturn;</p> <p>5.2 Review, and if thought appropriate, approve the 2022 Group Financial Statements incorporating RLWC2021;</p> <p><i>Paper attached and discussion on the day.</i></p> <p>ITEM 5.1 FOR DISCUSSION & ITEM 5.2 FOR DECISION</p>	Rob Graham	30 min
6.0		<p>Joint Board Working</p> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to discuss and, if thought fit, approve, the joint Board charter and RACI model</p> <p><i>Paper attached and discussion on the day.</i></p> <p>FOR DECISION</p>	Tony Sutton	15 min
7.0		<p>Broadcast</p> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to receive an update on the proposed Broadcast negotiations for RFL properties and if appropriate approve proposals</p> <p><i>Paper attached and discussion on the day.</i></p>	Rhodri Jones	30 min
8.0		<p>RL Commercial Managing Director Update</p> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to receive an update on the work taking place in RL Commercial that has an effect on the RFL.</p> <p><i>Paper attached and discussion on the day.</i></p>	Rhodri Jones	15 min
9.0		<p>People Update</p> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to receive updates and the actions from:</p> <p>9.1 the results of the 2023 Staff Survey;</p> <p>9.2 the 2023 Gender Pay Gap report</p> <p>9.3 the 2023 People Plan</p> <p><i>Paper attached and discussion on the day.</i></p>	Victoria Sinacola	20 min

10.0		<p>New Charitable Foundation</p> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to consider and if thought appropriate approve the proposal to establish a new RL Charitable entity</p> <p><i>Paper attached and Presentation on the day.</i></p> <p>FOR DECISION</p>	Richard Munson / Ashleigh Seddon	20 min
Governance and Operational				
11.0		<p>Anti-Doping Update</p> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to receive an update on the work being carried out against the UKAD Assurance Framework and on Anti-Doping within the sport</p> <p><i>Paper and Presentation attached and discussion on the day.</i></p>	Laura Fairbank	20 min
12.0		<p>Salary Cap Regulations 2024</p> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to discuss, and if thought appropriate, approve changes to the Salary Cap for the 2024 season</p> <p><i>Paper attached and discussion on the day.</i></p> <p>FOR DECISION</p>	Robert Hicks	30 min
13.0		<p>Concussive and Sub-Concussive Impacts</p> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to discuss the ongoing work in relation to head contact including the proposed law trials and work with the NRL</p> <p><i>Paper attached and discussion on the day.</i></p>	Prof Ben Jones/ Robert Hicks	30 min
Chief Executive Officer & Executive Reports				
14.0		<p>Chief Executive Officer's Report</p> <p><i>Paper by Tony Sutton</i></p>		
15.0		<p>Operations & Legal Report</p> <p><i>Paper by Robert Hicks</i></p>		
16.0		<p>Operational Plan & Insight Report</p> <p><i>Paper by Alison O'Brien</i></p>		
17.0		<p>Finance & Central Services Report</p> <p><i>Paper by Robert Graham</i></p>		

18.0		<p>Performance, Development & Match Officials Report</p> <p><i>Paper by Dave Rotheram & Marc Lovering.</i></p>		
19.0		<p>People & Culture Report</p> <p><i>Paper by Victoria Sinacola.</i></p>		
		Other		
20.0		<p>Litigation</p> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to provide the Board with an update on existing or pending litigation.</p> <p><i>Paper by Richard Yates.</i></p>		
21.0		<p>Rugby League World Cup & RL Commercial</p> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to receive the minutes of Rugby League World Cup 2021 Ltd and RL Commercial Board meetings within the period.</p> <p><i>None within the period.</i></p>		
22.0		<p>Board Sub-Committee Minutes</p> <p>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.</p> <p><i>Audit & Risk Committee – 23 May 2023 – verbal update.</i></p>		
23.0		<p>Risks</p> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to update the Registers of any risks that arise from the meeting.</p>		
24.0		<p>Any Other Business</p>		
25.0		<p>Date of Next Meeting – 27 July 2023 (Dinner on 26 July)</p>		