



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 Tuesday 5th September 2023,
1000hrs until 1500hrs

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

Chair Simon Johnson

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

In attendance Rob Graham, Dave Rotheram, Prof Ben
Jones, Laura Fairbank, Rhodri Jones, Marc
Lovering, Ashleigh Seddon, Richard Munson,
Ben Abberstein.

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 and summarised minutes – 27 July 2023</i> 3.2 <i>Action Tracker from the meeting – 27 July 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 receive an update on:</p> <p>5.1 The latest RFL 2023 Management Accounts and Forecast Outturn; and</p> <p>5.2 The principles behind the draft 2024 RFL Budget.</p> <p><i>Paper attached.</i></p> <p>FOR DISCUSSION</p>	Rob Graham	45 min
6.0		<p>International Calendar</p> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to consider the impact and implications for the RFL and England RL teams of the international calendar confirmation by the IRL.</p> <p><i>Paper attached.</i></p> <p>FOR DISCUSSION</p>	Dave Rotheram / Shaun Wane / Stuart Barrow	45 min
7.0		<p>Concussive & Sub-Concussive Impacts</p> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to update the Board on the initial outcomes of the Academy Law Trials, set out next steps on recommendations from the Brain Health sub-committee and inform the Board of research projects in 2024.</p> <p><i>Paper and Presentation attached.</i></p> <p>FOR DISCUSSION</p>	Prof Ben Jones / Laura Fairbank	30 min
8.0		<p>RL Foundation</p> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to approve the business plan and model of the new RL Foundation.</p> <p><i>Paper attached.</i></p> <p>FOR DECISION</p>	Marc Lovering / Ashleigh Seddon / Richard Munson	20 min
9.0		<p>RL Commercial Managing Director Update</p> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to receive an update on</p> <p><i>Presentation on the day.</i></p> <p>FOR DISCUSSION</p>	Tony Sutton	30 min

Governance and Operational

10.0		<p>Tackle It</p> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to review and if thought appropriate approve the refreshed Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Plan for Rugby League</p> <p><i>Paper and Tackle It Plan attached.</i></p> <p>FOR DECISION</p>	Ben Abberstein	30 min
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Chief Executive Officer & Executive Reports

11.0		<p>Chief Executive Officer's Report</p> <p><i>Paper by Tony Sutton</i></p>		
12.0		<p>Operations & Legal Report</p> <p><i>Paper by Robert Hicks</i></p>		
13.0		<p>Operational Plan & Insight Report</p> <p><i>Paper by Alison O'Brien</i></p>		
14.0		<p>Finance & Central Services Report</p> <p><i>Paper by Robert Graham</i></p>		
15.0		<p>Performance, Development & Match Officials Report</p> <p><i>Paper by Dave Rotheram & Marc Lovering.</i></p>		
16.0		<p>People & Culture Report</p> <p><i>Paper by Victoria Sinacola.</i></p>		
Other				
17.0		<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>		

18.0		<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 in this period</i></p>		
19.0		<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 – 31st July (Verbal Update)</i> <i>Community Board – 30th August (Verbal Update)</i> <i>Brain Health – 9th August (Verbal Update)</i> <i>CAG – 21st August (Verbal Update)</i> <i>Inclusion Board – 31st August (Verbal Update)</i></p>		
20.0		<p>Risks</p> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to update the Registers of any risks that arise from the meeting.</p>		
21.0		<p>Any Other Business</p>		
22.0		<p>Date of Next Meeting – 21 November 2023</p>		