



MINUTES

Community Board Meeting

Location:	RFL Offices, Media City.	Date:	Wednesday 22 June 2022
		Time:	3.00 – 6.00pm
In Attendance:	Neil Ashton, Fred Baker, Steve Curtis, Trevor Hunt, Lee Mitchell, Stuart Prior, Jan Robinson, Sue Taylor	Chair Person:	Sandy Lindsay MBE
RFL Officers in Attendance:	Marc Lovering, Kelly Barrett Nichola Spencer (Part), Tom Brindle (Part)	Invited Guests:	Mick Hogan – RLWC2021
Apologies:	Sqn Ldr Damian Clayton MBE, Peter Moran,		

Item No.	Agenda Item	Action
1.0	Welcome & Apologies Ms Lindsay welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for joining. Apologies were noted from Mr Moran and Mr Clayton MBE. The Board wished Mr Moran well.	
2.0	IMG Ms Lindsay welcomed IMG, the RFL/SLE Strategic Partners, to the meeting. IMG and the Board introduced themselves. IMG explained that they were embarking on a series of consultation meetings with stakeholder groups across the sport which included the Community Board. A discussion ensued with the Community Board setting out the opportunities and challenges the sport faces across the areas they represent. IMG thanked the Board for a useful discussion and left the meeting.	
3.0	Minutes of the March meeting The minutes of the 15 th of March were agreed as a true record of the meeting.	
4.0	Matters Arising The Action Tracker review was shared with the group. Ms Barrett presented on each individual action. 1) Warrington Foundation Report. Ms Barrett had now received this so would share with the Board after the meeting.	Ms Barrett

	<p>2) Maximizing the RLWC – Agenda item for the meeting.</p> <p>3) Community Game Governance Framework – Agenda item for the meeting.</p> <p>There were no further matters arising.</p> <p>Mr Hunt requested that a revised Staffing Structure for the Development Team to be shared with the Board.</p>	Mr Lovering
<p>5.0</p>	<p>RLWC2021 Activity</p> <p>Mr Brindle, RFL Head of Growth, then joined the meeting to give an update on “InspiredBy” the RFL’s campaign to increase awareness and participation in the lead up to the RLWC2021 and beyond and galvanise support for the three England teams competing.</p> <p>The Board expressed concern with the timelines presented as some were approaching. Mr Brindle confirmed that this would be a priority for the Development team going forward.</p> <p>Mr Ashton requested that consideration be given to how secondary schools could be involved. Mr Brindle agreed to have a separate conversation with Mr Ashton. Furthermore, he agreed to share the InspiredBy scoping document with the Board and requested feedback.</p> <p>Mr Hogan the RLWC2021 Revenue Director joined the meeting. He provided an update on the Community Club Roadshows they will be undertaking to promote the tournament. The following dates and venue are confirmed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 20th July – Wakefield Trinity Stadium • Monday 25th July – Hull MKM Stadium • Tuesday 26th July – Lowca ARLFC • Wednesday 27th July – Warrington Wolves Stadium • Monday 1st August - Online <p>Mr Hogan also explained that the CreatedBy small grants programme is still open for applications.</p> <p>A copy of the presentation is to be shared with the Community Board.</p> <p>Ms Lindsay thanked Mr Hogan and Mr Brindle for attending the meeting.</p>	<p>Mr Brindle</p> <p>Mr Brindle</p> <p>Ms Barrett</p>
<p>6.0</p>	<p>Our League Active Update</p> <p>Mrs Spencer joined the meeting and provided an update on the level of benefits that OLA members have access to. She went on to state that there would be focus groups to engage with members to understand what benefits they would like to receive. In addition, it was noted that several players have accessed discounts from Oxen merchandise and that players are receiving points via Rewards4 for playing the game. These points can be used to purchase merchandise or if they build up enough points can be used towards their future membership fees.</p> <p>We have been conducting monthly prize draws for an adult player, a youth</p>	

	<p>player and a youth and junior team to receive exclusive prizes and money can't buy experiences. To date we have provided iPad, Xbox, kit and equipment and amazon vouchers and dedicated coaching sessions. An example of a press release with the May winners can be found HERE.</p> <p>Ms Barrett went on to share the current Our League Active figures with the Board noting that we have nearly 40,000 Our League Active Members which includes players and coaches and volunteers who opted to donate. A further update would be provided to the Board at the next meeting.</p> <p>There are some clubs, who are paying for their members and have been issued invoices, we have had to chase for payment several times. We will be reviewing whether to offer the invoice option for these.</p>	Ms Barrett
7.0	<p>Regulatory Update/Operational Rules 2023</p> <p>Ms Barrett updated the Board on the recent discussions by the Community Board Regulatory Group (CBREG). The minutes and supporting documents are available on Sharepoint for Board members to review.</p> <p>In summary there were proposed changes to the 2023 Operational Rules. The substantive changes relate to compliance with the UKAD Assurance Framework which would see specific rules around the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A player being bound by the Operational Rules 12 months after they had played their last game • A player who is retiring from the Community Game must notify the RFL. <p>They were also updated on the Government's plan to standardise concussion management at grassroots level.</p> <p>Lastly the (CBREG) received a draft version of the proposed Governance Guidance for Community Clubs, this was linked to the Community Game Governance Framework presented at the last meeting. This would now be moved forward with a view for sharing this in September.</p>	Ms Barrett
8.0	<p>Coach Education</p> <p>A paper was shared with the Board in advance of the meeting proposing that the costs of coaching course be increased as follows:</p> <p>UKCC Level 1 Award in Coaching Primary Rugby League = £150 (from £140) UKCC Level 2 Certificate in Coaching Rugby League = £220 (from £200) UKCC Level 3 Certificate in Coaching Rugby League = £900 (from £850)</p> <p>This was in due to the fact the prices had not changed since 2007/2008 and other Sports charged significantly more.</p> <p>The Board understand the rationale for the price increase however they would like to discuss the matter in greater depth, at their next meeting, before finally approving.</p>	Mr Lovering
9.0	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Mr Lovering reminded that Board that the next Community Game Report would be prepared and circulated at the end of August.</p>	

10.0	Meeting Close The meeting closed at 6.10pm	
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