



MINUTES

Community Board Meeting

Location:	RFL, House of Sport, Gate 13, Rowsley Street, Manchester, M11 3FF	Date:	Tuesday 20 September 2022
		Time:	4.00 – 7.00pm
In Attendance:	Neil Ashton, Fred Baker, Sqn Ldr Damian Clayton MBE, Steve Curtis, Trevor Hunt, Peter Moran, Lee Mitchell, Stuart Prior, Sue Taylor	Chair Person:	Sandy Lindsay MBE
RFL Officers in Attendance:	Marc Lovering, Kelly Barrett, Robert Hicks Dave Rotheram (Part), Richard Tunningley (Part), Chris Spurr (Part)	Invited Guests:	
Apologies:	Jan Robinson,		

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 Jan Robinson.	
2.0	Minutes of the June meeting The minutes of the 15 th of June were agreed as a true record of the meeting.	
3.0	Matters Arising The Action Tracker review was shared with the group. Ms Barrett presented on each individual action. 1) Staffing Structure – This was included in the August Community Game Report. 2) InspiredBy scoping document – This was circulated after the last meeting. 3) RLWC2021 Presentation – This was circulated and uploaded to Sharepoint. 4) Our League Active Update – An agenda item for the meeting. 5) Community Game Governance Guidance – In progress . 6) Coach Education – An agenda item for the meeting.	

<p>4.0</p>	<p>Coach Education</p> <p>The Community Board were joined by Dave Rotheram, Chief On Field Officer, Richard Tunningley, Coach Education Manager and Chris Spurr, Community Coach Manager who provided an update on Coaching via a presentation. This has been uploaded to Sharepoint for members to view.</p> <p>The Community Board were updated on the formal Coach Education qualification process and received an outline on the CPD offer available to coaches.</p> <p>Questions were raised on the delivery of courses and whether there could be a move to have these more flexible with delivery more online. Mr Tunningley stated that some content can be delivered online however there had to be face to face elements of the course and practical delivery which is signed off by a qualified coach.</p> <p>Mr Baker also requested that a review be undertaken on the role of an assistant coach.</p> <p>A discussion ensued and it was agreed that a working group would be created to look at coach education provision and the coaching workforce in greater detail. Mr Mitchell representing the Foundations agreed to sit on the working group. We would also ask coaches and club volunteers to also feed into this group.</p>	<p>R Tunningley</p>
<p>5.0</p>	<p>Match Official Fees</p> <p>A paper was circulated in advance of the meeting which Mr Rotheram took the Community Board through. The paper outlined the current rates of pay for community game match officials, which was noted hadn't been increased in 10 years, and proposed that there is a minimum match official fee structure implemented across the community game.</p> <p>The Community Board were supportive of the introduction of a minimum match official fee structure.</p> <p>The Community Board are aware that there appears to still be issues with appointing match officials despite an increase in recruitment and would like representatives of the match official's department to attend the next meeting to provide an update on the match official strategy including recruitment.</p>	<p>Ms Barrett</p>
<p>6.0</p>	<p>InspiredBy</p> <p>Mr Lovering provided an update on InspiredBy via a presentation which has been uploaded to Sharepoint for members to view.</p> <p>The Community Board were reminded that InspiredBy is a campaign designed to attract new participants, supporting transition to regular rugby League activity and encourage community clubs to become "World Cup Ready".</p> <p>Mr Lovering provided an update on the three phases to the campaign. The summer awareness phase has recently ended with over 100 Clubs receiving</p>	<p>Ms Barrett</p>

	<p>a micro grant and supporting the delivery of activity linked to the RLWC2021. The Autumn engagement phase is now underway of which three lion's week will be a key programme with 20 foundations delivering a whole range of rugby league activity across the same week, starting a day after the grand final.</p> <p>Mr Lovering stated that InspiredBy will continue post World Cup and into 2023 as we look to maximise the opportunity of transitioning new players into regular activity within a Community Club setting.</p>	
<p>7.0</p>	<p>Enjoy the Game</p> <p>Ms Barrett provided a brief update on the Enjoy the Game campaign.</p> <p>It was noted that in addition to the head cams trialled by the NCL during the 2022 season we would be conducting further trial during September and October with the Wigan and Huddersfield referee societies.</p> <p>Ms Barrett confirmed that we had received a significant contribution from BARLA to introduce more head cams across the community game together with support from the Yorkshire Junior League, North West Youth League, North West Men's League and Yorkshire Men's League. The Community Board placed on record their thanks for the support.</p> <p>The intention is that in 2023 these will be prevalent within the game and will support discipline panels in decision making.</p> <p>Ms Barrett reported that we are also in discussions with MindsMatters in delivering parent workshops to Under-7 and Under-11 parents to reinforce how their behaviour can impact on the touchline environment. The intention is that Under-11 parents would be targeted first, prior to their children moving into a competitive environment next season.</p> <p>Mr Hicks stated that the RFL would continue to invest in the Enjoy the Game campaign in 2023 and ensure that money is spent on improving adult and touchline behaviours.</p>	
<p>8.0</p>	<p>Our League Active</p> <p>Ms Barrett circulated a paper in advance of the meeting. The Community Board were provided with an update on the rollout of Our League Active, progress to date and the plans for 2023.</p> <p>It was noted that that there was no evidence to suggest that the introduction of participant membership had had a detrimental effect on participant figures.</p> <p>Ms Barrett stated that we would continue with our engagement with players to ensure that we provide appropriate benefits. Rewards must also be pushed in 2023 as players can gain points and redeem these against their membership fee.</p> <p>The Community Board noted that the membership costs would remain the same for the 2023 season.</p>	<p>Ms Barrett</p>

	<p>Ms Barrett confirmed that she was conducting an internal review on the successes and lessons to learn from the initial roll out. This would include communicating with those Clubs that wished to continue paying for their players.</p> <p>Mr Curtis requested a discussion on how University players could join OLA and access the benefits. Ms Barrett agreed to pick this up separately.</p> <p>Ms Lindsay thanked the Community Board for their support during the introduction of the scheme.</p>	<p>Ms Barrett</p> <p>Ms Barrett</p>
9.0	<p>Community Rugby League Report August</p> <p>The Community Board in advance of the meeting were sent a copy of the Community Rugby League “More than a Sport” report for August.</p> <p>This would now be circulated to the game.</p>	<p>Mr Lovering</p>
10.0	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Mr Curtis thanked Mr Lovering for development team support during the BUC’s Conference and in respect of the wider university game.</p> <p>Mr Prior wished to place on record his appreciation for the support he received with the passing of his wife Karen.</p> <p>The Community Board noted the sad passing of Gary McMahon, England Community Lions Under-19’s Assistant Coach.</p>	
11.0	<p>Meeting Close</p> <p>The meeting closed at 6.50pm</p>	
12.0	<p>Date and time of the next meeting</p> <p>The date of the next meeting is the 30th of November.</p>	