

Minutes

From a meeting of National Conference League club delegates held in the Ball Room Leigh Miners Rangers Sports & Social Club Twist Lane Leigh on Monday 17th August 2009

1.0 Minutes from the Previous Meeting

On the proposition of Shaw Cross duly seconded by Thatto Heath the Minutes from the NCL club delegates meeting held at the Leigh Miners Rangers ARLFC on Monday 15th June 2009 were ratified and passed as a correct record of the proceedings.

2.0 Matters Arising from the Minutes

None

3.0 Communications

None

4.0 Fixtures

The clubs were asked if anyone had any issues with the fixtures and none were received. T Hunt asked if there were problems and Oulton Raiders raised the question of kick off times for night matches as darkness descends with great rapidity, DC Lowe stated that everyone was being as flexible as possible and common sense should prevail with, for example Widnes St Marie's for their match against Wath Brow Hornets having sourced every effort to arrive at the venue as soon as possible.

5.0 League Format 2009-10

- The League would operate with 38 member clubs comprising:
 - Premier Division - 14 clubs
 - Division 1 - 13 clubs
 - Division 2 - 11 clubs
- Promotion and Relegation between the divisions was explained as
 - 3 down from the Premier Division
 - 3 up from Division 1
 - 3 down from Division 1
 - 2 up from Division 2.

T Hunt explained that if new clubs applied and ultimately accepted into the League for next season then the promotion from Division Two may be increased accordingly.

- The declared prize money will be as follows:

• Premier Division Grand Final Champions	£1250
• Premier Division Grand Final Runners Up	£ 750
• Division 1 Champions	£ 500
• Division 2 Champions	£ 500

6.0 Referees

T Johnson explained his attendance and that of DC Lowe's at a meeting at Rochdale Mayfield ARLFC with the Referee Appointment Officer Bob Smithies and the NCL Referee's.

The new Referee Dismissal forms were explained in addition to the Community Board new sentencing guidelines.

DC Lowe would raise the cost of paying the 1st and 2nd Division Touch Judges with the RFL.

P Moran explained the Appeals system to everyone present and the procedure to follow.

7.0 Summer Pilot Scheme

T Hunt explained that a link had been placed on the NCL Website to enable anyone to add comments and suggestions following the Summer Pilot Scheme. This link will close in around 2/3 weeks and the results would be presented to the clubs at the next delegates meeting

8.0 Eagles Tour 2009

Ken Sykes reported that the 2009 tour had formed a sound basis for future tours; it had not been easy especially in selecting the players and staff to travel. Ideally 4 training sessions should be held in the future, instead of the scheduled two. All the players bonded together very well and the first game was drawn 18 all, but the last game lost to Morocco exhibited some very debatable decisions going against them from the local referee.

9.0 Player Registrations

DC Lowe explained the 2nd team and youth players need registering and listings from which forwarding to him as soon as possible. Most clubs had sent in their main thrust of registrations and hopefully the regional leagues as opposed to last season following persistent arguments with Rugby League Services regarding validity of data will have their lists ensconced on the database.

In the event of professional players returning to clubs then secretaries should check with DC Lowe to ensure the player is free to play.

10.0 Publicity

T Hunt explained that the great majority of clubs were excellent in sending in the scores etc and hopefully this will continue this season, the deadlines in respect of night matches is 9.30pm and 5.30pm on Saturdays.

11.0 Sponsorship

T Hunt reported that at present the RFL was on behalf of the NCL looking at a possible sponsor but for obvious reasons this cannot be divulged at the present time.

12.0 AOB

DC Lowe explained that a brief summary of the Minutes would appear on the website.

With no further business T Hunt thanked the delegates for their attendance.

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ADMINISTRATOR

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