



MINUTES

Community Board Meeting

Location:	Microsoft Teams	Date:	Tuesday 2 nd November 2021
		Time:	5.00pm – 7.00pm
In Attendance:	Sqn Ldr Damian Clayton MBE, Fred Baker, Peter Moran, Trevor Hunt, Stuart Prior, Sue Taylor, Jan Robinson, Steve Curtis, Lee Mitchell	Chair Person:	Sandy Lindsay MBE
RFL Officers in Attendance:	Marc Lovering, Kelly Barrett		
Apologies:	Neil Ashton		

Item No.	Agenda Item	ACTION
1.0	Welcome & Apologies Ms Lindsay welcomed everyone to the meeting and the apologies were noted.	
2.0	Minutes of the July meeting The minutes of the 12 th of July were agreed as a true record of the meeting.	
3.0	Matters Arising The Action Tracker review was shared with the meeting. Ms Barrett presented on each individual action. 1) Primary Rugby League. Findings from the PRL Matchday assessment form have been used to shape the next steps. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There is a need to develop support around Coach Education• Awareness for parents, clubs, and coaches• Promotion and Visibility of PRL so more people understand Why and What to expect on a game day. Next meeting scheduled for end of November to review and sign off timelines and plan for 2022 roll out.	

	<p>2) Community Strategy (Match Officials) Touchline Environments and Behaviours Summit will take place on November 6th which will have a specific focus on match official abuse.</p> <p>3) Community Strategy (Consultation) Several meetings have already taken place with the Community Board, Youth and Junior Leagues and Adult (T5) Leagues and the process is ongoing.</p> <p>3) LeagueNet - RFL Executives will continue to work with all Leagues to encourage them to use LeagueNet.</p> <p>4) Chair's Statement – Circulated and placed on the RFL Website.</p> <p>5) Our League Active – NCL Clubs Meeting and Club Webinar. Both meetings took place with questions and answers provided after each meeting.</p> <p>6) Contact Style Minutes - Completed.</p>	
<p>4.0</p>	<p>Our League Active Update</p> <p>Ms Lindsay provided an updated on the progress to date on Our League Active. A positive meeting took place with Club at Brighthouse.</p> <p>There was a meeting with North West Clubs which Ms Lindsay, Mr Hicks and Mr Prior attended. There were many questions asked which were not dissimilar to questions raised at previous meetings with Clubs and Leagues.</p> <p>Mr Hunt asked if the questions and answers from this meeting could be circulated to the Community Board. Ms Barrett confirmed that these would be shared however the FAQs on the RFL website are up to date. These can be found HERE</p> <p>Ms Lindsay went on to say that filming had taken place today with Mr Hicks and Fraser Dainton which was basically a question-and-answer session. The intention is that these will be condensed into two versions, one for parents and a longer version. These would also be on social channels with snippets of clips. The Community Board will be sent copies of the videos.</p> <p>Further questions were asked on the following areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operational Rules – Should Our League Active be referenced to tie players and clubs into Our League Active. Ms Barrett to speak to Mr Hicks on this. Family Membership – This is still being reviewed however won't be in place until 2023. The Community Board were reminded that as part of the consultation process, we have reduced the cost for youth and juniors and excluded coaches. <p>The process for casual Membership was also discussed which Mr Baker stated would be important in the midlands and southern regions.</p> <p>It was agreed that further content should be provided to Clubs so that they are able to explain Our League Active to their members. Ms Barrett stated that a presentation was issued to Clubs which was very much enabling them to do</p>	<p>K Barrett</p> <p>K Barrett</p> <p>K Barrett</p> <p>A Whiteside</p>

	<p>this. However, it was agreed a short form of copy would be drawn up for the purpose of club websites and emails from clubs to members.</p> <p>The Community Board requested that a document be pulled together explaining Our League Active. A further meeting would also take place to review the paper. Mr Barrett to circulate a doodle form to check people's availability in the next two weeks.</p>	Ms Barrett
5.0	<p>Community Strategy/Sport England Update</p> <p>Mr Lovering provided a brief update on progress in terms of the Sport England Partner Investment Process. The deadline for submission of Phase 2 of the process is Friday 5th November 2021. Numerous calls have taken place with the RFL's Sport England Partner Support lead who has been supporting the team through the process. At the conclusion of Phase 2 of the process the RFL was invited to bid for more than the previous year's baseline funding which is the starting point for all sports. This additional level of funding if secured will support the growth in the women and girls' game, disability rugby league sports and Player Development League activity. It is hoping a final decision will be announced before the end of November.</p> <p>In terms of the creation of the draft Community Strategy this has been held back to allow us to concentrate on the funding submission. The intention is that this would be stripped back and aligned with the RFL strategy. The Community Board will have sight of this to read in time for the December meeting.</p> <p>Once we have a firm indication of the funding allocation the strategic framework documents will follow which will be after Christmas.</p>	
6.0	<p>Post RLWC2022 Activity</p> <p>Ms Lindsay was keen to discuss this at the December meeting. All were asked to come prepared for thoughts/ideas to the December meeting.</p>	ALL
7.0	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>December Meeting – All were asked to complete the doodle form so we can confirm the date and book the venue.</p> <p>2022 Meeting Dates – It was agreed that we would schedule four full meetings in 2022 with any additional brief update meetings taking place remotely as and when required.</p> <p>Ms Lindsay also asked everyone to think about touchline behaviour/match officials for a discussion at the December meeting.</p> <p>Mr Hunt stated that he would like to thank the RFL/Our League for streaming the NCL Grand Finals he hoped this would be available in future years.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>K Barrett</p> <p>ALL</p>
8.0	<p>Meeting Close</p> <p>The meeting closed at 17.55pm.</p>	

