



YCLA Meeting 12 October 2015

IN ATTENDANCE: Chris Dale (YCLA Hon President) Neil Crosby (YCLA Hon Treasurer) James Spence (YCLA Hon Publicity Secretary) Mike Aspinall (YCLA Hon Secretary) Simon Gill (Leeds City LC), Gareth Cornelius (Hull LC) Tom Bracegridle and Cameron Parks (Sheffield) University) Phil Doherty (YCLA Team Manager) Rob Beaumont (Sheffield Steelers)

APOLOGIES: Graham Blyth (referees), Newcastle LC and Lincoln LC

1) APOLOGIES AND INTRODUCTIONS (Chris Dale)

As shown above. .

2) Matters Arising From Previous Minutes (Chris Dale)

The previous minutes were agreed as a true record.

3) CLUB REPORTS

Leeds Squad numbers are now relatively healthy but the worry is what happens mid-season when players start to have other social engagements. Need a couple of high-standard players to balance the team. Played 3 lost 3 so far, but starting to play better and at least playing competitive matches (bar the opening match Vs B&E with a very depleted squad). Healthy numbers at training so far, the challenge is to ensure that the training is useful for all who attend and not too much standing around. Currently under resourced and not enough pitch to do anything too effective to combat this. High Referees expenses are already a worry, but essential if we are to comply with the referee requirements for the season.

Nottingham - no team this year but not forgotten

Sheffield University Started very well with good numbers. Great Results against Cheadle A and Wilmslow. It is great to have a goal keeper this year

Loughborough - No report received from Joe Chomet at Loughborough but Simon Gill will try and make contact over the coming weeks.

Sheffield Steelers, First team have not won this season but are struggling with an unprecedented amount of Injuries to key players. Second team doing well. U16s and U12s are playing regularly but the U14s are struggling with numbers. The U19s are in the top division this year.

Hull – We had serious concerns coming into the season about the depth of squad we would have but we are doing well so far with player recruitment and are getting a lot of interest from players at Hull University. Played 2, Lost 2 but not concerned by that record as we have faced far superior opposition. Encouraging performance against Loughborough as we played very well. We expected a tough day against Poynton A and that's what we got. We recognise our main opposition in this first part of the season will be Stoke & Lincoln

Newcastle - after an appearance at Bath 8s, we've played one league fixture, a 10 man 17-4 defeat at the hands of Heaton Mersey A. A very positive game from our debutant keeper after 6 years away from the game, keeping it from becoming a cricket score. Again, the side seems to be set fair for defenders and many of them will be pressed into filling gaps in midfield & attack. Recruitment from the universities has been slow, contact has been made with an LTP player at Newcastle but others are yet to be tracked down. Transport worries raise their head again, especially as we play 1 home game in our first 6. On the development side, the loss of the LDO has blown a huge hole in our agreed program, Dave Coldwell is supporting some items. The team has also applied for a dispensation for goals, as these are provided by the university and not in our power to change. Off-Field, the team are again striving to support the uni teams with refereeing, however the loss of Mark Buckley & Ian Stewart due to work commitments is causing a gap.

Durham - The President has spoken with Frank Gillies but no report was received

Lincoln - The club has recently undergone an almost complete overhaul of committee. With everyone new to the roles it has been a fairly smooth so far. The men's team has seen a slight increase in numbers this season - part of this is largely due to Nottingham folding. Average city only members is usually around the 10 with university/city players on top numbers are often around 16/18 a session. The women's team are developing well. They have recently had large numbers at training (as high as 36). Friendly games have been organised for most weekends. Bownet arcs have just been purchased in order to allow the women's team to also play their games at Cherry Willingham school

Rotherham – No report or response received

4) FINANCE (Neil Crosby)

The Treasurer presented the financial positions of the Association's funds as at 30th September.

KEHOE FUND

Hull LC had repaid the final instalment (£200) of their loan and Sheffield Steelers had paid a further instalment of £250. The balance of the fund was now £4284 and the amount still to be repaid by Steelers was £1100.

DEVELOPMENT FUND

A donation of £50 from a Vice President had been received and we had paid out £50 towards the expenses of a participant in the last World Championships and £210 for pitch hire at last season's squad training. The balance of the fund was now £2392. The meeting approved grants of £150 to Hull LC towards the cost of a referees' course in May and £100 towards extra travelling expenses expected to be incurred by Sheffield Universities when playing clubs in the North East. The latter is a one off payment without precedent.

GENERAL FUND

This fund had seen some heavy expenses since the last year end. Costs of the British National Tournament had been £900 (£440 entry fees for our two teams, £410 for kit and £50 for MVP awards). Player contributions had amounted to £575, so we had incurred a net loss. Pitch hire for the Yorkshire Cup had been £200. The Yorkshire Shield will show a

break even result when the last entry fee of £25 is received from Bradford University. The balance of the fund had fallen to £236 and the Association must consider ways to improve the situation before we start to incur tournament costs at the end of the current season and the extra costs, which might arise from our responsibilities as a Region . **ACTION** - A small subcommittee of Simon Gill, Gareth Cornelius, Phil Doherty and James Spence was asked to report back at our December meeting with proposals.

5) National Lacrosse Committee NLC MATTERS (Chris Dale)

The President is now a representative on the National Lacrosse Committee with specific responsibilities as the University Champion. He did miss the first meeting in Warwick due to business commitments but is travelling to London on the 22 November for the NLC.

6) NEMLA MATTERS (Simon Gill)

Clubs are reminded of their mandatory duty to return team sheets to Nick Hewitt by no later than the Wednesday following a game. Clubs who fail to see to this business could find themselves with a fine (financial or points). Clubs are also reminded that they should consult with the league fixtures secretary if the game is to be played at a different venue or there is a change to the scheduled start. The referees contact (Wilf Seville) should also be notified.

The recent forum meeting took place at Cheadle lacrosse club. There was a large discussion that took place regarding the running of the North West Association. There were some calls to replace the NEMLA forum meeting with a north West meeting although it was agreed by many that this would not be a good idea. It was clear though that a few people wanted to see some sort of segregation for NEMLA to serve the North West.

The Skype conferencing worked very poorly and the probable cause for this was a slow or weak broadband connection. Simon Gill will report back to NEMLA and point out the problems that the Skype users have following the meeting.

7) DEVELOPMENT

- a. Yorkshire Squad - Phil Doherty has been officially appointed as Yorkshire Manager for 2015/16.
- b. Junior Programmes - The collapse of the LDO programme is having a detrimental effect on the Junior and general development programmes..
- c. Relationship with the Academy structure – still no concrete progress
- d. Referees - The YCLA are committed to helping clubs with their refereeing issues and will sponsor a training day if requested by the clubs.. This season clubs will need to provide qualified referees so YCLA are again looking to support training on for the clubs.
- e. New Clubs - Great that Durham have joined NEMLA, still no correspondence with Rotherham.
- f. Yorkshire Lacrosse Website and communication – The Website is up and running
- g. Further consideration needs to be given to the format of the Yorkshire Shield

8) YORKSHIRE Competitions moving forward

Sunday 25th October 2014 - Yorkshire vs Lancashire, Roses Challenge

Sunday 8th November 2014 - Freshersfest in Hull (Entry fee £30 per team)

March 2015 - Yorkshire Squad Trials (to be agreed)

Sunday 13th March 2015- Yorkshire Cup (Bawtry All Weather Pitch - Sheffield)

Saturday 15th May 2015 - Yorkshire Shield (Leeds)

10) Appointments

Mark Coups has been invited (and accepted the invitation) to become a YCLA Vice President with immediate effect. A very nice letter from Mark was received by the President..

11) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Consideration needs to be given to re-naming the YCLA to compliment the new NLC structure

12) Dates of the Next Meeting(s)

Meetings on 7 December 2015 and 7 March 2016 will be Conference Calls

AGM Date to be agreed but propose Monday 9 May 2016 (To be Confirmed)

List of Vice Presidents

Sir Norman Adsetts OBE	(Oxford Uni/Steelers' supporter)
Ian Blair	(Leeds Uni/ Old Grovians/Leeds Grovians)
Neil Crosby	(Leeds Uni/Old Grovians/Leeds Grovians)
Chris Dale	(Sheffield University / Steelers/ Moorthorpe)
Brian Greenwood	(Leeds c1949/Old Grovians)
Denis Greenwood CBE	(Leeds c1949/Old Grovians)
Chris Horsefield	(Sheffield Uni/Steelers)
Lawrie Gardner	(Nottingham Uni/ Old Grovians/Leeds Grovians)
Brian Kehoe	(Yorkshire supporter)
David Ward	(SEMLA/Old Grovians)
Graham Blyth	(Leeds Grovians/Leeds)
Mike Aspinall	(Nottingham and Heaton Mersey)
Simon Gill	(Leeds and Boardman and Eccles)
John levers	(Sheffield Steelers)
Mike Evans	(Sheffield Steelers, Yorkshire and Wales)
Mark Coups	(Sheffield Steelers, University and Yorkshire)