



GARFORTH TIGERS

A M A T U E R R U G B Y L E A G U E C L U B

Annual General Meeting

Monday 22nd January 201

7pm – Holiday Inn, Garforth

Apologies – Helen Linton & Joanne Murphy.

Chairman opened meeting last meeting minutes covered.

Welcome to Ian Watkinson, new coach coaching new under 7s for the 2018 season. Welcome on board Ian. Under 7s currently at approx. 6 with planned Rhinos event in February. Lots of support for team officials.

Chair report –

Club continues to run on a voluntary basis and we rely on volunteer's that keep this club running as well as it does, thank you all from the committee and the kids. 2018 is the key focus moving forward.

Opened the floor to any key focuses for 2018. Steve / Matt agreed to focus on top 10 ideas and create a sub group to drive actions and activity. Group to feedback on Mon 26th next Garforth Tigers club meeting.

Facebook, social media, and website – we need a volunteer to take this forward. Great idea for a weekly round up to send once games commence. Job description will come from the sub group and be put together for the meeting on the 26th.

Securing lease on the Club is a focus- Mark has actioned and is currently awaiting a reply from LCC. Roof leak is still an issue and forms part of our reason for having the changing room gifted to us.

Recruitment is key to the success of the Club; Under 15s are looking good with possible movement from some of the Swillington team. Would like to get the open age team back up and running in readiness for the 15's future at the club. We would also like to focus on a girls under 14's team. Matt is following up under 14s Girls team with Garforth Comp and Open age team focusing on 16,17 year olds. Leaflets, posters and banners are currently on order.

Secretary report covered in main agenda.



Treasurer report-

All Cash boxes need returning to Martin to audit and prepare for the new season. **Action: all Team Managers to return to Martin by Friday 2nd Feb.**

Club is still running in the black and maintaining a 15k buffer in the bank. Club now has 49 paying players and 3 pending. Concerns for 2018 are to ensure that we don't overspend and that we must have a receipt / audit trail for everything. Martin to be involved in Kit process to ensure we get the best deal.

The Open Age team will not be taking part in the 2018 season but the Club is still open to an open age team should there be enough interest to re-form. Martin W to put together the cost of running an open age team to review viability should they reform as costs are double for everything and they have to be self sufficient as the Club in its current position cannot support them without a return on the outgoing costs. **Action Martin W to report back at next meeting.**

Discussion held around increasing Subs to £15 a month which was raised by the attendees of the meeting. All felt that £10 a month is too cheap for what the children get and its not in line with football, cricket fees etc. The Committee are concerned is that we don't currently have a lease / investment plan and cannot justify an increase without significant change as the clubs aim is to be affordable to all. This may change if successful with lease.

Kit Deposits – the system has not worked and kit is becoming more expensive even with sponsorship support as the children keep growing! Proposal from members that the subs raise to £15 a month and remove kit deposits which will cover all match and training requirements plus a pair of shorts/ socks/ after match polo/ hoodie every season to ensure growth spurts are catered for. Proposal Carried 15/0 and seconded by Lee Brown. The Shirt will remain the property of the Club. This will commence 01 March 18. Martin to action on go-cardless and full notification will be sent on Facebook and by email. Mark to make change in constitution and on relevant on line paperwork. **Action Mark to update Constitution; online and welcome documents . Action Martin to update GoCardLess ready for new amount WEF 1st March 2018.**

Club Welfare –

Thank you to all for supporting the role, my aim is to ensure that Garforth Tigers is a great safe enjoyable environment for all with as many children playing rugby league as possible. Social media policy will be updated and sent out by Matt. It is important that as parents we leave the coaches and team support people to coach children. Matt wants to offer more support to coaches and TLM to assist them in their roles as there have been instances of abuse from the touchline. Important to deal with situations as & when they happen. Club agreed that happy for more touchline managers to be signed up and happy to have more than one at a game. Mark Wood to change on line form to say that yes I agree to my child's photo /

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social media etc. rather than just a tick box. Matthew to continue to be a presence when matches commence to ensure parents and children are aware of the support available.

Social secretary update-

Follow up from last meeting, Fri 27th April Spring Ball is currently sitting at 12, please can all get behind this to ensure we get a good take up. Nothing else in pipeline other than 9th June race night currently. Mark to chase WM club for presentation night confirmation, Agreed £5 per player charge will cover cost of food for future presentation nights. **Action Mark to confirm with Garforth Working Men's on status of booking.**

Gala committee – **action all team managers to provide at least 2 two members from each age group to be on the Gala committee deadline 02 February!** Gala date is Saturday 28th July. Garforth Lions gala is 2nd July so please be aware of this for match days.

League updates

Following on from YJ's AGM there are some rules changes/updates; ones that affect us are:-

- 11.7 All coaches must produce their coaching ID Card whilst officiating at games, these must be checked prior to kick off by the opposing team. (As opposed to having to wear it at all times)
- 14.1 The closing date for transfers for U12s (Year 7) and above shall be 31 January for teams whose season begins in September and 30th September for those beginning in March.
- 14.4.1 NEW TEAMS Any clubs forming new teams from players not associated to that club must have at least 4 new players at U7s, 5 new players at U8s, 6 new players at U9s, 7 new players at U10s, 8 new players at U11s and 10 new players at U12s and above before any transfers will be allowed to that particular team.
- 20.2 The 4 matchday officials on the team sheet are only allowed within the Technical Area (10 metres either side of the half way line) and must not patrol the touchline and must wear the official League coloured hi-visibility jackets, GREEN for 1st Aiders and YELLOW for the other 3 officials also ALL substitutes must cover their playing shirts.
- 21.5 Touchline Managers MUST ensure that nobody without an official League Hi Vis vest is allowed in the Technical Area unless there is an injury to a player then that player's parents/guardians will be allowed into the area.
- 23.9 The maximum score to be published by the League will be 50 points. Points for and against will not be used to decide final league positions unless there is a tie for 1st place then the points in the league games played between the teams concerned will be taken into account. Should the scores between the teams be still tied then the teams will play off to decide the winner.
- 24.1 It will be the responsibility of the HOME club to confirm the fixture and the kick off times for the coming week not later than 9pm on the Tuesday preceding the fixture, failure to do so will result in a fine of £5. Where a team cancels a fixture after the Tuesday deadline the fixture will be 18-0 to the opposition and fined £20 At the

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discretion of the Management Committee be responsible for food, this will be to a maximum of £25 plus referee fees.

- 24.1.1 Where a team postpones a game in the official timescale the fixture secretaries will then have up to 9pm on Wednesday to rearrange another League fixture for the opposition. Should there not be a League fixture available then a friendly may be played. Teams shall not be allowed to cancel a rearranged League fixture once given in the official timescale.

- 24.2 The notification of results will depend on the specific age group, these will be publicised/confirmed by the start of each season:-
 - Competitive age groups must log the score online using LeagueNet (SportsTG Passport and access required). Either team can do it, but it is classed as the HOME teams responsibility.
 - Under 10s and Under 11s to start using LeagueNet to record results.
 - Under 9s and Under 8s to be confirmed.
 - Under 7s - a text from the HOME team to the Fixture Secretary to confirm the game was played – no result required.

All age groups must TEXT if the game is abandoned/postponed. The deadlines for all results/TEXTS for all age groups are 6pm Saturday, 2pm Sunday and 9pm weekday. Failure to do so will result in a team fine of £5.

- 24.5 The home team shall ensure the Fixture Secretary receives the completed team sheet within 5 days of the match. This should be done electronically (scanned document e mail). Failure to comply will result in the Member Club being fined £5. ADD The quality of the document should be checked before sending, if it is not readable it will be rejected and will be subject to £5 fine.
- 25.1 Teams will be allowed to postpone 2 league fixtures and this must not be against the same team. The 2 postponements may be taken regardless of which half of the season except on a cup weekend where games cannot be postponed.
- 25.2 Any team wishing to postpone a league fixture or other organised game shall make the application on the correct Official Request Form not later than 9pm on Tuesday preceding the fixture and inform the opposition. The form must be with the Fixture Secretary and Fixture Co-ordinator to count (this should be done electronically). If it fails to do so then it shall be fined £10 and forfeit the match to the opposing team with a score of 18-0 against
- 25.3 Teams can rearrange an unlimited number of League Games, providing they are within the playing season. (Do not rearrange Cup games before requesting permission from Fixture Secretary). A rearranged game must meet the following criteria:- The new date cannot be on a weekend classed as part of the playing season (even if the date currently looks free). BOTH teams must agree the date and time. The Fixture

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Secretary must be informed prior to the date of either the rearranged or the scheduled fixture (whichever is the sooner). A date must be given to the Fixture Secretary at that point. If both teams cannot agree on a date, or fail to play on the rearranged date, and the game needs to be rescheduled by the Fixture Secretary then it will fall under the rules for Postponements (number permitted and deadline).

- 26.6 If for whatever reason a fixture has to be cancelled after confirming it, then both the opposing team/club and fixture secretary of that age group must be contacted and informed verbally. Leaving a message on a phone will not be classed as making contact text and e mail may be used and if you receive confirmation they have received the text / e mail message this will count.

For Yorkshire Juniors; Donna Simons has taken the role of General Secretary, Jason Woodman is the new Treasurer and Alan Havercroft takes over as Chair.

Yorkshire Junior and Youth League are to pilot a new Primary Rugby League playing season. "The current playing season running from March to October crosses over 2 school years. This is causing some issues like the example below:-

The YJY current league rules mean that players cannot play for the U7s unless they have had their 6th birthday, because they could be playing against children that are 8 in the September and October of that season.

This means that some players are missing out playing in the U7s.

PILOT

Change the playing season to coincide with school years for years 1 to 6. **Action Mark to send Pilot document to all affected Team Managers/Coaches to filter down to their parents.**

It was asked if U10's require a match official. **Action Mark to check and confirm.**

Team updates

Under 7's is in a growth period, need to update team support structure as soon as possible to be reported to Yorks Juniors. Kit is fine for under 7's

Under 8's – all in order, team support all in place. Need kit from numbers 16 to 23 (8 shirts in total) need bigger sizes age 9 ideally.

Under 9's – is registered but need a big push to get the numbers in order for the team to play. Matt is pushing this

Under 10's – cancelled players list given to Martin, Kit requirements (Mark)

Under 12's – is registered but need a big push to get the numbers in order for the team to play. Matt is pushing this. We do have commitment for a coach and a possible 4 players so far.

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Under 15's – Kit Helen to size up all team as small/medium and large then will assess outstanding requirements.

Next Team meeting is Monday 26th February 7pm at Changing rooms

Meeting closed

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