

Minutes of the North West Colts league AGM
held at Bowdon RUFC on Wednesday, 12th August 2026.

Present

Leeann Aspinall Graham Stevenson Andy Thompson
Tom O'Neill, Phil Mason (All League Secretaries).
Nick Hayes (League Treasurer) Billy Borrett (League Vice President)
Chris Barrett (Honorary Secretary) Jon Kitch (Honorary Chairman)

Representatives from Junior Colts from: -

Anselmians, Caldý, Chester, Lymm, Rochdale, Sale, Stockport, TMV, Aldwinians, Bowdon, Glossop, LSH, Sandbach, Stoke-on-Trent, Tartleton, Capenhurst, Crewe & Nantwich, Littleboro, Liverpool Collegiate, Marple, New Brighton Wirralians, Oxton Parkonians, Southport.

Representatives Senior Colts teams from: -

Caldý, Chester, Heaton Moor, Newport, PGH, Warrington, Wilmslow, Wirral, Bury, Firwood Waterloo, Orrell, Sandbach, Stockport, TMV, Kendal, Lymm, Macclesfield, Rochdale, Southport, Vale Of Lune, Aldwinians, Anselmians, Bowdon, Leigh, Manchester, Wigan, Burnley, Ormskirk, Bolton, Eccles, Littleboro, Oswestry, Sedgley Park, Trentham, Winnington Park

Absent without apologies.

Crosby St Mary's Junior Colts Fylde Senior Colts Kirkby Lonsdale Senior Colts
Aspull Senior Colts.

AGM:

The AGM was opened by Jon Kitchen at 7:35 pm welcoming all present.

Jon outlined the running order of the evening and how good organisation in the leagues can lead to successful participation for all the teams in evenly seeded, competitive leagues.

He thanked our sponsors MOTiQ and asked that clubs give MOTiQ an opportunity to quote for a kit when clubs are in the market for new strips.

Rob Ewan and Liam Littefair from the company were also at the meeting and happy to chat to people afterwards about quotes, kits, etc.

Jon Kitch also introduced Jon Rooke from MADREFS. Unfortunately, the AGM clashed with the MADREFS AGM, so few referees were able to attend; Jon thanked him for being there.

At that point in the meeting, stash for both of Junior teams and Senior teams was given out to all the teams present.

The AGM started proper at 8 pm.

Previous minutes

Jon Kitchen asked if the previous AGM minutes which were post on the website were accepted without any corrections.

These were proposed as correct by Paul Wiggans from Bolton and seconded by Mark Phillips from New Brighton.

Sponsorship,

Headline sponsorship with MOTiQ – Thank you - if they do contact you after tonight please respond to them.

Funding

Membership has been held at £95 for a further 12 months. Vote was passed to confirm/accept this.

The membership fee is dependent on RFU table funding which we now claim from Lancashire CB so only time will tell if the funding is the same as in previous years.

Secretary's report

Nothing to report.

Regulations update.

One important change to Reg 15 which Chris Barrett the Honourable Secretary elaborated on.

In past seasons the Colts league cup has been held towards the end of the season.

This season the Committee have scheduled Colts League Cup ties to run on the same Sundays as National Cup dates.

Regulation 15 now states that the Nat Cup Fixtures must take priority.

There is not a clash between NC & League fixtures until week 13 of the structured season, 21st March.

If a team(s) gets to the latter stages of the NC, the Committee have designated Wed 7th April as the only date for that league game to take place so the NC tie can be played on 21st March.

The only reasons to postpone games are due to weather, county call ups (as per our regulations) and on this specific Sunday - 21st March - if there is a NC clash.

Chris went on to explain that the committee had looked at the structured season and whilst Lancashire wanted no rugby played at all on CB weekends, the Committee have negotiated some CB weekends where Colts League rugby can be played.

Election of officers (As Listed on the 21st AGM AGENDA).

Jon Kitch informed the room that all Committee Members had agreed to continue for a further season. He thanked them for their commitment and hard work.

Andrea Gering from Southport proposed and Jane O'Connell from Rochdale seconded the elections. The Vote by the Members proved unanimously in favour.

AOB

None have been received.

The 21st AGM meeting closed at 8:15 pm.