Notes from RFU / NRU Catch up Call 03.06.25

NRU – Pete, Graham, Penny and Claire

RFU – Andrew Souter, Dave Westhead, Liam Nicholls and Jess Laidler

RWC Trophy Tour – Sunderland 05.06.25 at Barnes Park - two local schools to Sunderland Rugby club 9-11am.

Jarrovians 5.30pm to 7pm – open girls activity.

Keel Square (City Centre) Friday 12 to 4pm (food festival) – World Rugby Gazebo.

Lead up and Legacy meeting – 3rd July.

Andrew

Payment of Players – Alnwick still open. (Morpeth, Northern, Percy Park, Tynedale – completed)

End of June – CB Funding to be confirmed. Other Pots to bid for tbc.

CBSM 10 % audit of clubs – deep dives. Deadline 1st week of July. 4 weeks left.

David

CGU middle of May – club webinars and guides. Next webinar 11th June – Celebration of Rugby – programme launch – recruitment day initiatives (resources).

RugbyFest weekend (1st weekend in October). Access 11th June call – will help clubs take advantage of the new schemes.

Liam

Change to North of Tyne partnership – North Shields have pulled out. Direct transitions are low but good to go forward – learning what works in Northumberland. Purely measuring numbers is not helpful – need other ways to report eg 4 players to Morpeth = gives a team and retains 16 others.

Facility Audit out at the moment – most are on with it.

T1 Rugby – Alnwick and N Shields sessions + Percy Park session – lots of people introduced to T1. Overwhelming response post sessions – makes sense! Looks complex on infographics – its not!

Alnwick, Ashington, N Shields, Ncle Ravens, Tynedale have had T1 packs given out – mix of focus clubs and clubs who want to do T1.

NE & Cumbria Colts meet – good attendance. 3 leagues of x9 for season 25-26.

Educating leaders in schools – contact rugby and T1. Gets message to the right people in schools. Access to schools is difficult.

Girl Guide and WI Partnerships – coming in now.

N Shields and Alnwick club meets when over. Blyth and Tynedale also. Adult male numbers.

Penny

Girl Guides and WI clubs / partnerships.

WI – Tynedale Girl Guides - Ashington, Novos. Northern and Wallsend

T1 Beach – 12th July Bamburgh, 26th July at Longsands. No socials as yet. Being followed up by Penny.

Matt Colgan – Social Spaces – Alnwick.

North Shields – work experience week. Ash helping. Penny sorting national press.

Governance Review – need to push for completing consulting documents. Monday coming on line meetings/workshops 12-2pm and evening. Can attend alternative meets if not able to attend the geographical one.

RFU AGM – Penny will take proxy votes.

NRU Update

Management Structure N/land - Graham back as Hon Secretary, Chair is Pete.

W&G Dir – Ruth Scott, Ben Drury as No2.

Appt of new Dir of Governance this week. Meeting in an hour re Dir of Men and Boys. Lots of changes and movement.

Structure and continuity into next season so we hit 1st September running.

D&I Leads (Robin and Howard) – Robin attending conference in Nottinghamshire.

Newcastle Ravens will be voted in as a full club of N/land at AGM.

Andrew – suggest that W&G leads meet with RFU staff.

Oversight Group for North – Penny on now and will transfer.

North East Devt XV – needs to be sorted. Need active engagement for N/land.

Kingsley stepping down as CBDS, replacement is Frazer McDermott. KH will assist Frazer while he finds feet.

Structured Season – complaints about dates. Complaint from North. DHM and Cumb both feel the same.

Summer dates – catch up with RFU staff – suggest some dates and team will come over.

Next catch up – 15th July.