



AGENDA

RFL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Location RL HQ, House of Sport,
Gate 13, Rowsley Street, Manchester, M11
3FF (Parking in Blue Car Park, M11 2DU)

Date & Time Thursday 27 July 2023,
0900hrs until 1400hrs

Present Simon Johnson, Tony Sutton, Robert Hicks,
Sandy Lindsay, Rimla Akhtar and Cherrie
Daley.

Chair Simon Johnson

Observers Ed Mallaburn (IMG) and Jamie Jones-
Buchanan.

In attendance Rhodri Jones, Rob Graham, Chris Rostron,
Tim Adams, Emma Goldsmith, Dr Dave
Rotheram, Dave Elliott and Victoria Sinacola

Item No	Agenda Item		Who	Timing
1.0		Apologies		
2.0		Declarations of Interest		
3.0		Minutes from the previous meeting and Action Tracker	Simon Johnson	
	3.1	<i>Draft Board Meeting minutes and summarised minutes – 23 May 2023</i>		
	3.2	<i>Action Tracker from the meeting – 23 May 2023</i>		
4.0		Matters Arising from Minutes	All	

Items for Discussion/Decision

5.0		RFL Council The purpose of this agenda item is to reflect on the RFL Council AGM and Meeting held on 26 July 2023. <i>Council Papers separately circulated.</i> FOR DISCUSSION	All	15 min
6.0	6.1 6.2	Financial Matters The purpose of this agenda item is to receive an update on Management Accounts and Forecast Outturn for 2023; and RLWC2021. <i>Paper attached and discussion on the day.</i> FOR DISCUSSION	Rob Graham	20 min
7.0		RL Cares The purpose of this agenda item is to receive an update from RL Cares on their ongoing work and to consider the strategic relationship going forward. <i>Presentation attached and discussion on the day.</i> FOR DISCUSSION	Tim Adams / Chris Rostron / Emma Goldsmith	45 min
8.0	8.1 8.2	Chief On-Field Officer Update The purpose of this agenda item is to: 8.1 Discuss the proposed structure and make-up of the Performance & Coaching Committee 8.2 Update on the relocation and performance of the Match Officials Department <i>Presentation and discussion on the day.</i> FOR DISCUSSION	Dr Dave Rotheram, Dave Elliott & Victoria Sinacola	45 min
9.0		RL Commercial Managing Director Update The purpose of this agenda item is to receive an update on the work taking place in RL Commercial that has an effect on the RFL including Broadcast negotiations. <i>Presentation and discussion on the day.</i> FOR DISCUSSION	Rhodri Jones	30 min

10.0		Concussive & Sub-Concussive Impacts The purpose of this agenda item is to receive an update on the work of the Brain Health Sub-Committee and to understand some initial findings from the Academy Law Trials and other ongoing projects. <i>Paper attached and discussion on the day.</i> FOR DISCUSSION	Tony Sutton / Robert Hicks	30 min
Governance and Operational				
11.0		Anti-Doping Update The purpose of this agenda item is to receive an update on the work being carried out against the UKAD Assurance Framework and on Anti-Doping within the sport. <i>Paper circulated with May Board Pack, presentation attached and discussion on the day.</i> FOR DISCUSSION	Robert Hicks	20 min
Chief Executive Officer & Executive Reports				
12.0		Chief Executive Officer's Report <i>Paper by Tony Sutton</i>		
13.0		Operations & Legal Report <i>Paper by Robert Hicks</i>		
14.0		Operational Plan & Insight Report <i>Paper by Alison O'Brien</i>		
15.0		Finance & Central Services Report <i>Paper by Robert Graham</i>		
16.0		Performance, Development & Match Officials Report <i>Paper by Dave Rotheram & Marc Lovering.</i>		

17.0		People & Culture Report <i>Paper by Victoria Sinacola.</i>		
		Other		
18.0		Litigation <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to provide the Board with an update on existing or pending litigation.</p> <i>Paper by Richard Yates.</i>		
19.0		Rugby League World Cup & RL Commercial <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to receive the minutes of Rugby League World Cup 2021 Ltd and RL Commercial Board meetings within the period.</p> <i>Meeting – 19 June 2023</i>		
20.0		Board Sub-Committee Minutes <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to receive minutes and/or Chair reports from any Sub-Committee meetings or Club meetings held within the period.</p> <i>Audit & Risk Committee – 23 May 2023</i> <i>Community Board – 21 June</i> <i>Nom Co – 24 May</i> <i>Brain Health – 26 May and 26 June 2023</i> <i>CAG – 26 June 2023</i> <i>Laws – 25 May 2023</i>		
21.0		Risks <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to update the Registers of any risks that arise from the meeting.</p>		
22.0		Any Other Business		
23.0		Date of Next Meeting – 5 September 2023		