



# MINUTES

## MINUTES OF THE RLEF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2010

<b>Location</b>	Brunel University, London	<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	3pm, Friday 27 August
<b>Present</b>	Richard Lewis (RFL), Niel Wood (RFL), Danny Kazandjian (RLEF), Brendan Guilfoyle (RLI) Mark Rowley, Iestyn Harris (WRL), Mark Senter, Scott Thorburn (SRL), Remond Safi (LRLF), Nebojsa Sretenovic, Marko Jankovic (SRLF), Gordon Matthews (RLI), Helen Maher (Minutes)	<b>Chair Person</b>	Richard Lewis
<b>In attendance</b>	Mikhael Shammass (AMNRL), Jason Bruygoms & Ronald van den Broek (NRLB), Uwe Jansen (RLD), Andrew Mulhall (CZARL) Nourredine Abdelouahed & Younes Khattabi (MRL), Francisc Serra & Sergi Blazquez (ACRL), Warren Heilig & Bjorn Mikkelsen (RLN), Edgar Taturyan & Aleksey Morozov (Russia), Artur Martyrosyan (URLF), Vigo Valdavs & Vilmars Sokolovs (LRL), Tiziano Franchini & Daniele Veronese (FIRL), Romeo Monteith & Sue Morris (JRLA), Vladimir Drosdov (Kazakhstan), Sahin K�m�rc� & Emin Ulařanođlu (Turkey)		

<b>Item No</b>		<b>Action</b>
1.0	<b>Apologies &amp; Introduction</b>  Apologies were received from France.  RL welcomed all to the meeting and said he was delighted that there was such good representation from the different countries. RL went on to say that this meeting is important in terms of approving a new constitution which is a step forward in the history of the evolution and the development of the Rugby League European Federation (RLEF). It reflects the fact that since 2003, a significant amount of progress has been made and this together with the good work being undertaken by the different countries means that it is time to update the constitution.	
2.0	<b>Minutes of 2009 Meeting</b>  The minutes of the meeting held on 26 August 2009 were approved as a true and accurate record.	



### 3.0 **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

### 4.0 **Sign off 2009 Accounts**

The 2009 accounts were approved by the Members.

### 5.0 **Recommend Wales as Full Members**

RL said that there was a recommendation for Wales Rugby League to become full members of the RLEF. Wales have already been made members of the Rugby League International Federation.

Mark Rowley of Wales Rugby League (WRL) made a presentation on the extensive structure and programme for WRL.

RL said that the RLEF Board met yesterday and looked at the detail of the WRL application for membership and was pleased to support this application.

It was agreed by all Members that WRL should become full members of the RLEF.

RL congratulated the WRL on this landmark achievement.

### 6.0 **Adoption of Articles of Association**

RL said that the RLIF are also revising their constitution which will be sent to Members over the next few weeks with a special General Meeting of the RLIF in November in Auckland and that again will be a very important landmark for the RLIF.

RL went on to say that the RLEF constitution is compatible with the RLIF constitution. The crucial part of what is being proposed is expanding the RLEF Board. RL commented it had so far been France and England but moving forward it is important that we have a much wider Board with independent directors and also directors voted for and elected by the membership to serve on the Board. RL stated that it also lays the foundation for the RLEF to have a limited liability company. At the moment the RLEF is run through the Finance department at the RFL but as the RLEF has grown it is now appropriate to move this into a limited liability company status.



NW said that in addition to those factors and the change in staff, the launch of the new strategy and moving towards establishing the organisation as a limited liability company; the Articles of Association proposed are very timely. NW said that bringing this in line with the RLIF, the Associate Members are now known as Affiliate Members which is consistent with the RLIF Board definitions. The Affiliate Members and the Full Members will have the opportunity to nominate and if required, vote upon a maximum of 2 members for the Board.

GM asked for clarification on item 46 regarding England and France having a veto and asked why this was necessary and how long will this last for.

RL said this was necessary at the moment as England (through the RFL) in particular and France, fund virtually all the activity for the RLEF. In the unlikely event of any real problems it is important and necessary to protect the RFL's investment by having the right to veto with France also having that right. RL confirmed it was the RFL's ambition to remove those vetoes in the medium term.

The Members unanimously approved the Articles of Association.

#### 7.0 **Adoption of RLEF Board & Chairman**

RL said that there is a need to approve an interim Board and Chairman until the new constitution can be implemented with an election and Board members appointed.

RL confirmed there was a Board meeting taking place in France in October where an election for the new Board will have hopefully taken place having been conducted electronically by email and perhaps by hard copy with the Members. The Chairman said until then an interim Board will need to be approved between now and October. The recommendation is for Richard Lewis to continue as Chairman, Niel Wood to be on the Board, along with Nicolas Larrat and Herve Guiraud for the next 6 -8 weeks.

All Members supported this recommendation and agreed to the interim Board.

#### 8.0 **Any Other Business**

RL said that the new RLIF constitution will be published and in the public domain in the next few weeks and this will give the RLEF the right to have one representative on the Board of the RLIF. A new Asia/Pacific Federation will also have the right to have a representative.



So the RLIF Board is also being expanded assuming this is approved by the International Members.

NW said that he had received applications to become Affiliate Members from the Italian and the Jamaican Federations which will now go to the October meeting to be considered and if appropriate approved by the Board.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 1545 hrs.