

**CHESHIRE GIRLS FOOTBALL LEAGUE
AGM COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY 13 JUNE 2017
AT RUDHEATH LEISURE CENTRE, NORTHWICH, 8:15PM**

- 1) **Members Present:** AFC Waverton, Appleton FC. Chester and District Girls, Crewe FC, Cuddington & Sandiway, Egerton Girls, Frodsham Juniors, Hartford FC, Holmes Chapel Hurricanes, Macclesfield Town Ladies, Middlewich Town FC, Northwich Vickies, Runcorn Linnets, Sandbach United, Wilmslow Town.
- 2) **New Clubs in attendance:** Blacon Youth, Middlewich Centurions, Poynton FC, Upton JFC (Chester), Winsford Over 3s.
- 3) **Apologies for absence:** Rylands FC, Tytherington FC, B & M Howard, T Malone.
Members Not Present: Cheshire Blades, Crosfields JFC, Davenham FC, Lymm Rovers JFC, Vale Juniors FC, Witton Albion JFC
- 4) **Minutes of 2015/2016 AGM held on 14 June 2016:**
Proposed: Holmes Chapel Hurricanes Seconded: Northwich Vickies
- 4) **Chairman's Annual report: Fred Burgess.**

Fred gave a summary of season and thanks to all for a successful season. We had 24 Clubs and 97 78 teams across all ages , we also had the County Cup Winners with Sandbach United winning the U15's and Runcorn Linnets Yellows winning the U13s competition for the second year running. Unfortunately, we are saying goodbye and good luck to three Clubs: Orford FC, Rylands FC and Tytherington FC. However, there are five new Clubs intending to join us for next season and are present at this AGM.

Thanks to all the committee members who have worked tirelessly both behind the scenes and at Moss Farm in all weathers during the season. Also to Steph Knott from Cheshire FA for her continued support and input into the League and keeping us informed of local and national initiatives and particularly for trying to set up our U7s initiatives. We now have over 1100 players registered in our League and their skills are regularly displayed each week on our pitches. The team coaches were also acknowledged for their time and efforts in developing these girls and turning many of them into skilful and accomplished footballers who are being rewarded by opportunities in the talent pathways. Also to all the match officials, and new referees that the League has supported over the season. Without them, there would be no games. Finally, Paul Bodell and the team at Brio Leisure were acknowledged for all their support at Moss Farm as well as their use of the Leisure Centre here in Rudheath for our regular meetings.

The Chair finished by informing the members that two new committee members had been recruited: Ben and Maria Howard. Ben will become the compliance officer and Maria who is a current player from Crosfield JFC and also a referee officiating in the League. However, he still requested that more volunteers come forward to help our rapidly expanding League, even if it was one per age group. He concluded by identifying the challenges that will be faced in the next few months and the forthcoming season Eg WGS, new clubs and teams and even a new venue for some of our U13s teams. Looking forward to a great season starting in September.

- 5) **Adoption of Statement of accounts.** Accounts for season 16/17 will be presented at September's meeting. Some invoices are outstanding and clubs have yet to be invoiced for any pitch fees..

6) **Election of Officers to the Management Committee**

Current 2016/17 and agreeing to remain for 17/18

Chairman F Burgess

Secretary K Burgess

Treasurer K Burgess

Registration Secretary H Powell

Fixtures Secretary N Gil

Referees Secretary K Burgess

League Welfare Officer A Thomas

Minute Secretary T Malone

Committee Members joining for new season: B Howard, M Howard.

No other nominations were received, therefore the above were proposed by Appleton FC and Seconded by Hartford FC.

7) **Constitution of the League for Season 2016/2017**

- a) League set up will stay as this season, anticipated from Club intentions:
- U9's - 5 a side
 - U11's - 7 a side
 - U13's – 9 a side
 - U15's – 11 a side

We will also try to incorporate taster tournaments for U11's moving to U13's, U9s moving to U11's and new U9s teams.

- b) New clubs requesting entry to the League: Blacon Youth (U11s); Middlewich Centurions (U11s); Poynton JFC (U9s, U11s); Upton JFC (Chester) U9s, U11s, U13s; Winsford Over 3s(U9s).
- c) Club representatives gave a brief outline of their Club set ups and their aspirations for girls football within their Clubs. All were accepted into the league with no objections.

8) **Alterations to the Administration Rules:**

- a) Admin rules: There are changes to the minimum number of player registrations being increased by 2 players for U13s and U15s. For U9s and U11s, the minimum number remains the same unless more than one team is being entered where the minimum number in each team is one more than the format played eg 5v5 requires a minimum of 6 players registered.
- b) Registration deadline for inclusion in first competitions is 10 July.
- c) Kick off times and venues will be decided after the registration deadline
- d) Communication with the League will only be from the Club secretary or designated Girls contact. New email addresses are being developed for use with the league.

9) **Welfare Officer Updates – Andy Thomas**

- e) Photography at matches. Clubs will be allowed to do this at Moss Farm but MUST follow the guidance document on the FA website.

RESPECT Barriers are to be used on ALL grass pitch games. For the U11s and U9s games the league will provide them but the teams will be responsible for their erection and return to the equipment barn. For U13s and U15s, if you do not have one, you can purchase one from the League by contacting the secretary. Technical areas must be used for ALL matches as per the Administration rules. Failure to do so will incur a fine.

10) Registration Secretary's Comments: Harvey Powell

- a) All clubs should have started the input of their current players on WGS by now. The deadline for this and input of new players for next season is 10 July. There is a new form which will be available electronically for each new team. This should be sent to the registrations secretary for each team. It will identify the Club, team name and age group. It lists the full name of the players in that team with dates of birth and for old players it should be accompanied by last season's ID card. If a new player, then proof of age is required. If a card is missing for a current player, then proof of age is required again. New photographs are required for ALL players. Once the deadline is reached, the league will be able to check the players and either accept or reject their registration.

Need a minimum no of players for this date.

U9's - 5 when only one team. More than one team: 6 for each team.

U11's - 7 when only one team. More than one team: 8 for each team.

U13's - 11

U15's - 13

If there is a name change, then a letter from the parent is required.

11) Fixtures' Secretary's Comments: Neil Gil

- a) Start and conclusion of season: 9 Sept – to 16 December, 13 Jan to 12 May. There may be some night games in the week before 9 Sept for U15s only. We will know more after registration. We are unlikely to have a break for half terms because of different dates across the county.

We will NOT be playing Easter Saturday.

However, we will confirm all dates at the beginning of the season.

12) Treasurer's Comments: Kath Burgess

Fees for 2017/18 Season - will remain the same as this season.

Club Registration - £25, Team registration - £20 each team,

Player Registration - £8 per player.

Referees fees U15's - £20, U13's - £16 U11's - £14 (covers 2 matches)

U9's - £10 (covers 2 matches)

Each team pays the referee half of the above fee. For small sided you always pay in the first match only.

County Cup Games are not organised by the Cheshire Girls League but by Cheshire FA, So if you are entering the competitions, please read their rules very carefully on County website.

13) **Dates of Meetings for 2017/18 season:**

Meetings will be held in Sept, Nov/Dec, Jan/Feb, Mar/Apr, June (AGM).
Plus there will be a compulsory RESPECT meeting for
New Club coaches and ALL new coaches from current Clubs.

14) Club Secretary of the Season:

The club secretary of the season was a unanimous decision and it was
Tony Little from Appleton AFC. He is a League secretary's I deal contact who
was so prompt with compliance with league requirements and everything was
always in order.

15) **AOB**

Steph Knott: Don't forget the women's Euro competition in July. It will be
televised by channel 4. FA's women's football week is not a week. Go on to the
County FA website for more details. Clubs can also register their activities and
once verified, the information will go on the main FA website:

www.fagirlsfootballweek.com

Online resources can be downloaded.

Date of first league meeting of the season will be **Tuesday 5th September 2016.**

Respect Meeting for new coaches and new Clubs: Monday 11 September at
7.30pm at Rudheath Leisure Centre.

Referees Meeting for the start of the season will be during week commencing 4
September.