

**CHESHIRE GIRLS FOOTBALL LEAGUE
MANAGEMENT/LEAGUE COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY 25 MARCH 2019
AT RUDHEATH LEISURE CENTRE, NORTHWICH, 8.00PM**

MINUTES

- 1) **Members Present:** AFC Waverton, Appleton AFC, Cheshire Blades, Chester & District Girls, Congleton Rovers, Crosfield Juniors FC, Cuddington & Sandiway, Egerton Girls, Frodsham Juniors, Hartford FC, Holmes Chapel Hurricanes, Lymm Rovers, Macclesfield Town Ladies, Middlewich Centurions FC, Middlewich Town FC, Nantwich Town, Northwich Vickies, Penlake JFC, Runcorn Linnets, Sandbach Utd, Upton (Chester)JFC, Vale Juniors FC, Wilmslow Town FC, Winsford Diamonds, Witton Albion Juniors.
- 2) **Apologies for absence:** Grappenhall Sports FC

Members Not Present: Blacon Youth FC, Crewe FC
- 3) **Cheshire FA Matters** - Steph raised following: -
 - FA Level one course aimed at females, two courses, one in Stockport Friday 5th April and one at Moss Farm 23rd June. It will be subsidised at a reduced cost of £80. Please contact Steph if interested or go on to the Cheshire FA website.
 - England versus Canada @ Manchester City Stadium 5th April - Tickets have now all sold out. This is a friendly before the world cup in June.
 - Grow the game supporting clubs to develop more female teams there is another opportunity to apply for £1500 grant. Window opened in Feb 19 maximum of 4 applications, if you have had funding in 2017 and 2018 you cannot apply. Also, for disability teams. Again, check the FA website for details. Deadline Thursday 28/3/19
- 4) **Minutes of the meeting held on 4th February 2019** – Proposed – Northwich, Seconded Crosfields.
- 5) **Matters Arising** –
 - a) Incident on 12 January - Just a quick follow up, we have now identified the person and the club are dealing with the individual of the incident.
 - b) Return of Trophies – Trophies need to be returned by the 6th April 2019. You can arrange to leave the trophies at Cheshire FA but please make sure your club name is on it.
 - c) On Line Banking now active – Thanks for your patience this is now up and running.
- 6) **Secretary's report incl Referees – Kath Burgess**
 - a) Indiscriminate car parking. Parking is an issue at the moment for parking on Moss Lane /Firdale Road is causing complaints from residents. Kath is receiving emails from Council at Cheshire West and has a meeting with them to review the parking problems. She has also confirmed to them that there are other users, like the rugby, gymnastics and boys' football at the cricket club..
 - b) Temporary Dismissals Mtg. – The meeting was well attended with 30 people there, However, some clubs were not represented. It is a fairly complicated process for new referees. The presentation will be put on the website, there are going to be more presentations on this topic. We need assurance that your coaches have been to these sessions and are aware of the changes.
 - c) Intentions for next season - Kath will be sending out an intention form that will need to be completed. You can switch between Stockport/Mid Cheshire/Wirral localities and they do

have some different age bands. The aim is to go for single age bands if possible, but we will review after the 30/4 after return of the forms. After discussions it was agreed that we would have a separate meeting in May with the clubs to discuss.

- d) New Applications for next season - We have received 3 to 4 new clubs wishing to enter into the League. These will be reviewed once all other teams have confirmed what they are doing.
- e) New Committee members urgently needed - There are several vacancies for positions within the League. We urgently need volunteers to ensure the League can continue in September 2019.
- f) Referees – Several of the referees that have come through the League are going to be assistant referees in the DFA finals especially at U16s. We need to review whether referees' fees need to be increased in line with other leagues.

7) Correspondence: Kath Burgess

Received notification that Egerton are holding tournament on the 8/9th June 2019. Check the website for details.

8) Treasurer's Report: Kath Burgess.

All pitch fees are to be sent out by the end of the season can you please arrange payment as soon as possible.

9) Registrations' Secretary's Report: Harvey Powell

Thank you for all the clubs that have completed the checks that were sent out. The balance of clubs will be sent out this week. If you can complete the ones sent out the 15/17 March as soon as possible.

If players have left the club then you need to detach them from your club before they can be removed. If you are struggling send an email to Harvey/Andy to detach players from league.

10) League Fixtures Secretary's Report: Kath for Neil)

There are several Saturdays left of the league. Please make, sure you check the website. There are still some small sided games and fixtures for U12's. Please check the venues and times as there are changes to Winsford/Moss Farm/Hartford locations because our bookings at Winsford and Hartford finish on 30 March.

11) League Child Welfare Offices Report: - Andy Thomas

Serious issue concerning a member club – implications for other Clubs and governance for next season.

This issue where a club has played ineligible/unregistered players since the start of the season has raised some serious concerns around the trust in the WGS for date of births and verifying they are correct. As a League we will be increasing the random checks to combat this. However, are we happy as clubs to check the cards? What do we do if we are in that position where the players are not registered or do not look their age? Can the league carry out spot checks on match days? Can we do random checks for new clubs?

We will review the above but would like some ideas from the clubs on how they see this going forward.

- 12) **AOB:** Can we get the grass cut at Moss Farm. Steph raised that the ladies league now has 18 teams in a 6 a side league playing once a month. Let her know if anyone else is interested.

- 13) **Date of next meeting: EGM – Monday 20 May and AGM Monday 17th June 2019 both at 8.00 pm at Rudheath Leisure Centre**

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