

## CHESHIRE GIRLS FOOTBALL LEAGUE

### MANAGEMENT/LEAGUE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY 2nd DEC 2019

AT RUDHEATH LEISURE CENTRE, NORTHWICH, 8.00PM

- 1) **Members Present:** AFC Waverton, Alexander Soccer Centre, Appleton AFC, Cheshire Blades, Chester Nomads, Congleton Rovers, Crewe, Crosfield Juniors Cuddington & Sandiway, Frodsham Juniors, Grappenhall Sports, Hartford, Holmes Chapel Hurricanes, Macc Town Ladies, Middlewich Town, Newton le Willows, Northwich Victoria, Penlake, Runcorn Linnets, Sandbach Utd, Upton JFC, Vale Juniors, Winsford Diamonds, Winsford Over 3's, Witton Albion.
- 2) **Apologies for absence:** Kath Burgess, Ben Howard, Egerton, Wilmslow Town,

**Members Not Present:** Barnton Juniors, Blacon Youth, Middlewich Centurions, Moore Utd, Weston Point

- 3) **Cheshire FA Matters** - Steph raised following:
  - FA Wildcats applications are open. Cheshire FA has 10 licences to distribute. Please email Steph if interested.
  - Grow the Game Grant opening in Jan. Contact Steph for details. If you had a GTG grant this year then cannot apply again.
  - Mini Futsal – going to try again. A leaflet will be sent to all clubs regarding a fun futsal tournament to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> Jan at Winford Academy – U7/U8/U9 age groups. FA Level one course aimed at females starting 20<sup>th</sup> Oct in Ellesmere Port, reduced rate of £80. Additional courses will be set up for later in the year across the county

4) **Matters Arising** - Winsford Over 3's were asked to stay behind

- 5) **Secretary Report:** Paul updated and also passed on some comments from Kath
  - a) Clubs must ensure that the club to league communication channel improves. Only through your club secretary or designated head of girls. Only these people should contact the league secretary:  
Emails to use:  
[Secretary@cg-fl.com](mailto:Secretary@cg-fl.com) use this for postponements and missed fixtures too  
[registrations@cg-fl.com](mailto:registrations@cg-fl.com)  
[compliance@cg-fl.com](mailto:compliance@cg-fl.com)  
[treasurer@cg-fl.com](mailto:treasurer@cg-fl.com)  
[welfare@cg-fl.com](mailto:welfare@cg-fl.com)  
Abusive messages will not be tolerated. We are all volunteers too. If you have constructive comment and can offer help, then this is appreciated.
  - b) **Moss Farm Issues –Small sided pitches.**  
As per message sent to all club secretaries, we have faced some issues with small sided pitches at Moss Farm. Mostly as a result of losing a school pitch. We have tried our best to create a work around which includes marking up an extra pitch at Moss Farm. One U11 team has folded also so it as meant a re-shuffle. This does mean that in divisions where there are an odd number of teams some weeks you may only have 1 game. Please make sure you pass on these league messages to coaches, so they understand why dates have changed etc.

- c) **Charter Standard Criteria** – FA are announcing a review of the Charter Standard Criteria which will be designed to streamline and make it easier to manage. Cheshire FA will update in due course.
  - d) **U15's representative** – Rick has stood down. Tony Little (Appleton AFC) will try and pick this up from now once he has caught up with Rick.
- 6) **Correspondence** – none
- 7) **Treasurers report** –
- a) Account Balance at 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec is £3,883.55  
We have pitch fees for Nov to pay to Brio and CCFA as well as referees fees. Invoices will be sent out after the last match on 14<sup>th</sup> Dec for pitch and referees fees to date.
- 8) **Registrations Secretary** – Remember the deadline for new registrations (Weds at 7pm). Clubs are sending registrations through as late as Friday and pushing for action before the weekend. We cannot sit by PC's looking for registrations. If submitted by deadline players will get registered, please limit the chasing up. Coaches' badges that have been issued are always available for collection at the equipment Barn not Cheshire FA, if not got badge then send photo (if new coach) and name to [registrations@cg-fl.com](mailto:registrations@cg-fl.com) coach must be on WGS and tagged against the team to be registered against else we cannot find them.
- 9) **League Fixtures Secretary**- So far this season we have only lost 2 weekends of fixtures on grass. Except at U15 where there has been more disruption due to poor pitches and county cup games.  
**See also Secretary report above re small sided pitches.**  
In frosty conditions every effort is made to try and get games played safely and this sometimes means a late call on pitch condition. Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Nov was a one off where there was some break down in communicating the pitch status on twitter. The league has moved to ensure we try and get twitter notifications out asap. But please consider again we are volunteers, we will likely be walking the pitches or travelling. So, if notices are late it is not deliberate. Note decisions on pitches are often made as late as possible to try and get games on.  
County Cup Games are being rescheduled also due to bad weather/ pitches and as these games are priority it will have an impact on league games.  
Finally – it is noted that Brio is now closed on a Friday which makes pitch inspection plans for Fridays difficult. If we have any local volunteers that can help, please reach out.
- 10) **Compliance office** – Fines are down which is great news.
- 11) **League Child Welfare Office** –
- a. Unbalanced games – at U9/U10/U11 you should look to re-balance unfair games. Unbalanced games are very detrimental to player enjoyment and development. Teams should employ the power play rule or use other methods. The power play rules details have been re-posted on twitter since the meeting.
  - b. Level of noise from spectators was also raised by the attendees. Yes, supporters should cheer etc but if its' very one sided then consider the impact cheering for a goal has on the young girls in the other team. Spectators should follow the code of conduct and not issue instructions to teams.
  - c. Technical area – 3 coaches may be allowed provided they are not all giving instructions at the same time. Please consider the impact of 3 coaches all bawling instructions. It can be intimidating to both sets of players. Where the league feels it necessary a coach may be required to leave the technical area and return to the spectators area.
  - d. Trans people inclusion document – directed to read the document posted on website, page 25 specifically. The league fully supports this initiative.
- 12) **Referee's Secretary** - No update. But was flagged by member club that recent referee didn't understand the power play rule and refused to let teams use it. League will re-educate referees. Also, it was suggested that if any issues with referees like this then both teams should write a note on the results sheet so we can action more immediately.

### **13) AOB**

- a. Time scheduling at Winsford.** Member club raised that games are kicking off later and later (as much as 35 mins late). League will notify facility and push them to manage this better with earlier users. Again, though if games KO late please mark this on the results sheet with any supporting info as to why and then we can use this as evidence when engaging with facility managers.
- b. TWITTER** will be the default for postponement notifications (i.e pitch issues etc), If there is a change early in the week or weeks in advance then this will show on FullTime and league will message clubs involved. But for pitch inspection cancelations we will use Twitter. It is up to clubs / teams to update parents etc.

**Date of Next meeting: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 8pm prompt**

**Future Meetings : 15 June (AGM)**