

CHESHIRE GIRLS FOOTBALL LEAGUE

MANAGEMENT/LEAGUE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY 2nd March 2020

AT RUDHEATH LEISURE CENTRE, NORTHWICH, 8.00PM

- 1) **Members Present:** AFC Waverton, Alexander Soccer Centre, Appleton AFC, Barnton Juniors, Cheshire Blades, Chester Nomads, Congleton Rovers, Crewe, Crosfield Juniors, Cuddington & Sandiway, Egerton Girls, 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, Witton Albion.
- 2) **Apologies for absence:** Kath Burgess, Harvey Powell, Paul Kelsall, Winford Over3's

Members Not Present: Blacon Youth, Middlewich Centurions, Moore Utd, Newton le Willows, Weston Point, Wilmslow Town, Weaverham YFC, Nantwich Town.

- 3) **Cheshire FA Matters** - Steph raised following:
 - Grow the Game Grant open. Contact Steph for details. If you had a GTG grant in last 2 years then cannot apply again. Available funds up to £1500 per team, 1st come 1st served.
 - Cheshire FA has a Female (open age) recreational fund available £400 – contact Steph for details.
 - Subsidised Ladies only FA 1 course starting 7th June at Holmes Chapel Leisure Centre (costs £80) – details on Cheshire FA website.
 - New course being released by FA – “football activator”, online designed to get parents up to speed that want to help but can't do an FA1. Details will be sent to clubs when Steph.
 - Mini Futsal –U7/U8/U9 age groups. Starting this weekend, contact Steph for details.
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- 4) **Minutes of last meeting available on website** – no vote taken
- 5) **Matters Arising** - None

- 6) **Secretary Report:**

- a) Clubs with Trophies to return will be sent an email this week and trophies to be returned to either Equipment store on a Saturday or Cheshire FA during the week. Must be returned with the notice/label that will be sent on email so we can check exactly who and what has been returned.
- b) Notice of Intentions forms for next season will be sent out shortly. The deadline for returns is April 30th. Age bands will be single and run from U9 through to U16. It was noted that in order to facilitate all of the age groups it is certain that U15 and U16 will have to play home and away (and thus clubs should start to source pitch space). It is also likely that the U14's will have to play home and away too as there is simply not enough space at Moss Farm, due to the fact that there are 18 U12 teams that will transition to U13 and there are only 6 grass 11 aside pitches available at Moss Farm. To accommodate teams playing home and away the League accepts that KO times will need to be flexible between 9am and 1pm.

- 7) **Correspondence** – Andy mentioned that some of the younger ages groups (U9 and U10) are not communicating with Kath when requesting friendlies etc (they are not confirming).
- 8) **Treasurers report** –
- a) Account Balance is £5,736.57
Invoices will be sent as follows:
Final registrations in April (after the March registration deadline).
Pitch and Ref Fees after the 2nd May.
- 9) **Registrations Secretary** – Deadline for registration of new Players is end of March, after which no new player can be registered for U11 and upwards. The league will accept new player registrations at U9 and U10 after this date.
There is a problem with the coaches badges system at present but please still do process coach badge requests and this will be sorted asap.
- 10) **League Fixtures Secretary**- We have only lost one weekends fixtures since the New Year. Fixtures will be re-scheduled where we ca. U15, U13 and U12 fixtures already stretch to 2nd May, so if we have any further postponements we will likely have to look at mid week evening games (once clocks go forward), however if the game will not impact the top two positions in a division then we will not push for fixture to be fulfilled. U12 fixtures scheduled for Hartford on 2nd May have been moved to Moss Farm, this may result in minor adjustments to KO times.
There is also a play-off game for the runners up of the U12 Croco Division to be scheduled.

Kath noted she is aware that the fixtures at Winsford Academy are kicking off very late. This has been flagged on numerous occasions with the management but we are getting no action. If we can avoid using Winsford Academy venue next season we will, have already booked extra slots at Hartford in anticipation of the numbers at U11.

U14 were scheduled to finish on 21st March. They have been offered a knock out cup with 1st round starting 21st March and the final on the 2nd May, but we lost last weekend games so will try and fit the division /league games around the cup games once teams get knocked out, but they may have to be scheduled for evenings So far only 5 teams have entered and the deadline is the 7th March.

U11's finish fixtures this Saturday (7th March), so we have offered a knock out cup to be played on the 21st and 28th March and the quarter and semis on the 25th April with final on 2nd Mat (09:15 KO). 15 Teams have confirmed, deadline for entry is 7th March.

U10's Hawks finish on 21st March and Ospreys and Eagles on the 28th March. Unfortunately due to Easter and the way the fixtures drop for other age groups we cannot arrange any more games or offer a vuo.

U9's all fixtures finish 28th Mach and they have the same issue as U10's.

However if any U9, U10's want to arrange a friendly for the 25th April or 2nd May, then please arrange the teams yourselves and book pitch through Kath (minimum 2 weeks notice please).

- 11) **Compliance office** – Fines are down which is great news. If unpaid or unsure please speak to Ben

12) League Child Welfare Office – Note the new heading guidelines posted on website. Important that all coaches and parents/players understand and protect players from heading as per the guidelines.

13) Referee's Secretary - No update. But was flagged that on occasion Refs are not showing up. Please mark this on results sheet so we can monitor and not pay the ref!

14) AOB Nothing raised.

Date of Next meeting: AGM on Monday 15th June at 8pm