



THE WEST RIDING GIRLS FOOTBALL LEAGUE **MEETING MINUTES – 3 DECEMBER 2018**

CHAIRPERSONS OPENING COMMENTS (CRAIG WEBB)

Craig opened the meeting at 20:10 and spoke about Social media and particularly the current girls Facebook page (West Yorkshire girls junior managers and coaches). He also confirmed that the WRGFL are looking to set up WhatsApp pages for each age group, we have an U8 page already (administered by Sianna Haxby at Brighouse Juniors) and want to roll this out to all age groups. He asked if anyone wanted to set up their age group to get in touch with him or if they wanted to join the Facebook Page to contact him or request the page through Facebook and sign in that way.

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ROLL CALL

The following clubs were not present at the meeting

Ackworth Juniors

Bingley Juniors

Bolton Woods (apologies received)

Brayton Belles

Brighouse Town (apologies received)

Castleford White Rose

Farsley Celtic

Garforth Rangers

Hemsworth Town (apologies received)

Hunslet Club (apologies received)

Kellingley Welfare (apologies received)

King Cross

Marsden FC

Methley United (apologies received)

North East Leeds Lionesses

Sporting Leeds Red (apologies received)

Woodkirk Valley (apologies received)

Russ spoke about Clubs sharing best practise and presenting how they did things at their Club. He explained that Bradford City were doing the first presentation and other clubs would be invited in to speak about their clubs at future meeting. (Update: Guiseley Girls have come forward and will present at the next meeting in March 2019).

We are looking for a second Club if anyone wishes to come forward.

PRESENTATIONS

QASIM AKHTAR & PAUL SCOTT (BRADFORD CITY)

Presentation by Bradford City looked mainly at their open days and how they coach their players and get parent buy in. They also spoke about how they educate parents about fair play and pitch side behaviours.

JULIA HOGAN (LEEDS UNITED FOUNDATION)

Julia Hogan from Leeds United Foundation spoke about the opportunities coming up for grassroots clubs over the next year as part of the Leeds United 'on the road' scheme. Leeds United Foundation are looking to get more involved with grassroots clubs and left details of what is available and an 'interest' form for clubs to complete.

If you wish to get in touch with Julia to discuss further please contact her on:

Julia.hogan@leedsunited.com

REPORTS

SECRETARY'S REPORT (RUSS CLARKE)

Cup Semi-Finals

Russ confirmed that due to a change in holiday scheduling in Leeds/Bradford that the Cup and Shield Semi-Finals were having to be moved from 06/07 April 2019 to the weekend of 30/31 March 2019. The Semi-Finals will be moved on-block but those teams who have players missing on 30/31 March 2019 should get in touch and each teams game would be looked at individually. Clubs need to be patient this season as the Easter Holidays stretch over nearly 4 weeks across our region.

Cup Finals and Cup Semi-Finals venues

A number of clubs came forward who are happy to host our Cup Finals and Cup Semi-Finals which is great news. Wetherby Athletic after a Club meeting have also indicated that they may be able to host again as well.

Russ asked the Clubs who had come forward to stay at the end of the meeting so he could speak to the representatives about the leagues requirements. Silsden, Kirk Deighton, Upton United, Whitkirk and Wetherby are the Clubs who have come forward. (Update: the representatives of the clubs are now going back to discuss at club level and either confirm they are still interested in hosting or not)

Presentation to Wetherby Athletic

Russ presented a plaque to Wetherby Athletic Sports Association and Football Clubs for hosting last seasons Cup Semi-Finals and Finals.

Meetings

The Secretary noted that he had been contacted by a number of clubs in relation to running the league quarterly meetings as webinars instead of travelling to a meeting place. The teams who have requested this have a long way to travel and quite often for 'not much'. Russ asked for feedback from the meeting about this. It was agreed that the meetings should remain as a meeting but those clubs wishing to attend via webinar could. From March both forms of attendance will be available.

SSE Wildcats and FA Mars 'Just Play' Centres

Both the CFA and the WRGFL have sent out information to all clubs about becoming SSE Wildcats or FA Mars 'Just Play' Centres. Russ (with support from Steve Conboy, CFA) answered questions from the floor about the centres. It was confirmed that the closing date for applications was 4 December 2018 and if clubs were interested they should start the application forms immediately. If you have missed any of this communication (you were not at the meeting) and are interested as a club or just want more information please contact Steve Conboy.

Steve.conboy@westridingfa.com

WRGFL Galas

It was confirmed that the Galas were now going really well after a slow start. The league still needs more teams at U7's so if any clubs out there have a pool of youngsters itching to play football please let Russ know and he will pass Gala information on to them.

YU18GFL

There is going to be a meeting for all U16 teams at the County FA later on in December 2018. The meeting is to discuss transition from the WRGFL to the Yorkshire U18 Girls Football League for season 2019/2020. We are still waiting for confirmation from a couple of other leagues before the date can be set. All U16 teams will be contacted very soon.

We only do positive

All Clubs should be directing managers/coaches to the FA.Com or CFA websites so they can read and download the 'We only do positive' handbook. It is another strong message from the FA that grassroots football is high on their agenda.

TREASURERS REPORT (BEV ANTHONY)

Bev confirmed that the WRGFL currently have £9,199.71 in the bank, there are no payments outstanding. There is currently £2,520.00 outstanding in league entry fees. The clubs who have league entry fees outstanding are:

Ackworth Juniors
Altofts Juniors
Battleyford Belles
Bingley Juniors
Bolton Woods
Farsley Celtic
Horsforth SM
King Cross
Leeds United Foundation
Pinfold Pumas
Shadwell United
Thackley Juniors
Woodlanders Jaguars
Wortley Girls
York RI

Bev noted that it may be the treasurer information the league has is wrong, however, the invoices were sent with the club secretary's copied in. Please pay these invoices within 7 day.

Bev also reminded Clubs that the WRGFL accounts are available for anyone to see at any time. If a Club wishes to see them let Bev know and she will arrange this with you.

Bevanthony21@gmail.com

Accountants

Our Accountants Cromack and Company have been taken over by KLA Kilner Johnson Ltd. It was agreed at the AGM that Cromack and Company would verify our accounts for season 2018/2019. At this moment in time we have no idea whether KLA Kilner Johnson Ltd will continue to verify our accounts or not or what they will charge. Russ asked the league meeting whether they would

give the MC the go ahead to speak to KLA Kilner Johnson Ltd about accounts verification going forward and if the terms were not acceptable appoint another accounting firm. A vote was taken and unanimously in favour of allowing the MC to take this forward and report back at the March 2019 meeting.

FIXTURES SECRETARY'S REPORT (NICK TOWNEND)

How it is going in general

In Nick's absence Russ reported that we are doing quite well at the moment with most Cup competitions at Semi-Final stage after this coming weekend (8/9 December 2018). The Shield Competitions are also underway.

The league are concerned that a lot of teams are postponing games because they are short of players on a given day. The WRGFL are going to look into these postponements more closely and from this meeting forward teams will be required to provide more information on postponement forms. If you are postponing a game because you are short of players we now require the names of those players unavailable putting on the sheets and for what reason that player cannot play. Teams not supplying that information will run the risk of further action being taken by the WRGFL.

We cannot afford to keep losing so many games early in the season. Some teams are already scheduled to be playing in May without the serious winter weather postponements.

Christmas Fixtures

Russ noted that Christmas fixtures are now very thin on the ground so if teams have not checked whether they are playing or not they need to do so. If teams do not wish to play on 22/23 December or 29/30 December they should get forms in quickly. If teams wish to play on those dates and don't have a game please let Russ know and he will see if other teams in that age group are looking for a game.

Development Leagues

The WRGFL will be looking at the Development Leagues over the Christmas period and seeing whether they should be revamped or left as they are. The MC would appreciate all teams who are playing in the U7-U11's age groups to come forward with any thoughts they have regarding this. In the main things seem to be going well but some teams may feel out of their depth in the divisions they are in. The U8's Sunday division is short of players for instance, would anyone be interested in moving into that or amalgamating the whole U8's into one?

REGISTRATION SECRETARY'S REPORT (PAZ NAHL)

The WRGFL have 2,452 girls registered with the league at the moment. The target for this season (2018/2019) is 2,500 so we are well on our way to that target. Russ noted that we are probably already there as a number of U7 teams have still not registered their players. Those U7 teams still need to register their teams even if only playing in the Galas. Russ asked that all U7's team players are registered by the end of December 2018.

The breakdown of registrations is as follows:

U07	14
U08	128
U09	201
U10	353
U11	362
U12	406
U13	347
U14	284
U15	168
U16	232

REFEREE SECRETARY'S REPORT (CARL RIDYARD)

No report.

LWO REPORT (STEVE SHIPPEY)

No report

AOB

There were some 'any other business' discussions on the night and after discussion all parties were happy with responses and outcomes.

Russ Clarke
Secretary WRGFL.