

**CHESHIRE GIRLS LEAGUE
MANAGEMENT/LEAGUE COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 09
AT MOSS FARM, NORTHWICH, 8.00 PM**

MINUTES

- 1) **Members Present:** Barnton Youth, Bradwell Belles, Crewe & Nantwich Girls, Crossfield Juniors, Frodsham Juniors, Great Sutton Ladies, Halton Girls, Lightwood Rangers, Lymm Rovers, Macclesfield Town Ladies, Sandbach United, Vicars Cross, Warrington Town, Winsford Girls, Witton Albion.
- 2) **Apologies for absence:** None received
- 3) **Chairman's opening remarks of the season:** Tony Lee welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked all the committee members for their work. He also thanked Kath Burgess for volunteering to take over the secretary's role, without this then the League would not have run as an independent girls' league. He also pointed out that England Women had reached the finals of the world cup which was being televised Thursday at 17.00 hours.
- 4) **Cheshire FA Officials to address the meeting:** Trevor Massey and Stephanie Knott were both due to address the meeting but unfortunately had not been able to make it. Michelle Wilcock did attend the meeting and gave a brief outline of what Trevor Massey had wanted to discuss. The Respect Programme was a national campaign and they were encouraging barriers to be used for the U14's and U16's in the Cheshire Girls' League. Kath would follow up with Trevor. If anyone had any questions then feed them through to Kath.

Michelle brought some information on Women Only Referees' courses that are being run in the October half term. They are free and if anybody is interested then they should let Stephanie Knott know. She also gave some information on Age Appropriate Awards courses that were being run. This is an additional coaching course and there are three courses running in October/November.

Stephanie and Michelle were also looking to run the Under 8's Girls Training sessions on a Saturday morning probably starting in October and through to November. They are looking for Volunteers to take the role on who has a minimum of Level 1 coaching course. If any teams have any girls that could volunteer to carry out this role then please let Steph or Michelle know. It was piloted last year and was a success. However more U8 girls are required. If you have any younger girls that come to your training sessions that cannot play at the moment then please forward the information on to them.

The roadshows that ran over the summer were good and well received and various clubs have used them. They are likely to be run again at the beginning of next season.

- 5) **Correspondence**, Kath had received some information on the 9 v 9 sided game and she had added it to the website. If everyone could take some time to review.
- 6) **Secretary's Report/Referee's Report**: the Committee had had a meeting with Peter Nicholls from Cheshire FA and explained the concerns regarding the number of clubs that were lost at the end of last season. He is keen to carry on and develop the League to become charter standard. Cheshire Girls League was not far away.

Kath raised the issue of when she is e-mailing secretary's details about fees for referees it does not appear to be getting through to all the managers as we still had issues on the first Saturday. Please ensure any information does get passed down to individual managers.

There were still a few issues with girls wearing Jewellery during games. Can you please ensure that before the girls go on the pitch that no jewellery is being worn. Also glasses cannot be worn on a football pitch, this is a safety issue for the girls and also for the players they are playing against.

- 7) **Treasurer's Report** Current balance as at 8/9/09 = £3,522.79. However, it did look like we were going to have to renew some of the corner posts. Great Sutton asked if it was possible to give a schedule of when invoices would be coming out to the clubs. Kath estimated that the Pitch Fees for Sept to December and the player registration fees would come out early in February. The second half pitch fees would likely be invoiced in April.

To give the clubs an idea the estimate of last years pitch fees were £9 per team per fixture for 11 a side and £3.50 per team per fixture for 7 a side.

8) **League Fixtures Secretary's Report**, Fixtures were all on the website and unfortunately, the U14's first games had to change due to Warrington dropping out of the league resulting in only one U14s league. U10's and U12's will be playing each other twice and they will be playing over half term. The U14's are playing one league of 13 teams and will be playing over half term. The U16's is one league of 10 and the County Cups may be playing over half term.

Please keep an eye on the website and Mark will try to give at least 3/4 weeks notice of any changes.

- 10) **Registrations Secretary's report**, Dave King reported that he was generally up to date with registrations. However, he had received some bizarre forms with no team names, wrong age groups etc. Can you please check the forms before they are sent through so that these errors can be picked up quickly and returned to the correct club.

There was an issue with clubs changing their team names and it is believed this mainly happened due to the club forms not being issued with the registration forms. This will be rectified for next season.

There is a new form for managers and assistants to be registered with the League. This is on the website and can all secretaries pass these to the team managers for completion and return to them. They need to be completed by the end of October, so that for the first league games in November the badges should be worn..

- 11) **League Child Welfare Officer's report:** The League affiliations appear to have gone smoothly and Andy Ridgeway from Cheshire FA believes we are ahead of the game compared to other County FAs. All clubs should now be thinking about getting all Managers, Coaches and volunteers CRB checked over the next twelve months. Tracey has a list of all the clubs and their coaches etc who have already got valid CRBs and this might be useful if clubs wish to see it.

If anyone requires any help or assistance then let Tracey know.

- 12) **Moss Farm Issues** Overall the first Saturday went well and parking was good with parents aware of the correct place where they should be dropping off children. There was an incident where an Ambulance had to be called where a girl had knee ligament damage.

Please be aware that the process for reporting incidents is:-

Contact the Moss Farm reception who will obtain a first aider to come and assess the injury. If an ambulance is required then Moss Farm will call one as they need to open the gate and let the ambulance onto the field. Please feed this information back to all managers.

- 13) **AOB:** Crossfields raised an issue where there was a gentleman with a red birth mark on the side of his face, watching and hanging around the girls toilets. If you see any strange people hanging around then please inform Moss Farm staff.

Witton raised an issue where their pitch on Saturday morning was covered in cans and bottles from Friday evening. Can we ask the Moss Farm staff just to check that these are removed.

- 14) **Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 10th November 09**

Tracey Malone