



TIMPERLEY & DISTRICT JFL

MINUTES OF THE LEAGUE MEETING HELD ON THE 21st of AUGUST AT THE HOUGH END CENTRE

1.0) GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

1a) Role call

Absent: - Cheadle & Gatley, Cheadle Royal, FC Blue Star, FC Sporting Sale, Hough End, Irlam Juniors, Juno and Winton Warriors.

Apologies: - John Burnett, Roy Robinson, Nick Wooldridge, Carl Hickman, Karen Liston, Chris Cole, Colin Acton, Stuart Liston, Unicorn Athletic, Urmston Town, and Wilmslow Sports.

2.0) LEAGUE OFFICERS REPORTS

2a) Vice Chairman – Peter Walker

- i) The Vice-Chairman explained that the Chairman had sent his apologies - he was attending an FA meeting.
- ii) The Vice Chairman also welcomed everyone to the new season and gave a special welcome to the new clubs who have joined this season.
- iii) Although discipline was better last season, we still have a lot of work to do. We have the League Charter now so make sure your managers/coaches and spectators adhere to it.
- iv) The April MOM were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Mobberley and seconded by AFC Urmston Meadowside

2b) General Secretary - Andy Gorman

- i) The General Secretary advised that with so many teams sharing pitches especially from Under 12's and above the fixturing is a very complicated and interlinked process. Please check all the fixtures issued so far and advise if there are any issues. He asked that any permanent changes to venues or kick-off times only come via Club Secretaries – we are getting requests from Managers to Divisional Secretaries that are do not fit with the Club's arrangements for their other Teams. Only changes from the Club Secretaries will be actioned.
- ii) ID badges: there are 1050 managers/coaches registered in WGS at the moment 930 badges have been processed, there are however, 120 outstanding from last season. The next "run off" will be on the 29th – which will include anyone included as of the 26th of August.
- iii) At the AGM we advised that we needed an Under 11 Divisional Secretary as 3 age groups were too many for Carla to handle. Lee Stewart was scheduled to be the League Welfare Officer; however, we did not receive any applications for the Under 11's Divisional Secretary role – but instead Nick Wooldridge, currently Altrincham Juniors Club WO has agreed to be the LWO. This means that Lee can take the role of Under 11's Divisional Secretary.
- iv) There is a club Discipline Officers meeting arranged for the 11th of September details will be sent out.
- v) To date 6,000 registrations have been received and ,5000 have been approved - and a small number rejected. We estimate that in total we will get approximately 8,500 registrations.
- vi) Please make sure everyone in your Club is aware of and has seen the League Charter. Particularly important that Managers are familiar with it and take the lead in following it, to set the example to players and parents.
- vii) Please ensure managers are all familiar with the new rules on Fixture Free Weekends and on KO time changes.
- viii) Please make sure player suspensions that were served in 22/23 are cleared before the season starts – County will need to do these for you – otherwise the player ID sheet will show the player as suspended. You will also need to get County to allocate 23/24 games to players with suspensions that 'roll-over' into the new season. Registrations will be left as 'pending 'until they are cleared.

2c) Treasurer Roy Robinson Apologies

- i) No report.

2d) Referee's Secretary Stuart Liston Apologies

- i) The Referees Secretary advised that the Referees department would operate in the same way as last season,
- ii) Please ensure that when a Referees ask for a BACS payment, ensure you do pay within 48 hours. Payment is by cash if they do not request BACS.

- iii) The Referees Secretary will try and appoint Referees up to Thursday evening – after that you can arrange your own – please advise Stuart if you acquire a Referee - as he will be still looking. If you don't advise him and he finds one, the League referee is to do the game.
- iv) Fees for the coming season
U9/U10 - £20
U11/U12 - £25
U13/U14/U15 - £30 (increased)
U16/U17/U18 - £35 (increased)

2e) Welfare Officer Nick Wooldridge Apologies

- i) Nick will be at the September meeting.

2g) Assistant League Secretary Brian Fletcher

- i) We will be clamping down on league meeting absenteeism – ensure you send a substitute or you will be fined.
- ii) Ensure your Match Stats are added to FT by Wednesday after of your game or fines will be sent out.
- iii) We have had many issues of the last few seasons, with respect to, “failure to fulfil” because of insufficient numbers - the League rules, 20 D) – states the minimum number of players are as follows – 5V5 = 4, 7V7 = 5, 9V9 = 6, 11V11 = 7. You must play if you have this number of players available.

2g) Assistant League Secretary John Halfpenny

- i) Last season teams from our league did exceptionally well in the Altrincham & District FA – Sunday Cup, we had a quarter finalist and a semi-finalist – I already have 11 applicants if anyone else is interested please contact me and I will provide the ADFA competition secretary with the details. The League will cover entry fees.
- ii) As normal we will be having “mentors” this season for our younger Referees – please look after them it's very difficult as it is to keep Referees without losing any due to abuse. The younger ones also wear yellow arm bands, please treat them, and all Referee's with respect.

3.0) DIVISIONAL SECRETARIES' REPORTS

3a) Youth Division Under 18's Owen Henshall

- i) There are 57 teams at Under 17's/18's this season this is up from 46 last season.
- ii) There will be 7 Divisions and we will be using last season's information but will play 3 or 4 weeks of development games, to decide final seedings.
- iii) Quite a few photos have been rejected because they are not passport style photos, they include backgrounds and other issues.
- iv) All registration will be actioned by this weekend.

3b) Under 16's Chris Cole – Colin Acton covering - Apologies

- i) Registrations in hand.
- ii) Fixtures on FT

3c) Under 15's Simon Foden

- i) We have reduced the number of divisions to 5 as this season we have 48 teams, last season we had 6 divisions, as we had more teams.
- ii) All registrations to date are actioned.
- iii) All fixtures are on FT.

3d) Under 14's Karen Liston Apologies

- i) Registrations in hand.
- ii) Fixtures on FT

3e) Under 13's Carl Hickman Apologies

- iii) Registrations in hand.
- iv) Fixtures on FT
- v) Two development games to assist transition to 11v11, then Divisions of 10.

3f) Under 12's Tim Mullock

- i) All registrations received to date have been actioned.

- ii) We have 71 teams which equates to 9 divisions of 7 and 1 of 8; the registration secretary will arrange friendlies for the odd teams each week.
- iii) There are 8 new teams to add, so the first 4 weeks will be development games – Carla has provided details on last season Under 11's so that will help in sorting out new divisions.

3f) Under 11's Lee Stewart

- i) Registrations in the system, they will be actioned by this coming Friday.
- ii) Fixtures should be uploaded on FT by this weekend.
- iii) The first few games will be development games – info on last season has been provided by Carla so hopefully development games will just finalise the divisions.

3i) Under 9s, and 10's Carla Parker

- i) The respect meeting is on the 5th of September and is compulsory for Under 9's Managers/Coaches and any Under 10's that are new. Anyone else can attend if you wish.
- ii) The season before last we did not hold a respect meeting and misconduct was very high. Last season, we held a respect meeting and the misconducts drastically reduced.
- iii) All fixtures – “development” – are on FT now for at least the first two weeks.
- iv) Please check the fixtures and advise Carla of any clashes by the 31st.

3j) Under 7s' & 8's Andy Gorman

- i) The U7's and U8's will start at the end of September Under 8's on the 23rd and Under 7's on the 30th at the Power League Ardwick.
- ii) At the moment we have odd team number at both age groups if you can add another team that would mean everybody plays.

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1. Next meeting will be on 4th September 2023.
2. Additional Meeting Dates
 - 5th September – U9 Meeting at Hough End
 - 11th September - Discipline Officers Meeting.