

Minutes from Cheshire Girls Football League AGM
Held on Tuesday 19th May 2009 at Moss Farm Cricket Club

Members Present: Altrincham Town FC, Bradwell Belles, Crewe & Nantwich, Crosfield Juniors, Egerton FC, Frodsham Juniors, Great Sutton Ladies, Halton Girls, Lymm Rovers, Macclesfield Town, Port Vale, Sandbach United, Vicars Cross, Warrington Town, Winsford Girls, Tony Lee (Chair), Kath Burgess, Mark Dropala, Lynn Lee, Tracey Malone

In attendance – Barnton Juniors FC, Lightwood Rangers, Stephanie Knott (Cheshire FA), Jim Taylor (Cheshire & Manchester Women's League Secretary)

2) **Apologies for Absence** - None

3) **Minutes of 2007/08 AGM held on 20 May 2008:** Accepted as a true record, proposed by Witton Albion, Seconded by Sandbach United

4) **Chairman's Annual Report:**

Again it was another very good season and the girls appeared to have enjoyed themselves. He thanked the teams for all the support over fixture changes and being flexible over games. Congratulations were given to all of the winners and runners up of the competitions and look forward to the start of the new season.

5) **Adoption of Statement of Accounts**

The accounts for the 2008/2009 season were issued by the treasurer (attached). Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Warrington Town and Seconded by Great Sutton.

The Football Foundation grant that was obtained for Cheshire Girls League with the help of Stephanie Knott at Cheshire FA, is to cover coaching courses for Safeguarding Children, Level 1, Level 2 and first aid. This is to help with the building up and supporting of the U8's league. If anyone has any older girls or people who would be interested in coaching and taking sessions on a Saturday morning for U8's then this funding is for them. Please let Kath know of any nominations.

6) **Election of Officers to the Management Committee:**

One nomination received for Registration Secretary from Dave King (Vicars Cross) and this was accepted.

The following positions were appointed unopposed:

Chairman	Tony Lee
Secretary	<u>Vacant</u>
Treasurer	Kath Burgess
Fixtures' Secretary	Mark Dropala
Registrations' Secretary	Dave King
Referees' Secretary	Kath Burgess
League Welfare Officer	Tracey Malone
Minute Secretary	Tracey Malone
Committee Members:	Rob Pilkington
	Lynn Lee

Tony Lee ran through again the vacant secretary's position as there had been no volunteers for this role. He explained the issues that the League would not be able to run without a Secretary and the meetings that had taken place with Cheshire FA to try to resolve. He urged clubs to try to find a volunteer for this role.

7) **Constitution of League for 2009/2010 Season**

From the letters of intention, it looks like we may be yet again oversubscribed. There will be U10's, U12's, U14's and U16's Leagues. Taking account of those clubs that applied by the deadline the intentions are:

U10's - 12 Teams

U12's - 22 Teams

U14's - 16 Teams

U16's - 13 Teams

Two new clubs have asked to enter the League: Barnton Juniors and Lightwood Rangers. Following representations to the League member clubs and reassurance that their inclusion would not impact on the Clubs already in the League, if places were available, both would be admitted for the 09/10 season.

8) **Alterations to Administration Rules:**

The League had received from Cheshire FA changes to the rules. All these rules are mandatory but do not affect the playing side of the game. These were accepted.

9) **League Welfare Officers Report:**

For the 2009/2010 season, all club welfare officers must have completed their Safeguarding Children Workshop and their Welfare Officer Workshop before the club can affiliate to Cheshire FA. The deadline for affiliation is the end of June 09. As at Monday the 18th May 09 only 4 of the Cheshire Girls League

clubs could affiliate to the FA.

All league member clubs **must ensure** that all CWO's have been or are booked on the above courses before the end of June 09. In exceptional circumstances if the course date is after the end of June then Andy Ridgeway for this season only can affiliate the club to the League. However, this is a last option.

If anyone needs any further information on course dates etc then speak to Tracey Malone.

10) Start and Conclusion of the season: 5 September 2009 to 1 May 2010.

Last season was the first year that all cups, plates and leagues were run. We only lost 5 weeks to bad weather. The finals were run over three weekends and this appeared to run better, so the same system for the new season will be adopted. It is hoped to run all League competitions, Champions and European League Cups, Knock Out and supplementary cup competitions again this season but this does depend on the weather.

The league trophies will be handed out early in the season probably at the 11 March 10 Meeting.

Player and Team Registrations

New player registration forms, team and club registration forms will be available on the Cheshire Girls website over the next week. As per last year the League will hold a player registration day at Moss Form on **Saturday 4th July 09**. Each club must register a minimum number of players for each team (7 for small sided/11 for U14's/U16's) on that date and the remaining players must be registered at least 7 days before they are eligible to play. Failure to register sufficient players on that date when ID cards will also be made up and distributed will result in the team not being able to play in the league. The registration fee will be £6 per player. Clubs will be invoiced after 31 January for these fees once registration has closed.

Any registrations received after the July registration day will need to be forwarded to Dave King for processing.

Jim Taylor – Cheshire and Manchester Womens Football Secretary

Jim Taylor talked about the introduction of an U18's League being created and run for the season 2009/2010. Currently there is a massive drop out of football at the end of the U16's season as they don't want to go into women's football as the jump is too big. Therefore Cheshire FA have supported the introduction of an U18's League. Currently there are 17 teams who have expressed interest which will mean it will be split over two Divisions. It will cover Manchester, Wirral, Cheshire and down to Stoke. It will be played on a home and away basis and will aim to play Sundays at 2.00 pm. There was some concern over the age range as currently it is U18's, U17's and U16's and it was not sure how this would affect the teams in the Cheshire Girls League, but at the moment it did not appear to be looking at the intentions for this season.

It was also discussed for the future the possibility of changing the age banding in the Cheshire Girls League to support this youth league. Therefore it would be U9's, U11's, U13's, U15's and Youth (U18's). Members were asked to feedback to Tony on this for the future.

Stephanie Knott – Cheshire FA

The FA are running roadshows this year to help clubs recruit new players. If you wish to run a roadshow, then identify a date, utilise a school, identify an age group ie 7- 11's and then the FA will support the coaching with Michelle who is the county coach. The FA will give you free publicity and goodies etc to attract young players into your club.

If anyone is interested then let Steph know at Cheshire FA.

Can you also please stress to the person who is completing your affiliation forms for Cheshire FA that they must put down that they have girls' teams as this will assist when they put links on the website to girls clubs in the area.

11) Date of meetings for 2009/2010

All meeting will be at Moss Farm at 8.00 pm and dates for this season are:-

Tuesday 8th September 09

Tuesday 11th March 10 (Cup Trophies to be returned at this meeting)

Tuesday 11th May 10 (AGM)

12) Club Secretary of the Season:

The club secretary of the season was awarded to Terry Paton from Witton Albion . He has worked tirelessly over the season to ensure his girls can play football and does most of the work himself. He has also not missed a meeting through the season.

13) AOB

a) Vicars Cross Dynamos holding a summer tournament on Saturday 4th July.