



19/04/23

### WJFL Club Meeting

Apologies noted from: Appleton AFC, Bleak Hill Rovers, Mersey Juniors, Crosfields JFC, Wigan Juniors Latics, Shevington FC, Penlake Juniors FC

Club's missing the roll call: Ashtonians FC, Aspull Juniors FC, , Astley & Tyldesley JFC, Avon Villa FC, Bank Quay Rovers JFC, Beechwood JFC, Bold Rangers JFC, City of Liverpool FC, Cherrybrook JFC, Daten FC, Eagle JFC, FC Burtonwood, Grappenhall Sports FC, Halton Borough Wolves JFC, Halton Farnworth FC, Heath Rangers JFC, Herald FC, Highfield Grange AFC, Hindley Green FC, Hindley Juniors FC, Howfen JFC, Lymm Pirhanas JFC, Orford JFC, Parklands JFC, Penlake Juniors FC, Pex Hill JFC, Pilkington Juniors FC, Rainhill Rockets JFC, Ravenhead JFC, Runcorn Linnets JFC, Runcorn Sports FC, Sandymoor JFC, Sankey Strikers JFC, St Helens Rovers, Standish Panthers JFC, Sutton Junction JFC, Warrington Town JFC, Whiston Juniors JFC, Widnes FC, Wigan Athletic Ladies FC, Woolston Rovers JFC

All non-attendances will be charged under rule 6Hii Failure to deal with the business of the League.

Chairman's address:

Everyone was welcomed to the meeting. PD apologised for the MLDF not going ahead and gave an overview of the circumstance. No new Clubs will be joining the League for next season. We have already turned away 30+ Clubs who have wanted to submit an application. It will be reviewed for the following season. The League requested whether any current member Clubs have level 2 or UEFA level coaches who are interested in becoming a coach mentor please contact the League secretary to register their interest.

Fixtures report:

- Apologies from GG
- A number of midweek fixtures have started to be put in. Mainly affected:
  - WJFL U12 Div 7, U13s Div 3, U13s Div 6 is at crisis, U16s Div 4, U18s Div 1
  - WJSL U14s Div 6, 1, 2; U15s Div 3
  - WGFL U12s Div 1, U13s Prem
- Request to Clubs to please pull fixtures forward so that we can get these played within the playing season. Please use the fixture advancement form on the website and please ensure that your oppo is in agreement.
- If the matches haven't been played by 31<sup>st</sup> May those left will be voided.
- Any teams on equal points by the last fixture then we cannot take into account goal difference – this is a County FA directive. They will go into a play-off if there is time within the playing season. If not, they will be awarded joint winner or runner-up as it currently stands.
- All Cups have been set for finals bar 2 cup semi-finals to be played this weekend.
- The following Clubs were thanked: Earlestown Athletic JFC, Vulcan FC, Irlam FC, Pilkingtons JFC for hosting the finals.
- Presentations for Division Winners and Runners-Up will be held at The Hive for competitive divisions on a date to be confirmed.
- Non-competitive medals will be given out at the AGM.

- Team entry intentions must be put in place by 30<sup>th</sup> April – about 65% have not yet done that. All links are on the website so that at the AGM they can be reviewed, checked and confirmed by each Club.
- Non-competitive divisions will be decided on current positions as at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023 to be placed for next season except for the new U7s teams entering the league.
- Clubs reminded to complete their accreditation as if they don't it will affect their affiliation. This is a Club responsibility, and the League will start on time with or without unaffiliated Clubs.

#### Discipline report:

- To support Clubs suspended for non-payment of County fines, the league has been alerting Clubs to ensure they make payment promptly so this doesn't disrupt fixtures
- We have a discipline meeting every Monday and we cannot act until the charges are proven by County.
- Teams at U9s, U10s, U11s, U13s, U14s, U15s, U16s, u17s is where most discipline issues are being experienced.
- Those Clubs that have reached a threshold of 15 penalty points or more will be asked to attend a meeting with the League and will be monitored closely next season.

#### Registrations report:

- Over 17,000 players have been registered for the League this season.
- An issue 6 weeks ago where County FAs with U14s assigning players to U16s – this was rectified but was out of the control of the League.
- Clubs were thanked for their efforts in getting player registrations in within the league rule time frames.

#### Referees report:

- All Clubs are thanked for their warm welcome to referees at venues.
- A reminder that match-sheets, photo IDs and contacting referees to confirm fixtures needs to be done. Please remind your coaches of this.
- A reminder that referees should be paid prior to the match beginning. Please remind your coaches of this.
- If Clubs are willing to host a referee's course, please let us know as soon as possible. We have a number of courses available.

#### Welfare event:

Welfare event is taking place for Club Welfare Officers at the King's Head Inn on 27/04. Please register using the link. This is open to all Clubs across the leagues.

#### Finance:

Any outstanding fees will need to be paid on time in order for the League to submit its accounts for verification to the auditor.

Next meeting will be the AGM on 28/06/23 at 7.30 pm, King's Head Inn, 40 Winwick Street, Warrington WA2 7TU.