



Norfolk Women's & Girls Football League

Minutes of NWGFL AGM

29th June 2021

Chairpersons Opening Remarks - Alison Moore

Alison welcome everyone to the NWGFL AGM, stating that unfortunately we had another disruptive season due to Covid, which resulted in another year of the leagues being voided. Following the league club survey, the league went with the majority vote of clubs wanting a tournament, so we provided a cup & vase tournament, the majority of teams decided to enter and the feedback received from clubs has been very positive. Committee members who have attended cup or vase finals, have commented what a great atmosphere there has been.

Going forwards and looking at the coming season, we are delighted to be offering an U8s league for the first time, unfortunately we had hoped that we could have provided an U18s league and after a meeting with clubs it did look very positive, but the uptake hasn't been as we expected it to be, but we will continue to promote this in the coming years.

Finishing with a few thank yous firstly to all the league committee, who all continue to work very hard, to provide a great platform for girls and women's football in Norfolk. With further thank you for all volunteer's hard work, and the committee would like to thank those of you that have shown us your support this season, it's greatly appreciated. Wishing everyone the best for the coming season.

Setting the house rules to enable a smooth voting, please ensure your name, club and whether Youth Adult or both is recorded on your Zoom screen name. Please raise a Zoom hand if you have questions.

Reminding all one vote per club, if representing both Youth and Adult you can vote in both age groups, otherwise only vote in either one.

Ben Binder will continue as host for the rest of the evening.

Apologies

No apologies



Minutes of previous AGM

Confirmed that the minutes of the previous AGM were circulated to all, displayed on the League website, to be agreed as a true and fair reflection of the meeting

- Proposed: Sarah - Freethorpe
- Seconded: Pip - Horsford

Matters arising

No matters arising from the previous minutes

Treasurers report

Confirmed the BALANCE SHEET was circulated to all, and displayed on the League Website, no questions arising from the circulated Balance Sheet.

Election of New Clubs

Explained these Clubs have requested to play in NWGFL next season.

KLSC FC
AS Rangers FC
Caister FC
Wroxham FC
FC Viking Valkyries
Hockering FC
Morley Youth FC
Rocklands Youth FC
Great Yarmouth Town FC

- Proposed: Pip - Horsford
- Seconded: Karen - Dussindale Hellesdon

Existing teams name changes

Explained the following teams are existing teams with new names and have requested to be voted in as playing as existing teams.

Sprowston FC Women, previously Sprowston Athletic

- Proposed: Liam – Kirkley & Pakefield
- Seconded: Sarah - Freethorpe



Constitution of the Competition for ensuing season

The full constitution proposal with 4 x Development Divisions from U8 to U11, with 5 x Youth Divisions U12 to U16, through to Ladies 7 and 11 aside, with no more than 168 Clubs in total, and no more than 14 teams in each Division.

Currently the Constitution is set out with one Division in U8, U9, U10, U13, U15 U16, and Ladies 7 and two Divisions in U11's, U12's, U14, and three Divisions in the Ladies 11's, as set out below. This is subject to change if teams subsequently withdraw prior to the season commencing.

- Wymondham requested for their U12 Wymondham Ravens to be moved into Division 2 from Division 1
- Gorleston FC requested their Ladies 11 team be moved from Division 1 into Division 2
- Taverham FC requested 2 x U10 team entries into the U10 Division

All clubs to vote on the Constitution:

Confirm number of votes: -

Total votes for the constitution - 39

Total votes against the constitution – 0

Election of League Officers and Management Committee, new members voted in bulk

- Chairperson – ***Alison Moore***
 - Proposed: Ted - Bure valley
 - Seconded: Liam – Kirkley & Pakefield
- League Secretary – ***Netti Champion***
 - Proposed: Karen – Dussindale Hellesdon
 - Seconded: Mandy – Shrublands



- Treasurer - ***Louise Riseborough***
 - Proposed: Kayleigh – Rocklands FC
 - Seconded: Sarah - Freethorpe
- Welfare Officer – ***Juile Hutchin***
 - Proposed: Liam – Kirkley & Pakefield
 - Seconded: Pip - Horsford

Divisional Secretary, Charge Officer, Media Officer

Alison Moore, Netti Champion, Louise Riseborough, Julie Hutchin, Caroline Aldous, Ben Binder, Kayleigh Ellwood, Steve Ryan

- Proposed: Kayleigh – Rocklands FC
- Seconded Sarah - Freethorpe

Appointment of Auditors – Sexty and Co

- Proposed: Mandy - Shrublands
- Seconded: Liam Kirkley & Pakefield

Amendments to Standard Codes of Rules Youth and Adult

Confirm the rule changes, cup rules and Ladies 7 rules have been circulated to all and are available on the League Website proposals as below:

League Proposal

LR13.1 Cups and Trophies must be engraved and returned to the Competition by no later than 1 February. Failure to do so may result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

Vote

- For 34
- Against 0



Dussindale & Hellesdon Club Proposal - Adrian Tink

(F) A Club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use substitute Players in any Competition Match. A Club may name up to 5 substitute Players of whom not more than 5 may be used.

Vote

- For 27
- Against 0

Costessey FC Club Proposal – Kayleigh Ellwood

Ladies 7's to have the option of playing 7v7 or 9v9 to be agreed between the 2 teams as it is in youth football for 9v9 or 11v11.

Vote – undecided

To be discussed in a later meeting for ladies 7 teams only as questions raised about officials, offside rule, pitches etc.

Ladies 7 aside Rules

Ladies 7 Rule Amendment Proposals – Tracy Clayton

Law 4 -Players Equipment- Basic Equipment

Currently this does not include shorts in the list! Nor does it state that the jersey must have sleeves. While I have not yet seen a vest top, this leaves itself open to this. Can we also take the opportunity please to remind that players "No Player, including the goalkeeper, shall be permitted to wear black or very dark shirt" (Norfolk FA SCOR 19). It seems most GKs want to wear dark navy/black

Vote

- For 24
- Against 0



Law 7 - Start of Play

I have no issue with the home team having kick off. However, when I referee teams it seems that this law is not being enforced and 'every other referee lets the team chose the opposite to what the home team choses'. It also means that the home team can win the toss and technically get an advantage by having KO and choosing the direction of play. This is something I would like the league to consider.

Voting to take the rule out completely with the home team kicking off **Vote**

- For 12
- Against 0

Law 13 - The Goal Clearance

This law states that this is a means of restarting play (i.e. Goal Kick) The procedure however includes Goalkeepers can only distribute the ball through underarm throws. Goalkeepers are not allowed to kick the ball deliberately unless in the process of making a save which causes great confusion - especially as immediately above it says the ball is in play when the ball is thrown or kicked from any point within the penalty area by the goalkeeper of the defending team

The Law is about goal clearance so a keeper would not be kicking a ball 'in the process of making a save'. Technically nowhere in the laws or the SCOR does it say keeper cannot kick the ball while the game is in active play - it only specified it as part of the goal clearance. Can this law please be clarified therefore. If the keeper can only kick the ball as part of Goal Clearance then elsewhere in the SCOR there needs to be separate mention of this.

Players I have spoken to would also like it to be written in the SCOR as to distance player has to be from the ball when the keeper is taking a Goal Clearance. As Free Kicks are 2 yards I would suggest this. I normally suggest at games if an attacker is on the goal area that the GK takes it from further back - but having a distance I think would be more in keeping with the intention of the Clearance

Vote – undecided

To be discussed in a later meeting for ladies 7 teams only.



Standard Code of Rules Youth

Redrose Rose Club Proposal – David Willmott

LR20.12 In development football, during a match when the goal difference reaches 4, the losing team may field an additional player. If the goal difference reaches 6, the losing team may field another additional player (taking the total up to 2 additional players).

At the point the goal difference falls to 5, the losing team must withdraw one of their additional players. At the point the goal difference falls to 3 the losing team must withdraw their final additional player (this does not need to be the same player that was put on as the additional player).

Vote:

- For 28
- Against 0

Sprowston Girls Football Club Proposal – Mark Wickenden

We would like to make a proposal, by asking if the NWGFL would consider for U12s girls, starting 2021/22 season, to be played 9v9 rather than the existing 7v7.

We believe 11v11 is played at high school which will be next season for my girls, and the boys of this age are either playing 9v9 or 11v11 and we feel this proposal works in tandem with the FA promoting the female game now more than ever. This would give more girls the opportunity to take up the sport, which I'm sure we can all agree is the "goal" we are all aiming for.

Vote – undecided

To be discussed in a later meeting for u12 teams only as questions raised around the offside rule etc.



Costessey Sports FC Club Proposal – Deborah Matthews

Costessey U15 girls next season would like to favour playing 11 aside for the season 2021/2022.

Vote

- For 0
- Against 18

Date for the commencement of the Playing Season and Kick Off times applicable to the Competition

Youth – 11th September 2021

Adult – 12th September 2021

Date for the end of the Playing Season

Ideally all games finished by end of the season will be the Cup Finals day but if not possible then 31st May 2022

Any Other Business to which due notice has been given and accepted as being relevant to the AGM

- Pip Horsford – pitch and goal sizes for 11 a side – details on SCORY

Harry Diggins - Norfolk FA

Harry thanked all for their hard work for the female game in Norfolk, massive growth in youth and adult really positive and proud at the FA.

Youth county club competitions current consultations taking place, for consideration close by next Friday 9th July. Will communication next steps after that date.

Summer 7 event at the FDC for ladies to get involved, preseason competition for ladies on a Friday evening.

Ben gave thanks to all for attending and declared the meeting closed at 20:14