



Norfolk Women's & Girls Football League

Minutes of NWGFL

AGM 28th June 2022

Chairpersons opening remarks:

Ben spoke on Alison's behalf, welcoming to the NWGFL AGM.

Stating after a very difficult couple of years we have finally finished the 2021/2022 season completing the league and finishing with a great cup finals days.

Advising that this year's finals were held at Aylsham FC, describing as a massive success and most definitely showcased girls and women's football in Norfolk at the highest level.

Ben advised the league gratitude to all the volunteers at Aylsham, for giving up their time and they certainly provided a memorable experience for all players.

Ben mentioned the massive growth in girls and women's football in Norfolk, highlighting a few years ago, the league were in a position that they only had 3 teams in the ladies 7s divisions, now the league is looking at two divisions in the ladies 7s.

Also mentioning the development divisions are growing every year and this year providing a U7s division, confirming entries into this age group can continue over the summer months.

Ben advised the league will continue to support players and managers wellbeing, with last year offering club and league committee members the opportunity to complete the Mental Health First Aid Course, which the league will again offer this to clubs.

Ben finished 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 & women's football in Norfolk. Other thank you's is for all volunteers for their hard work, and the committee thanking those that have shown us support this season, it's greatly appreciated.



Wishing every club, the best for the coming season.

Ben advised to enable a smooth voting, for attendees to ensure their name, club and whether Youth Adult or both is recorded on your Zoom screen name. Instructing all to raise a Zoom hand if any questions.

Advising all one vote per club, if representing both Youth and Adult then vote in both age groups, otherwise only vote in either one.

- **Apologies**

- Alison Moore, Kayleigh Ellwood.
- Norfolk FA Non-attendance.

- **Minutes of previous AGM**

Confirm 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: **Horsford FC**
- Seconded: **Waveney FC**

- **Matters arising**

Any matters arising from the previous minutes - **No**

- **Treasurers report**

The BALANCE SHEET was circulated to all, and displayed on the League Website, enquire if any questions arising from the circulated Balance Sheet.

- It was raised by Wymondam FC the balance sheet was not circulated with the other AGM documents, League Secretary advised this was missed but has been visible on the league website with all the other documentation, agreed for the League Secretary to send the balance sheet to all following the AGM.



- **Election of New Clubs**

Explain these Clubs have requested to play in NWGFL next season, if happy vote in bulk request a Proposer and seconder below:

New Adult Clubs/Teams

Aylsham FC (Ltd) Women

Wymondham Town Women

Great Yarmouth Town Ladies FC

Taverham Ladies FC

- Proposed: **Shrublands FC**
- Seconded: **Horsford FC**

New Youth Clubs/Teams

Harleston Youth FC

KLSC Youth

Tasburgh United Girls

Hopton Harriers FC Girls

Kirkley & Pakefield FC

Heigham Park Rangers

- Proposed: **Wymondham FC**
- Seconded: **Aylsham FC**

- **Constitution of the Competition for ensuing season**

The full constitution proposal with 5 x Development Divisions from U7 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 U7, U8, U9, U14 U15 & U16, and two Divisions in U10, U11's, U12's, U13, and Ladies 7 and Ladies 11's, as set out below. This is subject to change if teams subsequently withdraw prior to the season commencing.

- **Team Division requests**

- Sophie Gillett - U16s Gorleston rangers – Requests U16 is 2 Divisions
 - + Agreed by all to hold a separate meeting for relevant clubs to attend separate from the AGM.
- Paul Sell – Costessey U16 – split into two divisions, teams play each other x 4 times.
 - + Agreed by all to hold a separate meeting for relevant clubs to attend separate from the AGM.
- Shannon Owen - North Walsham U16 – Requests U16 is 2 Divisions.
 - + Agreed by all to hold a separate meeting for relevant clubs to attend separate from the AGM.
- Paul Simmons - Long Stratton U16 – Requests U16 is 2 Divisions.
 - + Agreed by all to hold a separate meeting for relevant clubs to attend separate from the AGM.
- Paul Dyer - U13 Gorleston Diamonds – Requests to play in Division 2.
 - + Agreed by all to hold an email vote following the AGM.
- Callum Warnes - Taverham Hotshots Blues/Whites in the U11 – Requests both teams moved to division 2.
 - + Agreed by all to hold a separate meeting for relevant clubs to attend separate from the AGM.
- Johnathan Gooch - GRFC FALCONS U12 – Request to play in Division 2.
 - + Agreed to be discussed as part of the U12 meeting. Following the AGM, email received from J Gooch advising this was an error as the team were U12 last season so would like to amend the request to U13 for this season - to be included in the U13 email vote.



- Phillip Yates – Requests KLSC Ladies 11 moved into Division 2

Vote

- For – **17**
- Against - **5**

- Alex Guy - Wymondham Town 11 – Request to play in Division 1.

Vote

- For – **20**
- Against - **6**

- **Proposals not for SCOR/SCORY**

- Waveney FC Jason Moyles - I would like to see the u12 divisions play 9 aside. With the growth of the girls football and the number of players each team has I see no reason for the girls to continue to play 7v7 format. Every game we have had this year teams all have at least 3 or 4 subs which impacts game time for the girls. Moving to 9v9 would not only bring the NWGFL in line with the local boys provisions but also increase the game time for all players hence increase development of the players. The current u11 league is strong with 18 teams across 2 Divisions with this in mind I believe there is the scope to move to the 9v9 Format next season.

Vote

- For - **See below**
- Against – **See below**

 **All agreed for this to be taken to the U12 meeting for discussion and voting.**

- **Alex - Mulbarton FC** - Our girls have really enjoyed playing this season and can't wait to get started again in September for the new season. The only dampener is that I see we will remain playing 7-a-side? This will cause problems for our squad as we have 14 girls involved and no set goalkeeper so it will continue to be a struggle to give them all at least half a game playing time outfield. I'm also having to turn girls away (literally at least on a fortnightly if not weekly basis) as there is no realistic prospect we can facilitate any more girls joining our squad.



Will the League consider at the very least giving teams the option of 7 or 9 aside at U11 level next season (like at U12 level)? I find it odd that it is 7 a side at U11 level in the NWGFL when the mixed teams are all playing 9 a side and also my players playing for the CSF PDC etc will be playing 9 a side at U11 age. It seems like we are collectively missing a huge opportunity to get more girls involved in the game as from my experience of running Wildcats/ Teams, if girls are not involved in team football at U11 level they turn away from the game and move on to other things. Is there a way to expand to 9 a side at U11 level and create opportunities for these girls.

Vote

- For – **See below**
- Against – **See below**
- ✚ **All agreed for this to be taken to the U11 meeting for discussion and voting.**

- **Angie Westgate Aylsham FC** - Can we propose a Women's 9v9 (with 11v11 rules, offside etc) as well as 11v11 and 7v7. I wasn't confident of putting out an 11v11 based on number of players but next season I'm going to be looking at losing players who have grown and need 9v9 or 11v11 football. A 9v9 league would be a very happy medium and offer some great options for retaining footballers.

Vote

- For – **See below**
- Against – **See below**
- ✚ **All agreed for this to be an ongoing discussion amongst the Ladies 7 teams with the Divisional Secretary.**

- **Kirsty Turner, Thetford Bulldogs fc** - In the ladies we already have 7v7 and 11v11, Can we also have 9v9 as then ladies can do offside. I know that not all teams have enough for 11's but this might give ladies more choice and bring more females into the game.

Vote

- For – **See below**



- Against – **See below**
 - ✚ **All agreed for this to be an ongoing discussion amongst the Ladies 7 teams with the Divisional Secretary.**

Once all agreed, all clubs to vote on the Constitution with the caveat to allow the league to adopt any changes moving forwards.

Confirm number of votes: -

Total votes for the constitution - 33

Total votes against the constitution - 0

- **Election of League Officers and Management Committee, new members voted in bulk**
 - Chairperson – ***Alison Moore***
 - Proposed: **Bawdswell FC**
 - Seconded: **Wymondham FC**
 - League Secretary – ***Netti Champion***
 - Proposed: **Wymondham FC**
 - Seconded: **Rockland FC**
 - Treasurer - ***Louise Riseborough***
 - Proposed: **Blofield United**
 - Seconded: **Yarmouth FC**
 - Welfare Officer – ***Julie Hutchin***
 - Proposed: **Shrublands FC**
 - Seconded: **Wymondham FC**
- **Divisional Secretary, Charge Officer, Media Officer**

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

 - Proposed – **Beccles FC**
 - Seconded – **Norwich United**



- **Appointment of Auditors – Sexty and Co**
 - Proposed: - See below
 - Seconded: - See below
- **Wymondham FC enquired how long we have been using Sexty and Co, confirmed around 12 years, Wymondham suggested for fairness to approach other businesses, League Treasurer agreed, so Auditors not appointed.**
- **Amendments to Standard Codes of Rules Youth and Adult**

Confirmed 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 – SCORY Youth

i) Update to 18.5 - NWGFL – Caroline Aldous

Youth rule 18.5 regarding the de-registration of players refers to a fee in the fee tariff but there is currently no fee mentioned in the tariff so this needs to be added in. Tom Constance advised that the fee amount should be £10. I cannot see this rule in our Adult rules so should it be added into them along with the applicable fee also.

Vote

- **For – 34**
- **Against – 8**

League Proposal – SCOR Adult

iii) Update to LR20.1 - NWGFL Ben Binder

A copy of the fully completed team sheet must be emailed to the Divisional Secretary within 3 days of the fixture completion. Failure to do so may incur a charge as per the Fines Tariff. We want to add in a requirement to send in the team sheet to the Divisional Secretary.



Vote

- **For - 10**
 - **Against - 12**
- **Date for the commencement of the Playing Season and Kick Off times applicable to the Competition**

Youth – 10th September 2022

Adult – 11th September 2022

Kick off times:

Youth – 10am to 2pm

Adult – 10am to 2pm

- **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 2023

- Any Other Business to which due notice has been given and accepted as being relevant to the AGM.
- Declare the AGM closed at 20:57