**Norfolk Women’s & Girls Football League**

 **Annual General Meeting 27th June 2023**

**Youth 19:00pm to 20.43pm**

**Adult 20:45 to 21.25pm**

**Chairpersons Opening Remarks**

Alison welcomed everyone to the first face to face AGM since covid. Alison reminded everyone in the event of a fire the fire exits are sigh posted.

Ali advised we had yet another successful year in the NWGFL, with our highest number of entries for the coming season 2023/2024.

Ali talked about this year’s cup finals held at Aylsham, which showcased the fantastic talent we have in our league. With the Leagues thanks to all the volunteers at Aylsham for providing the league with this great venue and giving up their weekend to provide us all with refreshments and outstanding pitches.

Ali advised the league held its first awards evening, which was a huge success and thanked everyone that took time to nominate clubs and individuals, advising the league will definitely be looking at running this again next year to celebrate the 2023/2024 season. Advising all to keep an eye out for information regarding this nearer the time.

Ali said the league are continuing to provide an opportunity for people to attend the Mental Health first aid course, advising if anyone is interested in attending to get in touch.

Ali finished with thank you’s, firstly to all the league committee, who continue to work very hard to provide a platform for girls/women’s football in Norfolk and secondly to all the club volunteers, who give up so much time, to provide the girls/women a safe and enjoyable place to play, wishing everyone a successful 2023/24 season.

**Apologies**

* Louise Riseborough, League Treasurer

**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**.**

**Youth**

* **Proposed:** Jackie, Fakenham Town FC
* **Seconded:** Graham, Acle Town FC
* **Vote:** Majority room vote

**Adult**

* **Proposed:** Adam, Stalham FC
* **Seconded**: Sarah, Freethorpe FC
* **Vote**: Majority room vote

**Matters arising**

Any matters arising from the previous minutes - WTUFC raised the previous minutes detail comments by Wymondham FC, not making it clear which Wymondham club, club advised to forward details to Netti Champion to adjust.

**Treasurer’s report - Balance Sheet**

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

Query around why the start date was 1st Jan and the end date 31st Dec when the season starts Sept to May, advised this was brought in place over 5 seasons ago, but unfortunately the Treasurer was not in attendance at the AGM, so club advised to email Louise Riseborough direct.

**Youth**

* **Proposed**: Jonathan, Blofield FC
* **Seconded**: Paul, Long Stratton FC
* **Vote:** Majority room vote

**Adult**

* **Proposed:** Paul, Long Stratton FC
* **Seconded:** Steve, North Walsham FC
* **Vote:** Majority room vote

**Election of New Teams/Clubs**

**Youth**

Brundall Bolts Brontēs

Cromer Youth

Ormesby Youth

Old Catton Juniors F.C

Brandon Town CFC

Attleborough Town

Acle United

Harleston Youth FC

Thetford Town FC

Dussindale & Hellesdon Rovers FC

Hemsby FC

* **Proposed**: Jackie, Fakenham Town FC
* **Seconded**: Danny, Shrublands FC
* **Vote**: Majority room vote

**Adult**

Hockering FC Ladies

Cawston ladies FC

SWFC Lingwood

Mundford FC Ladies

Martham Ladies

Bure Valley Women

* **Proposed:** Mandy, Shrublands FC
* **Seconded:** Tom, UEAFC
* **Vote:** Majority room vote

**Constitution of the Competition for Ensuing Season**

The full constitution proposal with 4 x Development Divisions from U8 to U11, with 6 x Youth Divisions U12 to U18, through to Ladies 7 and 11 aside, with no more than 250 Clubs in total, and no more than 14 teams in each Youth and Adult Division.

Currently the Constitution is set out with the Development Divisions in U8, U9, U10 & U11. Youth Divisions in U12, U13, U14, U15, U16 and U18 and Ladies 7 and Ladies 11’s. This is subject to change if teams subsequently withdraw prior to the season commencing.

Offer for U7 division, and additional entries into all development divisions will be considered

* **Proposed:** Jonathan, Blofield FC
* **Seconded:** Mark, WTUFC
* **Vote:** Majority room vote

**U12 Division**

Request for WTUFC to be moved into Division 1 and Taverham Hotshots Blues to move into Division 2, due to swapping teams swap agreed.

Bure Valley raised concerns regarding Bure Valley Bengals playing in Division 1, concerns around the players ability and the potential loss of the team. Advised due to Division 2 being full to capacity move not agreed.

* **Proposed:** Paul, Long Stratton FC
* **Seconded:** Danny, North Walsham FC
* **Vote:**  Majority room vote

**U13 Division**

Request to move North Walsham into Division 2

**Option 1** vote constitution as it was:

* **Vote**: 1 card

**Option 2** to move North Walsham into Division 2

* **Vote:** Majority room vote
* **Proposed:** Paul, Long Stratton
* **Seconded:** Jackie, Fakenham Town FC

**U14 Division**

* **Vote:** Majority room vote
* **Proposed:** Mark, WTUFC
* **Seconded:** Jamie, Mulbarton FC

**U15 Division** Proposal put forwards by Waveney FC to split the U15 Division, discussions around the negatives with doing this by several clubs, proposal for

**Option 1** – one division

* **Vote:** 10 cards

**Option 2** – Two divisions

* **Vote:** 12 cards

**U16 Division**

* **Proposed**: Mark, WTUFC
* **Seconded**: Jonathan, Blofield FC
* **Vote**: Majority room vote

**U18 Division**

Further meetings to be held in relation to the seasons format of the new U18 division.

* **Proposed:** Paul, Long Stratton FC
* **Seconded:** Mark, WTUFC
* **Vote:** Majority room vote

**Ladies 7 Division**

* **Proposed:** Craig, Horsford FC
* **Seconded:** Monica, Leftfield FC
* **Vote:** Majority room vote

**Ladies 11 Division**

Costessey requested to be moved into Division 1, due to the ability of their players being at academy level.

* **Proposed:** Mandy, Shrublands FC
* **Seconded:** Dave, Mulbarton FC
* **Vote to move Costessey FC:** 24
* **Against moving Costessey FC:** 0

**Election of Officers and Management Committee**

**Chairperson** – Alison Moore

**League Secretary** – Netti Champion

**Treasurer** - Louise Riseborough

**Welfare Officer** – Julie Hutchin

**Divisional Secretary, Charge Officer, Media Officer -** Alison Moore, Netti Champion, Louise Riseborough, Julie Hutchin, Caroline Aldous, Ben Binder, Kayleigh Ellwood, Steve Ryan, Steve Kenny

**Youth**

* **Proposed:** Mark, WYUFC
* **Seconded:** Sarah, Marsham FC
* **Vote:** Majority room vote

**Adult**

* **Proposed:** Mandy, Shrublands FC
* **Seconded:** Tom, UEAFC
* **Vote:** Majority room vote

**Appointment of Auditors**

Proposed Sexty & Co, it was raised it is good practice to change for a fresh look for this to be proposed for next season.

**Youth**

* **Proposed:** Jackie, Fakenham FC
* **Seconded:** Danny, North Walsham FC
* **Vote:** Majority room vote

**Adult**

* **Proposed:** Steve, North Walsham FC
* **Seconded**: David, Red Rose FC
* **Vote**: Majority room vote

**Amendments to SCORY & SCOR**

**Youth**

LR18.9 - Matches in this competition shall be played in the following format, according to age group: U7 – 5 v 5, U8 – 5 v 5, U9 – 5 v 5, U10 – 7 v 7, U11 – 7 v 7, U12 – 9 v 9, U13 – 9 v 9, U14 – 11 v 11, U15 – 11 v 11 and the U16 – 9 v 9 & 11 v 11. Teams in the under- U16 group are permitted to play the 9v9 format, provided agreement between the teams is reached at least 48 hours before the match is due to be played and the Match Officials have also been informed. For 9v9 matches in the under U16 groups, matches will take place on pitches measuring between 70 and 90 yards long and between 40 and 60

yards wide. Goal sizes shall be between 16 and 21 feet in width with the cross bar at 7-foot high. For the U16, if 11v11 format is agreed, then the match may be played on a pitch measuring no more than 110 by 70 yards, with goals measuring 24 by 8 feet.

Discussions around the above formats, with some clubs wanting both formats, each individual division voted on as below:

**U7** 5v5 = Majority room vote for

**U8** 5v5 = Majority room vote for

**U9** 5v5 = Majority room vote for

**U10** 7v7 = Majority room vote for

**U11** 7v7 = Majority room vote for

**U12** 9v9 = Majority room vote for

**U13** 9v9 = Majority room vote for

**U14** 11v11 = Majority room vote **against**

**U14** (9v9 Default) & 11v11 = Majority room vote for a dual format, with the wording amended from 48 hours to the Monday evening before the match

**U15** 11v11 = Vote for 9 = Vote against 7

**U16** 9v9 & (11v11 Default) = Vote for 16 = Vote against 4

LR20.7 - Additionally teams will be permitted to call off one league game per season, providing both the League and opposition are notified in the prescribed manner. This call off cannot be used for matches to be played after 1st April or for the purpose of participation in an external competition.

* **Proposed:** Steve, North Walsham FC
* **Seconded:** Rob, WTUFC
* **Vote:** Majority room vote for

LR18.8 - At Under 7, Under 8, Under 9, Under 10 and Under 11 all players who sign for a team at a Club are eligible to play for all of the teams that their Club fields at the relevant age group. However a player may only play for one team on any one day.

* **Proposed:** Chris, Sprowston FC
* **Seconded:** Daniel, Brundall FC
* **Vote:**  Majority room vote for

**Adult**

**LR20.10** Teams will be permitted to call off one league game per season for any reason. The minimum notice to invoke such a call off is 0 days. This call off cannot be used for matches to be played after 1st April or for the purpose of participation in an external competition. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

* **Proposed:** David, Red Rose FC
* **Seconded:** Simon, Costessey FC
* **Vote:**  Majority room vote for

**LR 20.1 -** Further to Rule 20 (F) the player information must be provided on a fully completed team sheet as prescribed by the Competition. Shirt numbers on the team sheet must correspond with the correct number worn by each player. Any Club failing to comply with this rule may be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff. Any Club providing incomplete or incorrect information shall be liable to a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff. Team sheets received by clubs must be retained for the whole of the current season and must be supplied to the Competition within 5 days if such a request is made. 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.

* **Proposed**: David, Red Rose Fc
* **Seconded:** Tom, UEAFC
* **Vote:**  Majority room vote for

**LR20.11** Not applicable in this League – rule removed.

* **Proposed**: Amy, Dussindale & Hellesdon FC
* **Seconded:** Mandy, Shrublands FC
* **Vote:**  Majority room vote for

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

* **Youth** – 9th September 2023
* **Adult** – 10th September 2023

**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 2024.

**Youth**

* **Proposed:** John, Blofield
* **Seconded:** Rob, WTUFC
* **Vote:** Majority room vote for

**Adult**

* **Proposed:** David, Red Rose FC
* **Seconded:** Connor, Beccles FC
* **Vote:**  Majority room vote for

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

**Norfolk FA – Matt Lemmon – Youth & Adult**

Matt announced there would be a County Cup this season in U12, U14, U16 which is fantastic news.

Matt reminded everyone about Club affiliation now being completed on the Club Portal, which should make things easier for all.

Matt talked about the World Cup with a lot of promotions around this.

* Meeting Closed –
	+ Youth 20:43pm
	+ Adult 21:25pm