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

**Annual General Meeting 24th June 2024**

**19:00pm to 20.30pm**

**Chairpersons Opening Remarks**

**Welcome everyone to the NWGFL AGM. Firstly, we are not expecting a fire alarm but in the event of an alarm can I point out the signs to the fire exits. Secondly, can I ask you all to respect everyone in the room.**

**We have had yet another successful year in the league showing how much women’s and girls’ football is growing in Norfolk and Suffolk. This has been recognised with the league being recognised as Highly Commended in The Lioness Award Category by Norfolk FA.**

**We had County Cups for the girls for the first time this season which was a success and congratulations to all who took part.**

**The league held Cup Finals with fantastic weather for us all and the football on show was incredible. I would like to thank all at Aylsham FC for there hard workover the two days and the preparation leading up to it.**

**We held our second awards evening. Can I thank those who took the time to nominate someone. The panel certainly enjoyed reading the nominations. Massive well done to all the award winners. I know some of you are here tonight.**

**We continue to provide regular Mental Health First Aid training courses through our partnership with Bluebells. The courses are subsidised, and I know lots of clubs have taken the opportunity over the season to get someone within the club trained. If anyone would like further information, please chat to someone from the committee.**

**It goes without saying that without all the volunteers within your clubs, women’s and girls’ football in Norfolk and Suffolk wouldn’t be at the standard it is right now, so a big thank you from all the committee for all your hard work and commitment to the female game.**

**The other thanks from me must go to the committee who through the season have worked incredibly hard to provide the provision we have right now. We’ve not had the easiest of seasons but it’s very true that we are most definitely a team who support each other always.**

**Can I take this opportunity to wish you all a very successful season and look forward to watching the league grow even more.**

**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**.**

**Vote:** Majority room vote For

**Treasurer’s report - Balance Sheet**

The BALANCE SHEET was circulated to all and displayed on the League Website.

A number of questions were asked by Wymondham Town FC in relation to trophies, officials, awards, committee expenses and how the balance sheet is recorded. The questions were answered by the treasurer.

**The accounts were agreed to be accepted.**

* **Proposed**: Cassie, Nth Walsham
* **Seconded**: Sarah, Freethorpe
* **Vote:** Majority room vote For

**Election of New Teams/Clubs**

**Youth**

Bohemians FC

Corton Youth FC

Gaywood FC

Stoke Utd

Necton FC

Poringland Panthers

* **Proposed**: Mandy, Shrublands FC
* **Seconded**: Ben, Hemsby FC
* **Vote**: Majority room vote For

**Adult**

Hickling FC

Holt Utd

The Woottons FC

* **Proposed**: Emma, Bure Valley
* **Seconded**: Kirsty, Bulldogs FC
* **Vote**: Majority room vote For

**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 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:** Mandy, Shrublands
* **Seconded:** Stevie, Horsford
* **Vote:** Majority room vote For

**U12 Division**

* **Proposed:** Brundall Bolts,
* **Seconded:** Darrianne, Tasburgh FC
* **Vote:**  Majority room vote For

**U13 Division**

* **Proposed:** Stevie, Horsford FC
* **Seconded:** Mandy, Shrublands FC
* **Vote:**  Majority room vote For

**U14 Division**

* **Proposed:** Kristian, Sprowston FC
* **Seconded:** Paul, Gorleston FC
* **Vote:**  Majority room vote For

**U15 Division**

**New team proposal – Brandon to enter at division 2**

* **Proposed:** Darianne, Tasburgh FC
* **Seconded:** Alan, Taverham FC
* **Vote:** Majority room vote For

**U16 Division**

* **Proposed**: Jonathan, Blofield
* **Seconded**: Paul, Costessey
* **Vote**: Majority room vote For

**Ladies 7 Division**

* **Proposed:** Mandy, Shrublands FC
* **Seconded:** Stevie, Horsfield FC
* **Vote:** Majority room vote For

**Ladies 11 Division**

* **Proposed:** Mandy, Shrublands FC
* **Seconded:** Stevie, Horsford FC
* **Vote** Majority room vote For

**Election of Officers and Management Committee**

**Chairperson** – Alison Moore

**League Secretary** – Netti Champion

**Vice League Secretary -** Louise Riseborough

**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:** Jonathan, Blofield FC
* **Seconded:** Sarah, Martham FC
* **Vote:** Majority room vote For

**Adult**

* **Proposed:** Mandy, Shrublands FC
* **Seconded:** Kirsty, Bulldogs FC
* **Vote:** Majority room vote For

**Appointment of Auditors**

Proposed Larking Gowen

* **Proposed:** Simon, Costessey Sports FC
* **Seconded:** Sean, Gt Yarmouth FC
* **Vote:** Majority room vote For

**Playing formats for the season**

**Youth**

**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 For

**U15** 11v11 = Majority room vote For

**U16** 11v11 = Majority room vote For

* **Proposed:** Cassie, North Walsham FC
* **Seconded:** Adian, K&P FC
* **Vote:** Majority room vote For

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

* **Youth –** 7th September 2024
* **Adult** – 8th September 2024

**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 2025.

* **Proposed:** Paul, Gorleston FC
* **Seconded:** Sean, Gt Yarmouth
* **Vote:** Majority room vote for

In closing, the league shared with the room a reminder that in Development football U7 to U11, there will be no deliberate heading of a football in all matches after National FA announced rule changes in May 2024. As a pilot league for the heading trial, we decided to continue with no heading at these age groups as all teams this concerned, had not been permitted to head the ball anyway. Restarts after a deliberate header (in the opinion of the referee), would be by a means of an indirect free kick from the point that the header took place.

Also, at ages U7-U9, throw ins will be replaced with dribble ins/kick ins.

The league also announced it was their intention to introduce a 3vs3 mini season that would start later in the year and run on a bi-weekly basis. This would be made available to U7 & U8 teams with the intention of seeing this as an introduction to U7 & U8 football in future years to increase league participation sooner. Clubs & Wildcats centres will be contacted circulating this provision.

The league also hopes to run an U18 provision for the 2025/26 season, so communicated this with clubs to bridge the pathway between youth & adult football.

Age group meetings will continue through the season as a continuation from their introduction in the 2023/24 season which was received as a positive communication step on the league’s behalf.

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

**Brundall Bolts**

**Would like to extend Kick Off until 4pm due to having lots of fixtures at their home ground. It was put to a vote, but clubs voted to keep the KO times to 10am – 2pm.**

**Sprowston proposed that each division had a Plate competition – clubs voted in favour of this, and the league agreed subject to there being enough playing weeks to do so.**

**Offside Trust – Alan Arber**

**Alan talked about the great work that he is doing with the trust and the partnership with the league. He invited clubs that haven’t yet partnered with the trust and wish to do so to get more information from him. The Offside Trust has very kindly provided 100 personalised league armbands for clubs.**

**With no further business to be discussed,**

* Meeting Closed –
  + 8.32pm