

Annual General Meeting

Thursday 1st September 2022



Meeting Commences at 7.45

Apologies for absence: Notley, Wakering, West Ham United, Cornard United and Cheshunt

Those present: Beacon Hill, Billericay Town, Chelmsford City, Colchester Phoenix, Garon Park, Grays Athletic, Leyton Orient, Paringdon Pirates, Romford, Southend and Clacton Rhinos.



Minutes of Last meeting:

Matters Arising: (1) did the incoming Committee look at resolving the problem with teams not playing fixtures, and would the results be expunged). We did and all points for teams not completing their fixture had their points removed.

Chairman's Report:

Secretaries report:

Treasures Report: It was agreed that although a financial statement was presented, it did not show the full amount of income and expenditure for the current season. We now have a new treasurer who has agreed to update us accounts by the end of the season and copies will be sent out to each individual Club.



Election of Officers: There were no applications for any new members to be put forward for Committee roles. The Current Committee were voted back in.

Forward Looking: Each Division will consist of no more than 8 team where possible. This will be at all age groups. The format will be Home and Away fixtures only so you will only meet each team twice. The fixture Tournaments will commence at the beginning of April and run to the end of July. At the beginning of August, the League Cup games will start and run to the middle of October. This will leave time for the Clubs to organise their own Tournaments. Vote taken and carried.

County Cup: We are working with Essex County to formulate a plan to introduce a County Cup for all affiliated Clubs. The format is yet to be worked out but you will all be kept informed.

Fees for Next Season: Before a vote was taken about fees, Garon Park put a proposal forward that all Clubs should deposit a £300 Bond to ensure that all Clubs completed their fixture schedule for the season. The Bond would be forfeited should any of that Clubs teams fail to complete their Fixture list. The proposal was put to its members and a vote taken. The Members voted on this proposal and it was accepted. All Clubs next season must deposit a sum of £300 to ensure that none of their team fail to complete the fixture programme or withdraw.

Fees for Season 2023: Team Membership £50
Player registration. £5
Tournament Fees. £50
Referee Fees £40

Laws of the Game: We have spoken to 3 of our member Clubs to ask if they would be prepared to sit on a panel to go through our Rules and update them. The 3 Clubs are Chelmsford (Peter Osbourne) Billericay Town (Bill Sedgwick) and Romford (Damian Oreilly). Once they have amended our Rules a copy will be sent out to all Clubs as well as being put onto the App.

A Proposal was put forward by Garon Park to allow the dispossession of the ball from the front of an opponent without physical contact. After much discussion it was decided that this would not be allowed.

What Happens if two teams from the same Club wind up in the same Division: If two teams from the same Club wind up in the same Division. The individual players can only play for one team in that Division. Rule states that a player can only represent one team in any tournament played on the same day. A player may play for another team in the club at the same age group in a different Tournament on a different day.

Fixture dates will be put onto the App by the end of this season. This will allow all member Clubs to notify the fixture Secretary of any tournaments that individual clubs have entered before compiling the fixture for next season.

Ladies Division: We are looking to form a ladies Division, The Chairman along with Jenny have set up a meeting for next Tuesday to try a format to start the ladies in season 2023. Should this be possible we will arrange a couple of tournaments this season so that they all get to know each other.

Treasurer: Gerry Tyler has agreed to come onto the Management Committee as us Treasurer, having only just got access to our account. I have found it very hard to put payments into the account for tournaments against Clubs/Team, especially when Clubs pay for multiple tournaments. Bill Sedgwick put a brilliant suggestion forward to resolve this problem. Each team will be given a number, when paying fees into the account. Instead of just putting the Club name you enter the team/team's numbers. This idea we will adopt for next season

Fixture Dates for next season: As previously stated will be put onto the App. It was proposed that if possible could we bring the Saturday Tournament start time forward to 10am this we have already tried. Unfortunately, that slot has been booked for the whole season. I will try to book the 10 am slot for season 2024 now.

Tournament Set Up: It is important that we all help set up and clear away both venues, it takes far less time if we all help. This cannot be just left to a few clubs to do.

A.O.B : The Secretary put forward a proposal that the League purchases a defibrillator to be available at every tournament. We know that some teams do bring

along their own. We do need one to be clearly seen at each tournament.

We have had a few injuries this season. Can we please all make sure that our main priority is our members welfare, just spend a few minutes making sure everything is OK

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.40