

Essex Walking Football League

Management Committee meeting

Monday, 22nd July 2024



Meeting held at Billericay Town FC and started at 7:00pm.

Those present: Derek Hornsey, Richard Coleman, Trevor Ridley, Gary Murphy, Kevin Preston, Robin Ogilvie.

Apologies: Simon Crump, Peter Osborne.

Meeting commenced at 7:05pm.

Fixtures Secretary:

Kevin drew all the 70s cup games. These will be put on to the website. As it is the 70s prelim cup round next Tuesday we will take the computer to record all of the results. This will allow all the teams to see what teams have progressed through to the finals.

Still have to sort out a number of fixtures in the 50s. Heybridge Swifts v Valley Green this will be on the 7th September. Heybridge Swifts v Concord Rangers not sure of the format for this fixture yet.

Registration Secretary:

No report.

Referee Secretary:

We lost Barry Staples due to overzealous comments made to him while refereeing. This was by a Club official. We have got to ensure that everyone treats others with respect.

Gary will arrange a training evening for the representative side so that our referees can use it to help all referees understand what is an acceptable standard we set for walking.

Representative Manager:

No report.

Treasure:

Finances are fine, Clubs paying tournament fees on time.

Any Other Business:

Welfare Officer:

The League will now be having a welfare officer. Gary has agreed to take on this role. A banner with where to find the defibrillator and hospital address will be made and visible at both venues. If any player gets injured they need to inform Gary Murphy.

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Over 70s Cancellation on 25th June:

John Anderson has requested an explanation of why when the 70s was postponed did Div 2 be allowed not to play. The Secretary did respond to John with an explanation but unfortunately he did not accept the explanation. The letter sent to John will be posted on the website for all clubs to see.

Letter re Cancellation of 70s tournament on 25th June 2024.

Just to clarify the situation of the 70s tournament postponement. A decision taken to postpone last Tuesdays 70s tournament because of the predicted high temperature. This is covered in our league Rules to insure the safety of our players.

Our fixture Secretary Kevin looked at the available dates to reschedule the tournament and found that next week was free, the only other alternative was at the end of the season. He was advised that he needed to find out how many teams were available to play at short notice as to make it a mandatory requirement to participate we would have to give a minimum of fourteen days notice.

Kevin goes to great lengths to insure he organises as much football as you all require. At no time while rearranging the 70s postponed tournament did he anticipate this much aggravation. No Rule has been broken by any Club/ team by not being available to compete this coming Tuesday.

Should we have to cancel any further tournaments because of high temperatures. That particular tournament will be rescheduled for the end of the season.

Richard Coleman

Meeting closed 9:00pm

Next Committee Meeting to be decided and held at Billericay Town FC.