

# ROWSLEY & DISTRICT YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2009

### **1) MINUTES OF THE 2008 AGM**

The minutes of the 2008 AGM were accepted as a true record of the meeting  
(Proposer: Leabrooks, Seconded Brampton)

### **2) MATTERS ARISING FROM 2008 AGM**

There were no matters arising from the 2008 AGM

### **3) LIFE LONG PRESIDENT PRESENTATION**

TC presented Phil Brown with a gift to acknowledge his ongoing support to the league and to thank him for the years "service" he has given. It is to be minuted that thanks were offered by the members of the league.

### **4) ANNUAL REPORT**

TC thanked the members for a successful season. The following points were made:

- a) The Respect campaign had been introduced but not taken up as well as the league would have expected. TC informed the meeting that this would be picked up next season and further attention would be given to ensure that all members abided by the principles of the Respect campaign at all times.
- b) TC informed the meeting that the introduction of the website had been a great success and that the league would be relying on the website more next season with more information being available from the site.
- c) TC informed the meeting that all clubs will be responsible for ensuring that the fixtures are completed next season. He also apologised that some of the secondary cups had to be cancelled but due to the adverse winter there was no choice. He did acknowledge that this should not happen and hopefully all cups matches will be played in the following season.
- d) TC also informed the meeting that there had been an increase in the popularity of the R & DYFL and he felt that this was due to our strong Code of Conduct.

### **5) TREASURER'S REPORT**

GE informed the meeting of the following:

- a) There had been a reduced income from finals due to some of the secondary cups not being played. And poor attendance at the finals.
- b) GE asked for the two clubs that had not paid for the Respect Barriers to pay immediately.
- c) Telephone expenses were high this season
- d) GE informed the meeting that most committee members did not claim any expenses from the league.
- e) £10,000 had been allocated to Trophies and the league had spent just under this.
- f) Printing costs were reduced.
- g) Although match assessors had been observing, no costs had come from the league for this.
- h) There was to be no change of fees for the season 2009 – 2010.
- i) GE thanked the clubs generally for prompt payments.
- j) Brampton Rovers questioned the league as to why the accounts had not been published 14 days prior to the meeting as the league rules state. GE explained that this was due to awaiting payments from clubs that had been promised.

The accounts were accepted by the members as accurate.

### **6) ELECTION OF NEW CLUBS**

TC informed the meeting that 6 new clubs had expressed an interest in joining the league. He also informed the league that a number of teams had also indicated that they would not be re-entering the league next season for various reasons.

TC asked the members whether they would accept the management committee interviewing potential new clubs and accepting them into the league without referring back to the members. This was carried.

The question was raised to whether the league insists that new clubs have changing facilities and whether they have to have Charter Standard. TC informed the meeting that all clubs are asked about the changing facilities and it is strongly recommended that they do look for pitches that have them. SLP informed the meeting that the league presently had 63% of members with the Charter Standard and that all new teams would be informed that they would have to start working towards it if they do not already have it. The league would then be in a position to work towards Charter Standard. SLP reminded the meeting of the importance of having a Child Welfare officer and to ensure that all club representatives that have any involvement with the youths should obtain a Criminal Records Bureau check.

**7) CONSTITUTION OF THE COMPETITION.**

TC informed all members that team registrations would have to be submitted by August 1<sup>st</sup> 2009. Failure to do this would result in the team not being accepted by the league. TC informed the meeting that the constitution could then be drawn up and accepted at the first league meeting in August.

**8) ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.**

TC informed the meeting that SH and NH had formally resigned from the league due to their commitment to refereeing. TC asked for the following proposals to be accepted:

- a) Eric Gilson to become League Secretary
- b) Barry Tomlinson to become trophies secretary
- c) Jim Breider to become referees secretary
- d) Tony Chadbourne to become mini soccer registrar
- e) George Elliott to become registrar
- f) Sarah & Clive Pickles to run Langer Lane.
- g) All other management positions remain unchanged.

All the above were accepted by members of the league.

**9) ALTERATIONS TO THE RULES**

A discussion took place regarding the proposed changes to the rules. After much debate, the members were asked to accept the proposed changes. The changes were accepted (proposed by FC Dronfield, Seconded by Ravenshead Reds)

**10) DATES FOR COMMENCEMENT AND CONCLUSION OF SEASON**

It was proposed that the date be the second Saturday in September for mini soccer and the second Sunday in September for youth soccer. It was questioned as why start of the second season as this did not leave very long for new teams to register players after they had been accepted into the league and there may be a problem with 9 a side teams for U11's if enough teams did not express an interest and the league had to revert back to 11 a side. It was, however agreed that the start would be the 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> September respectively. The conclusion of the season will be 9<sup>th</sup> May 2010. TC confirmed that failure to fulfil fixtures at the start of the season will incur a £50.00 fine.

**11) AOB**

No other formal business was declared prior to the AGM. However various points were discussed. These were as follows:

- a) It was confirmed that 9 a side football for under 11's would need 16ft by 7ft goals and that 7 teams so far had expressed an interest.
- b) The age for U9's was discussed. TC confirmed that this was not a new rule and R & DYFL did not operate competitive football for u9's as referees scores were requested to establish league positions.
- c) CJP (Fixtures Secretary) was asked to give the league an overview of how the fixtures would be organised next season. He confirmed the following
  - i) There would be no closed dates.
  - ii) The full seasons fixtures would be released with ref are being allocated on a two/four weekly basis.
  - iii) Mid week matches would be acceptable as long as the fixtures secretary and ref's secretary agreed.
  - iv) Size of leagues could not yet be confirmed but that CJP would be trying to ensure smaller leagues wherever possible.
  - v) No matches would be cancelled for cups (happened last year due to lack of senior ref's)
  - vi) The league website only showed four weeks fixtures as the link from the FA site did not allow any further fixtures to be linked. AB to look into this and set up a link **(AB)**

**It was confirmed that the first league meeting of the season will be 25<sup>th</sup> August 2009. 7.30pm County Offices, Matlock**

