

Rowsley & District Youth Football League Catering for Youth Football from 7 – 18 year olds



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MINUTES OF RDYFL FULL CLUB MEETING 29 November 2011 (Matlock County Hall)

1. Apologies Received:

1.1 Apologies received from George Elliott; Lee Hodkin; Matt Hodkin.

2. Secretary's Report (Eric Gilson)

2.1 No major issues to report but the following issues were discussed:

Moving from Junior Football to Adult Report

2.2 Mr Gilson reported to the Clubs that together with Jim Breider, they had attended a meeting with other League representatives at the behest of the DCFA, to discuss the graduation of junior footballers into adult leagues. Statistics record a large reduction in Clubs/Players moving up from U18 football to adult football – why and what can be done about it?

2.3 Obvious answers to the why were – moving on to further education; full time employment; marriage & children; unfamiliarity of what adult leagues were available; lack of knowledge as to how to try out for an adult team; previous team mates not interested and general inertia.

2.4 The FA had proposed that Junior Leagues should actively encourage those players still interested in playing adult football to link up with adjacent leagues. The RDYFL will invite the Chairman of the Chesterfield and District Sunday League to the next Full Meeting of the Clubs and time will be set aside at the meeting to discuss this issue. In the meantime RDYFL Clubs with U18's sides are asked to raise this issue with their current U18 teams, to see if there is interest amongst players to move up to adult football in Season 2012-13.

Introduction of 9 a-side Football Season 2012-13

2.5 A brief discussion was held in the light of the introduction of 9 a-side football at U11's in Season 2012-13. A number of Clubs were planning for this outcome. Some issues over size of pitches and goals, however, the RDFL Committee, reaffirmed their position to be flexible as per the FA guidelines on 9 a-side football. It was noted that Chesterfield Borough Council are planning ahead on this matter.

2.6 Clubs are reminded if they have any issues they want to raise with the RDYFL on this matter, please continue to address them to the RDYFL Secretary.

2.7 See also para A.O.B for other proposed changes by the FA at U7's & U8's.

3. Fixtures Secretary's Report (Clive Pickles)

3.1 Given the good weather there were no issues arising.

3.2 Primary Cup Semi-finals will be held on the 05/02/12 (Referee and 2 assistants will be appointed for each Semi-final match)

3.3 Secondary Cup Quarter-finals will be held on the 05/02/12.

3.4 In each of the above, the first team drawn out of the hat will have HOME advantage.

- 4. Treasurer's Report (George Elliott)**
- 4.1 The Secretary reported that the Treasurer advised that he expected total income would be down on last season circa £1,500 and that prudence was the order of the day. Some savings may be available on pitch hire and trophies.
- 5. Registrar's Report (George Elliott)**
- 5.1 The Secretary reported that the Registrar advised that Player Registrations were around 3,000 for the season. Clubs/Managers were reminded that that they ensure that the details on Player Registration Forms were checked beforehand for accuracy and legibility AND that an S.A.E. is enclosed when sending in forms to the Registrar.
- 6. CWO's Report (Sarah Pickles)**
- 6.1 The CWO reported that a meeting arranged by the DCFA for the benefit of all Club CWO's was very poorly attended despite the widespread notice that had been given and advance notice of acceptance. A lot of valuable information was to be made available at that meeting.
- 6.2 A new meeting will be arranged by the DCFA's Cath Morton.
- 6.3 FA Respect Armbands were available for Club Secretarys to collect at the meeting.
- 6.4 The CWO advised that any serious disciplinary issues will be referred to the DCFA in the first instance.
- 7.1 Fixtures Secretary (Clive Pickles)**
- 7.1.1 The Fixtures Secretary reminded all Clubs at to the procedure for reporting results – one sheet/match – produced by the HOME team – sent in by the HOME team.
- 8. Referee's Report (Jim Breider)**
- 8.1 The Referee's Secretary reported that the RDYFL was 'well stocked' with referees to cover all matches. He reminded all Clubs/Teams to encourage the new junior referees who were entering the league for the first time.
- 9. Webmaster's Report (Andy Bagshaw)**
- 9.1 The Webmaster advised the Meeting of the following:
- a) that the option for 'Other Referee' when reporting results had been removed;
 - b) manager's report is limited to 500 characters – therefore they should ensure try to be brief;
 - c) on occasion, managers have written a lengthy script about a problem during the game, but forgot the critical point of the FINAL SCORE!
 - d) a REMINDER – **RESULTS IN BY 6.00pm;**
 - e) a REMINDER – changes in the contact details of Managers or any core data for each Club/Team/Venue that needs to be amended on the RFYFL Website, is the **RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CLUB SECRETARY.** Club Secretary's have the capability of amending such data on the website;
- 10. A.O.B.**
- DCFA Representative's Report (Oliver Couch)**
- 10.1 Further to the earlier discussion on 9 a-side football at U11's, Oliver Couch advised that other changes were being proposed by the FA, particularly at the younger age groups. It was envisaged that age groups would be organised as follows:
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| U7's & U8's. | 5 a-side; |
| U9's & U10's | 7 a-side; |
| U11's & U12's | 9 a-side; |
| U13's + | 11 a-side |

- 10.2 OC advised that the FA had held 102 Soccer Roadshows – ‘Your Kids – Your Say’ and these had proved to be very popular with quite significant proposals put forward by the youngsters. :
- 10.3 The FA is hoping to reach a conclusion to their deliberations and make their decision known in April 2012. The benefits arising from such changes are hoped to improve the National side.
- 11. Date of Next Meeting**
- 11.1 Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 27th March 2012 (7.30pm AT Matlock County Hall).
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