



NORTHUMBERLAND GIRLS FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Est 2005



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 5th JULY 2008

Attendance:

AE Phoenix, Ashington, Beamish & Stanley, Bedlington, Blyth Spartans, Blyth Town, Cramlington Blue Star, Cramlington Juniors, Forrest Hall, Killingworth, Kingston Park, New Fordley, Newbiggin Hall, Newcastle East End, North Shields, Ponteland, Tyneside Girls, Walker, Wallbottle, Wansbeck, Wideopen, Whitley Bay Women's, Newcastle Medics, Forrest Hall Women, Cramlington Women & Ian Skinner FA.

Apologies:

Wallsend

Registration and meeting commenced at 2.30. The meeting opened with an introduction and welcome from Dave Henderson.

Speaker	Details
DH	<u>Minutes from previous AGM</u> Nothing was raised from the last meeting.
CK	<u>Secretaries Report</u> Another good season, we have more teams than last season and we are growing which is great. The standard of play has increased immensely and that's down to the coaches so well done to all. We have a good future ahead of us with girl's football it is getting better every season. The Presentation went well, thanks to Nicola, the feedback was good, and all the girls seemed to have a great time even though we got very wet. It was lots of fun and we will look to do something similar for next season.
MM	If you require any medals, as some were not there or collected, please see Michelle. <u>Treasurers Report</u> Accounts available for every one to see and please feel free to take a copy away but I will go through them now... We do have money left in the account for next season and this season we were able to buy a medal for every player who took part as it is unfair that some walk away with nothing. All agreed that the medals were good.
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DH	<u>Thanks</u> The Committee and the entire League would like to say a huge thanks to Dave Henderson for all his hard work. We are in a debt of gratitude to you. We would like to take this opportunity to present Dave with this plaque to say 'He is the Founder & Life Long President of the Girls League.' Dave apologised for not being able to continue as Chairperson but his life has other commitments. Thanks for this and I have thoroughly enjoyed watching the league grow and it is amazing to see how the girls have progressed. I wish you all well for the coming season and thanks again.
	<u>Resignation of Committee</u> We all stood down.
CHAIR	<u>Election of Committee</u> The re-election of the committee roles was put forward and the following positions were clarified: Welfare Officer – Nicola Hepworth (seconded by Blue Star) Chairman – Steve Pate (seconded by Wideopen) Vice Chairman – John Bennet (seconded by Medics) Treasurer/Minutes Secretary – Michelle Mitchell (seconded by Forrest Hall) Secretary - Charlie Kitson (seconded by North Shields) Women's League – had their AGM and positions were filled Mini Soccer – Fixtures - Michelle Mitchell until someone stands up for position Registration – Scott Thompson and Sean Mitchell Reps – Phil Cross, Pete Bartholomew and Michelle Thompson 11 a side- Fixtures – Charlie Kitson Registration – Jamie Wideopen Reps – Colin Bell, John Sparrow and Colin Tyneside Girls There was a vote on the Chairpersons role and the vote went to Steve after a few words were said about each candidate.

<p>CK</p> <p>IS</p> <p>DH</p> <p>CK</p>	<p><u>Rules and Constitution</u> All have been sent the new rules and regulations plus a copy of the new Constitution. It is available on the web site. There is a sheet which needs to be signed by your club secretary to say that they have read it and agree to abide by it.</p> <p>A few points were raised</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open age football can be played on the anniversary of the girls 16th birthday. • 11 a side league – why would teams be fined for not having 11 players? This was discussed and to be left in as it says ‘MAY’. • Mini soccer – may have unlimited number of subs but not more than their squad. • Match officials – charge £18 for 11 a side games for next season. <p>Why are all these new rules coming into force, what is happening to our development?</p> <p>Need our rules signed off by the FA or we don’t have support if we need it.</p> <p>A few little points were raised and the rules were put to everyone – no objections so rules passed.</p>
<p>CK</p>	<p><u>Season 2008/09</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mini soccer – 20th September • Women’s league – 17th August with dispensation for college or university students. • U16’s – 20th September <p>As a committee we propose – Leagues no more than 8 teams playing each other once to the beginning of November and we will start the cup and shield and get two games in before Christmas. We will start the league beginning of December and finish for April. Can we have mid week games at the start of the season? Yes, this can be arranged and this will help with those weeks we get rained off. All games will be complete by the end of May and no later.</p>
<p>CK</p>	<p><u>A.O.B.</u> When will we find out about age bands? There is a form that has been sent out you must respond by the end of the month. We need six teams to run a league so make it clear on the application form what age they are. We can’t say what leagues will be running until we get the forms back. We took a quick vote so we had a rough idea - U9 – 3 U10 – 13 U11 – 6 U12 – 15 U13 – 4 (7 a side) U13 – 6 (11 a side) U14 – 9 (7 a side) U14 – 6 (11 a side) U15 – 7 (11 a side) U16 – 7</p> <p>11 a side can play on a Saturday or Sunday it was optional last year we will leave it the same.</p> <p>What will happen with the bank accounts will it be separated? Yes we can have sub accounts which I will be setting up.</p> <p>Can we play home and away fixtures? If you want this option put it on your registration form.</p> <p>A lot of discussion was raised about using Complete Football as a venue, this is still to be sorted as there were mixed feelings.</p> <p>Registration forms to go on web site ASAP.</p> <p>League fees will be decided at a later date.</p> <p>Charlie is no longer attached to any club so will be completely independent and none biased.</p>
<p>DH</p>	<p>Thankyou to everyone for coming and we wish you luck as we look forward to the new season.</p>