

THE LONGHORN YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE

MINUTES OF THE LEAGUE MEMBER-CLUBS' MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 24th SEPTEMBER 2009

AT BRUNTON PARK, CARLISLE

The Chairman, Jim Hunter was unable to attend this meeting due to work commitments. Deputy Chairman, Peter Renwick took the Chair and opened the Meeting at 7.34pm.

Apologies for absence were received from a number of people. All were noted and accepted. There was however, a healthy number of team representatives present.

League General Secretary Jim McCracken informed the delegates that due to personal matters, the President (Colin Seel) had been unable to put the previous Meeting's Minutes on to the League Web Site as agreed. Jim would therefore now read out an appraisal of those Minutes.

There were no matters arising, and the Minutes were accepted as a true record.

GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Jim brought up the subject of the ill-fated Respect Barriers. It was agreed that they were of very poor quality, but urged teams to utilize them when they could. In any case, some form of crowd-controlling barrier *must* be utilized.

The subject of Under 7's & 8's results reporting was discussed. The CFA (on advice from the FA) have instructed the League not to publicize such results. Jim is to talk to the County FA in the near future to further clarify the matter.

The reporting of matches in the local Press – and in particular the high scoring games – was discussed. Bill Martin has been repeatedly requested to “cap” all non-competitive games at 9-0. He has continually failed to accede to these requests.

The Secretary expressed his strong feelings about managers and coaches “poaching” players during the playing season. Management Committee advice has been repeatedly ignored... something more official may have to be done to curb this regrettable conduct.

Jim ended by offering his best wishes for the forthcoming season to all member teams.

FIXTURE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mike O'Brien informed Girls Under 14's managers that new fixtures would be issued in the near future. Cup draws would be placed on the League Web Site for all member teams to access.

Mike continued with various matters concerning fixtures, including: the necessity for prompt kick offs. There was comment from the floor regarding the availability of pitches at the Sheepmount.

There was some further general discussion regarding Girls' football.

With regard to Boys Under 14, Mike said there had been some fixture disruption. New fixtures will be publicised on the Web Site in the very near future.

REFEREES APPOINTMENTS OFFICER'S REPORT

Stephen Fraser informed delegates that he is appointing officials for the County Cup games. If there are any problems regarding the officials (particularly the younger ones) teams should, in the first instance, contact Fras.

Fras stated that for Girls' County Cup games, the Under 16's *would* have referees appointed for their ties. Regarding the Girls' Under 14's and Under 12's Sharon will not be appointing referees unless particular requested.

There were few comments under Any Other Business, and the Meeting was officially closed at 8.04pm.

The next League General Meeting is scheduled for Thursday 26 November at the same venue, starting at 7.30pm.