

Johnstone & District Youth Football League

Meeting Minutes
2/02/2010

Opening:

The meeting was formally opened by Billy Baird, Secretary. Billy thanked those in attendance. Apologies were said for Gerry Coyle, Chairman, Paul Kyle, C.P.O, and Stuart Coleman U12s. It was announced that Derek Torrance will take over as acting Vice Chairman

A. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the previous meeting were formally adopted by Gavin McCallum, Houston Utd and David Borland, Glenvale FC.

B. Open Business

Billy Baird addressed issues from previous meeting, first, Confirmation that all u12 players must be registered with the SYFA and that the new team line form has been updated and available by Emailing Stuart Coleman or downloading it from the J&D website.

Prices for Seedhill would be £35 for 3rd of pitch which would equate to £17.5 per team. Penilee still not ready for games.

C. Age Groups

U8s - Chris Johnstone advised that he did not have any issues but, will look at balancing the fixtures out by ability.

The floor was open to U8s coaches. No questions were asked

U9s – Andy Johnston reported that there were a couple of errors on last month's fixtures and these were sorted out quickly he will also look at splitting league into 2 sections.

The floor was open to U9s coaches. No questions were asked

U10s – Billy Baird stood in for Gerry Coyle;

Unfortunately Clydebank United has had to disband their "Yellow" team subsequently withdrawing from the League with immediate effect. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Andrew and everyone at Clydebank United for their efforts in placing 2 teams in our league at the 10's age group. Clydebank helped the League at short notice by entering this team and that was appreciated. I hope that all of the players associated with this team find themselves another team and continue to play football.

To maintain an even number of teams in the League therefore not disrupting fixtures, Glenbrae Colts YFC have agreed to enter a second team – Glenbrae Colts Reds. This will be a development team & I would like to thank Lynne, Alistair & Jim for their efforts in making this happen.

As you know I have been trying to operate the fixtures based on ability, development and even match ups. I would like to know from all teams if they wish me to continue to generate fixtures like this. If so I need your feedback on your matches please. I still get feedback from certain teams – thanks – but really need it from all teams. The other option I would like your views on, is that from April I generate totally random fixtures. This would allow teams to face teams they may not have previously met and then allow all coaches to evaluate their teams progress. Again I will leave this decision to you the coaches. Can you please email me or text me your thoughts on this please.

Playing Rules

Can I please take this opportunity to clarify some of the league rules for the Under 10's

- Goalkeepers must throw the ball out under arm. Goalkeepers attempting to gather the ball by hand may not be challenged
- For age groups 10 and 11 the pass back law does apply.
- Age groups 8, 9 and 10 should play with a size 3 football
- Throw ins must not be gathered in hand by goalkeepers

U11s – Derek Torrance Said that fixtures were more difficult to do as not sure what games had gone ahead and hoped that teams will play games as per fixtures even if they had played that team the month before.

A request by Dumbarton was put forward requesting that maybe someone living close to Lochfield could inspect the pitch prior to 9am and inform league if it was playable, Paul McManus of Renfrewshire Celtic stated he lived across from the hub and would be happy to inspect the pitch on a Saturday morning

The floor was open to U11s coaches. No questions were asked

U12s – Billy Baird stood for Stuart. Billy started off by saying that Stuart had resigned from the position after some issue with over an email debate but, after talking it over with the committee he will be staying on and Billy stated that Stuart had been doing a good job which the members showing their appreciation by clapping. Billy also stated that fixtures were difficult and Stuart would try and make sure the teams play Home then away. It was also asked the no teams TEXT the refs but, make sure that refs are contacted by phone by the Monday prior to Saturday match.

Football 4s – Joe Gibson advised that he had 12 team registered with Erskine and Johnstone west in as 50/50. The start date due to weather would now be 7th Feb at Ferguslie Sport complex, there will be 4x10 minute games and cost for each team will be £5 and all games will be in accordance with SYFA rules

League Secretary Report – Emails received from SYFA inviting league to a National Player Pathway meeting to be held at Hampden on 24th Feb 10 starting at 6.30pm. A league development meeting on 7 March 10 at Lagoon LC 1-4pm and a SYFA in service day to cover coach education for 4,7 and 11 a side to be held at Toryglen, Sunday 18 April 11am to 2pm anyone going along must contact Derek Torrance by Email so numbers can be passed on to Mitch at SYFA.

Treasurer Report – In the account at the moment: £11k, but still had bills to come in from RDC, Joe also advised that he was in the process of purchasing 2000 league medals and will be looking for help in getting them ready to be handed out to teams.

Accounts were checked and approved by Hugh Taylor, Port Glasgow BC and Trevor Goodwood, Langcraigs BC

D. New Business

Player pathway

Closed

Meeting was closed at 8.05pm by Billy Baird. The next general meeting will be at 7pm on Monday 1st March.

Minutes submitted by: Derek Torrance

Approved by: TBC