

Johnstone & District Youth Football League May 2010 – General Meeting

The meeting was open by Gerry Coyle, Chairperson. Gerry acknowledged that there had been a delay in getting minutes from the previous month onto the Web page, however that some minutes had been distributed to members tonight. It was agreed that the minute distributed was true reflection of the April general meeting. This was proposed by St. Peters and Seconded by Glenbrae Colts.

Chairpersons Report

Gerry Coyle, Chairperson announced that much of the recent league business had been taken up by discussions over a further proposed amalgamation of Johnstone and District and Renfrewshire Soccer Sevens. Gerry informed the meeting that this would require fuller discussions with the two organisations, however that this would inevitably mean a change of name and a new constitution for any proposed future league. This would also require both leagues to complete a full audit of their assets. If plans were to progress it was hopeful that any new committee could be in place for the beginning of the new season.

Secretary's report

Billy Baird, League Secretary reported that he was supportive of the talks between the two organisations and advised that it was hopeful that discussions could also include the amalgamation of the Paisley & District league. Billy stated that this would mean one organisation in charge of football from grassroots through to under 19's.

Billy advised that there had been some confusion over the start of the new player pathway. In particular it was discussed the route for players at the 2003 age group. Billy advised that there was a directive from the SYFA that the children at this age would progress to 7's in June 2010 and that all age groups thereafter would commence on the structured pathways programme ie – 4's, 4's with a goalkeeper, 7's then 11's. Joe Gibson, Bridge of Weir BC advised that he was unhappy and confused about this decision, as he felt the pathways plan for children had already been agreed and that this was a re-think on what the league had been previously told. Joe expressed that a number of teams, currently playing fours would not be in a position to progress to 7's due to low numbers in their current squads as they had been working on the basis that the pathways plan had started.

Billy expressed that he had taken several phone calls from upset referees due to the behaviour of some parents on the touchline. Billy noted that in some games the language being used was inappropriate for matches that were supposed to be about the fun and enjoyment of the children. Billy has asked the referees to report this to him via match reports and that teams concerned could expect follow up.

Billy explained that while visiting several parks recently there was no identifiable person at some of the games. Billy pointed out that there should be a minimum of two coaches per team and that the coaches should be visible, in club colours.

It was noted that there is a backlog of Child Protection Disclosures and that updates were now required for 95 coaches within the Johnstone & District. Billy will be looking at this list and making contact with the clubs concerned.

Under 8s

It was noted that Chris had resigned from this position. Gerry thanked Chris for his time and effort provided to the league over the last season.

Under 9s

Andy noted that some games at Ferguslie had been running over time and that this had been affecting later games. It was noted that games are made in fifty min slots, therefore your end time should be met regardless of when you started. Graham McIntyre, Linwood Rangers pointed out that in doing this it did not reflect the rules in the constitution and that the rules within this would need to reflect the resource implications on the times of games.

Under 10s

It was reported that this was a very positive season with little difficulties. Fixtures have been provided up until 29th may 2010.

Under 11s

It was reported that over the season 10 teams had pulled out. It was reported to be a positive season and the match secretary thanked members for their help over the year. It was noted that with no pathway for summer football it may be that the league could be extended for a further few weeks.

Under 12s

It was noted that all fixtures and referees had been posted on the web page.

Any other business

It was reported that there had been teams wishing to go to 11-a-side immediately following the close down of games in May – teams were informed that this would be termed as unauthorised football and as such would not be given approval. It was noted that teams could be in breach of their insurance until they actually re-register for the next season.

Treasurer report

It was noted that there was £8768.65 in the account. Joe expressed that a bill was outstanding for Lochfield for £554.00 and that a further £1035.00 was due for Ferguslie Lets.

Accounts were perused by David Borland and Jim Henderson.