



Bolton and Bury District Football League

Annual General Meeting Monday 25th June

Platinum Suite, Macron Stadium, BWFC 19:45

Welcome and registrations commenced at 19:30

Meeting commenced at 20:00 with 58-member clubs represented

Chris Rees welcomed attendees

Previous AGM minutes sent prior to meeting and approved.

Agenda as follows:

- ▶ General Secretary Report Season Review
- ▶ Wise Up –Addiction Awareness
- ▶ Chairman Report - 2018 Vision and Beyond
- ▶ Treasurers Report-2017-18 Year end report
- ▶ BBDFL Officers and Committee Members
- ▶ Any other Business/Open Forum

CR – Spoke about the possibility of a winter break as previously discussed at league meetings, the majority of members do not want a winter break.

CR – Advised clubs that more games will be scheduled mid-week early in the season with the possibility of cup games getting played earlier.

CR- U7's to U11;s dependant on weather will play up to November and break for Dec – Jan and start again in February, the league is currently looking at the option of central venues for the U7s and U8s

CR- advised members that the league will once again look at a blanket postponement should the weather and temperature drop into freezing. The league needed to do it once in the previous season

Season Review

CR – Discipline on a whole down 41% on previous year, welfare cases also down, however we aim to reduce this further year on year.

CR- The use of Sin Bins has been an overall success, which has helped with the reduction of discipline. Was still a bit disappointing that some teams/clubs didn't know the league were using Sin Bins.

The Sin Bin rule has been approved for the foreseeable future and the league will continue to operate using this rule.

Only change to the existing rules is that there will now be a £25 fine for those players receiving 2 sin bins in one game. CR unsure if a suspension will be enforced.

Question from the floor

What age groups will use the Sin Bin Rule?

Answer all competitive age groups U21 to U21

Is the Sin Bin rule for dissent only?

Answer Yes only to be used for cases of dissent

CR- Spoke about the increase in the Girls provision since October from 23 to 47. The league is 100% committed to increasing the girls game, we plan to have a strong provision that matches the Saturday league with teams playing at all age groups U7 to Adult.

The league has offered all New U7s girls teams free registration for the 2018-19 season.

CR – All league games were completed by June 2nd, this despite the horrendous weather we experienced throughout the season. CR thanked the league committee and the team managers for their huge efforts in getting all games complete across the age groups.

CR- All cup finals played over 6 days at 4 different venues, BWFC Academy, BWFC Macron stadium, Bury FC Gigg Lane and Lancashire FA.

CR – Asked for any feedback from the cup finals – None offered

New Rules for 2018-19 Season

- ▶ **It teammate to be shown before every game**
 - (i) **1st Offence a warning sent via the league general secretary**
 - (ii) **2nd Offence a final warning sent to team**
 - (iii) **3rd offence The team will be deducted 3 points for failure to comply. All offences must be reported to the age group secretary in the first instance**
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- ▶ Teams and or players wanting to “play Up” a year must obtain permission from the league committee
 - ▶ The 3 game rule for Cup Competitions to be at committee discretion
 - ▶ All coaches to obtain a coach ID badge through the FA Licensed Coaching Club (Free application)
 - ▶ All clubs to keep a record of player registration, to be made available on request (rule 18j)

CR – Asked the members if they would prefer actual laminates to be shown on matchdays and no longer use the electronic version.

The members had mixed reviews as to the best way forward, Questions were raised surrounding the knowledge of players being suspended.

It was suggested that the league secretary check the WGS league statement to check on player suspensions and let team managers know accordingly.

With iTeammate being an independent software application it isn't linked to FA WGS or Fulltime.

It was therefore agreed at the meeting, to look at the Player registration portal provided by the FA (WGS). This will be arranged for the league November meeting.

A question was asked, if a team doesn't provide a laminate, either paper or electronic, should the game go ahead

Answer- Yes, the league would always recommend this to encourage kids to play football, however the choice on the day is at the managers discretion with the caveat that there could be a sanction imposed.

All coaches to have ID on matchdays this can be either via iTeammate or with an official ID Card obtained from the FA coaches club.

All clubs to keep a record of players and coaches and have them to hand should the league or county perform a random spot check on match days or training days.

All the above rules were voted in with no objections.

New Club Applications 2018-19

- ▶ Total Football Academy U13 Little Lever
- ▶ Springfield Park U14 - OL11 4RE
- ▶ Newton Le Willows FC U14 - WA12 0AQ
- ▶ Winwick Athletic U15 A3 5HH
- ▶ Joga Bola U15 Little Lever

The above clubs have all applied to enter the league for the 2018-19 season

All Clubs voted in by majority and become full league members for the new season.

Question raised – Do all new teams start in the bottom sections

Answer – The league advises that friendlies are arranged and played against existing clubs in the league.

Wise up Presentation on Addiction awareness

Chairman's Report and Future Plans

- Build County FA and FA relationships
- Agree League rates with 3G providers
- Partnerships
- Sponsorship
- Inter League Football
- Open age football 2019/20 season-”The complete pathway”
- Growing girls football

Gary Russell – Company and Charity Chairman

GR – Spoke about the changes at the Lancashire FA, and the continued efforts to build on the past 12 months of the relationship.

The league has a meeting arranged with the new Chief Executive in the early July.

GR- The league are attempting to get a preferential rate for local 3G pitches. Some of the prices being charged to clubs are far too high and the providers are taking advantage of the clubs in times of poor weather.

GR – Partnerships currently

- Bolton Wanderers
- Bolton Wanderers Community Trust
- Matchwinner Sports
- Manchester City FC

- Manchester Utd FC
- Bury FC
- Wiseup

John Howarth MCFC Senior Scout - spoke briefly around the new initiatives at Man City that they hope to build on with the league.

37 U7s coaches attending the Man City CFA for a tour and coach development talk.

GR – Inter league U15 tournament in conjunction with ELFA and AccRoss College Accrington. Run in a champions league format. Walshaw Sports U15 won their 4th trophy of the season.

GR – The league intends to start an adult provision for the 2019-20 season with interest already shown from local teams.

League Finances

GR – End of year accounts have been completed in draft form by an independent account

At the end of the 2016-17 season the league had a closing balance of £79095.96 with an operating loss of £6802.04

A full audited record will be sent to all clubs along with the AGM Minutes

CR- Spoke about the leagues intention to set up benefit fund for clubs to apply for funding for projects and equipment, no amount has been set but the league are looking to invest around £10,000 to £15,000

Election of League Officers for the 2018-19 Season

General Secretary	Chris Rees
Welfare officer	Andy Kearney
Treasurer	Paul Anderson
Referee Appointments	Chris Rees
Under 7	Erica Cormican
Under 8	Tony Berry
Under 9	David Williams
Under 10	Marcus Howarth
Under 11	John Thomson
Under 12	Joe Agate
Under 13	Katrina Mills
Under 14	Bernice McNair
Under 15	Holly Blears
Under 16	Janet Cormican
Under 17	Tony Berry
Under 18	Michael Worthington
Under 21	Stuart McNair
Girls	Aaron Settle
Chairman	Gary Russell

The above committee members were agreed with no objections

Stuart McNair to take on the adult provision and build interest over the next 12 months

AOB

CR- Conducted two prize draws for clubs in attendance

1st Draw £500 Matchwinner voucher was won by Moorside Rangers ticket 83

2nd Draw for free/reduced league fees was won by Sharples FC

CR- Thanked all clubs for attending and asked for members opinion on possible outcomes for clubs not attending

Some ideas from members

- Issue a fine and give the money generated to a club at the next meeting by way of a prize draw.
- Have 2 or three tier registration process based on how many meetings clubs attend

Meeting Closed at 21:35