



## Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Location: Platinum Suite, Macron Stadium, BWFC 19:45

Welcome and registrations commenced at 19:30

Meeting commenced at 20:00 with 53 member clubs represented

Warren Barlow (WB) welcomed the attendees

Agenda as follows:

1. To receive and confirm the minutes of the preceding AGM
2. Annual Report
3. Election of New Clubs
4. Appointment of Officers of the Competition
5. SCOR Rules changes
6. Season Structure
7. Statement of accounts & financial audit
8. Other business of which due notice shall have been given and accepted as being relevant to an AGM

**Item 1** – Previous AGM minutes sent prior to meeting and approved.

**Item 2** – WB outlined the annual report which touched on the increased opportunities provided to play football from ages U7-U21, with teams continuing to join from outside the borough. WB thanks clubs within the area hosting cup finals and namely Old Boltonians, Ladybridge, CMB, & Daisyhill.

WB outlined that the breadth and depth of football across age groups, with some going to section E and F sections provided football for all abilities and girls football continued to grow and will be a major focus going forward.

WB outlined that despite the efforts by many to get games played, the cancellation of the non-competitive finals at the University of Bolton Stadium was a disappointment for all.

A note of caution was offered to clubs as Discipline & Welfare issues had seen significant and serious rises, particularly in the latter part of the season and a plea was put out to all those involved to work together, to understand the cause and to deal with the rising problems in discipline and welfare.



**Item 3 – Election of new clubs**

**\*\*\*\*\*Please see note below regards the voting system in place on the night and by email\*\*\*\*\***

Votes were conducted for the election of new teams and the results are as follows (The below includes votes on the night and email votes)

Club	Postcode	Teams	VOTE (For-Against)
Burnley Belvedere FC	BB10 2LE	U13	27 - 3
Langho FC	BB6 8AF	U18	30 - 1
RVJFC u12 Tigers (Hoops Juniors)	BB4 4EY	U12	30 - 1
Sale United FC	M33 7WR	U14	28 - 2
AFC Salford Juniors	M30 9FJ	U13 + U15	31 - 0
RYLANDS FC	WA2 7RZ	U14	30 - 1
Lymm Piranhas JFC	WA13 9HX	U14	30 - 1
Manchester North End Football Club	M40 3PD	U10	30 - 1
Old Boltonians AFC	BL7 0EU	U17	31 - 0
FC Unsworth	BL9 8QD	U17	31 - 0

**Item 4 – Election of officers**

Individual	Role	VOTE (For-Against)
Warren Barlow	General Secretary	27 - 2
Glen Johnstone	Treasurer	28 - 0
Paul Flood	Chairman	29 - 0

**Item 5 – SCOR/SCORY rule changes**

No additional rule changes were requested by member clubs

**Item 6 – Season Structure**

WB outlined the season structure with **Mark Edgar** leading on the non-competitive age groups which the season will run in three blocks as follows:

- Block 1: Sept 7<sup>th</sup> 2019 – Nov 30<sup>th</sup> 2019
- Block 2: Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 – March 28<sup>th</sup> 2020
- Block 3: April 25<sup>th</sup> 2020 - July 18<sup>th</sup> 2020



Central venues will be offered for U7 & U8, if there is enough demand and they will not be playing catch up fixtures, with games for the U7 & U8 played in a round robin of 3 teams format and cups being run in accordance with the FA rules

**Warren Barlow** would lead on the competitive age groups from U12s to U21s with the season start being on Saturday September 7<sup>th</sup> and the Season End on May 16<sup>th</sup> with any catch-up fixtures, being completed in the last two weeks of May

**Kelly Boag** and **Jack Nicklin** would lead on all the girls age groups which would be played on a Sunday from the 8<sup>th</sup> September until the end of May 2020

**Item 7** – Statement of accounts and financial audit documents circulated to members prior to the meeting and generated much discussion around how the league is to be funded going forward and how the charitable funds could be used to support member clubs. There was some discussion around how clubs may be able to access funding in the future and if the funds could be re-invested. In addition questions were asked about the movement of funds from one charity the BBDFL Charity and the North West Football Trust. It was confirmed by the trustees that the charity had not changed, the money remained in the charitable accounts and the charity reference number on the charity commission site was still the same. The only change being that the charitable name had changed to the North West Football Trust of which the BBDFL was one part and the girls league was another as this allowed for the growth of the sport for boys, girls, women and men and allowed for further expansion and budgeting in the future to benefit the members and the game. It was clarified that the North West Football Trust remained a volunteer run, not for profit organisation with a purpose of progressing the game for the benefit of all

#### **Item 8** – AOB

Much discussion was had in relation to recent events and members questioned the voting system implemented at the AGM as this was on a coloured card system of green cards to the clubs which had registered for the new season and yellow cards for the clubs who were members the previous year but had not re-registered for the new season

Some members questioned the legality of this and asked the league management to review the voting system which was implemented and seek advice from the FA

Meeting concluded at 2145hrs



\*\*\*\*\*VOTING SYSTEM\*\*\*\*\*

As a result of the comments at the AGM the following email was sent to members on the 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019 to all clubs who had been provided a yellow voting card as an addition to the AGM voting system on the night and the results are included at **items 3** and **4** above.

Dear Club Secretary,

On Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June the BBDFL held its annual AGM and your club was represented at that meeting

The voting for the night was set up that green cards were issued to those who had already re-registered for the 2019/20 season and yellow cards for those who had been previous members of the league in the 2018/19 season

The rationale for this being that the yellow card holders could vote for all matters pertaining to the 2018/19 season (such as agreement of minutes of the previous AGM and any matters arising around the financial audit) and those that held green cards could vote on matters for the 2019/20 season such as new clubs and appointment of officers as they were members of the league for that season.

Attendees raised concerns about this as they outlined this had never occurred before and they asked that the league seek clarity on the voting system employed at the AGM

The board listened to the concerns raised by the attendees and have sought advice around this and feel that they were wrong in this interpretation, as they now understand that member clubs are member clubs until they give notice to resign from the competition

The board would like to apologise for this and as a result this email is now being sent to all the clubs who attended and were provide with Yellow voting cards in order for them to submit their vote on the matters in which they were excluded on the evening

The votes received on the evening are outlined below.

Please could you reply to this email with your clubs vote for each of the areas and Warren Barlow will collate all the responses and ensure they are captured in the votes for the 2019 AGM minutes.



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#### SAMBA GOALS:

In addition to the above the league is requesting to borrow sets of 12 x 6 (7v7) Samba Goals (or equivalents) for weekend of 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> July

Warren would arrange collection of these on the 19<sup>th</sup> and ensure they are returned on week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Please could you advise if your club is in a position to loan some sets to the league and if so please advise how many sets

Thank you for your support in this and again thank you for your understanding and hopefully this email also goes some way in showing that those entrusted with running the charity and league on your behalf and that of the game and the region will listen to its member clubs and act on concerns raised.

These are the minutes of the 2019 AGM and subsequent additional voting that took place.