

Apologies

Russ Murch, Stephen Birley, Ipplepen, Kentisbeare, Tiverton, Beacon Knights, Bradninch, Broadclyst, Cullompton Rangers, Culm United, Lymestone Eagles, Exwick, Honiton, Moors, Newton St Cyres, Newton Abbot 66, Phoenix, Sidmouth Town, Thorverton, Tiverton, Westhill Wasps

Present

John Penkethman(JP) Carole Johnson(CJ) Alphington, Brixington, Buckland Athletic, Central, Countess Wear, Crediton Saints, Crediton Youth, Dawlish, Exmouth Amateurs, Feniton, Heavitree Youth, Hemyock, Okehampton Argyle, Pinhoe Spartans, Sidbury, St Martins, Stoke Hill, Tedburn St Mary, Topsham Town, Twyford Spartans, West Exe Youth, Whipton Youth

Season So Far

JP explained to all that only 1 complaint had been received this season so far and it had been dealt with accordingly. Had a brief discussion about the season so far and apart from the weather causing disruptions to the fixtures, all seemed to be going well so far this season. JP also explained that Stephen Birley had stepped down from the Secretary role due to ill health however would step into the role of Press Officer, whilst Russ Murch, had stepped into the role as Secretary. Carole Johnson would be taking over as the League Registration Secretary. JP also to continue as Chairman and Welfare Officer. JP explained the need to increase the Management Committee for next year, in preparation should the league expand. Looking to speak to Julie Logan with reference to the Referee position. Fundraiser not a role the club needed to look at the moment. JP was disappointed to receive some feedback on the night from some clubs, who had not approached him before the meeting. Explained that he has an open door to all clubs to approach him.

Age Groups for Next Season

JP explained that he had been asked the question "Would we be extending our age groups for next year" Everyone was asked for their thoughts, the outcome was that it was felt by certain clubs that we should approach the Juventus League to see if they would consider a merger. JP agreed to approach the Juventus League. It was also asked that if we went to 14's would we also consider offering 15's and 16's. JP asked if that is what clubs wanted then we would do our best to provide as a league.

Council Pitches

Discussions took place around this with regards to clubs being limited to playing only at weekends and not during the week. JP explained reference an email from the Council representative that this was due to games being booked and not for filled, majority of which were from the Juventus League. It was agreed that a meeting with the Council representative on behalf of the clubs would be the way forward.

Plate Cup

JP explained that offers were made by two clubs for the Under 11's and 12's, this to be followed through by the Secretary.

Any Other Business and Questions raised by Clubs

It was mentioned that this year more referees have been available for games. A couple of clubs mentioned that information on the website and via emails were abit too business like. JP explained that Russ is going to be a great asset to the league; however, it had already been raised and discussed. Id Cards were discussed, the outcome was that CJ would post on the website, all relevant information and correct procedures. A club asked if Red Post was sponsoring the Trophies. JP explained that Red Post sponsored the website, the printing of the handbook and the cup final programmes for free. The league provided the trophies. It was asked how many teams would be promoted and relegated, JP specified the top 3 would go up and the bottom 3 would go down. A club voiced it concerns about going up to Under 12's next year, to full size pitch and goals, it was said that it just had to be accepted.

Date of Next Meeting to be confirmed on the Website, sometime in April.