



## The Exeter & District Youth Football League



### **Exeter & District Youth League – Annual General Meeting**

The 2009 AGM was held at the Flybe Suite, St James Park, Exeter on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 7.45pm.

**Clubs Present:** The following clubs signed the attendance register: St Martins, Alphington, Phoenix Club, Feniton, Sidmouth, Beacon Knights, Twyford, Brixington Blues, Moors Youth, Countess Wear Dynamos, Dawlish, Exmouth Amateurs, Newton Abbot 66, Whipton Youth, Crediton Youth, Lympstone, Exwick, Thorverton, Culm United, Kentisbeare, Sidbury, Tedburn St Mary, Topsham, Honiton, Bradninch, Stoke Hill, Okehampton, Crediton Saints, Newton St Cyres, Broadclyst, Cullompton, Central, Tiverton, West Exe, Pinhoe, and Heavitree.

**Also in attendance were:** John Penkethman (Chairman), Russ Murch (Secretary), Linda Penkethman (Treasurer), Carole Johnson (Registrations Secretary), Julie Logan (Referees Appointments Officer) and Dave Keast (Devon FA Representative).

**Apologies for absence were recorded from:** Nick Allen (Hemyock), Steve Birley.

The meeting was opened by the Chairman with a brief appraisal of the 2008/09 season. Thank you's to the committee and introduction of Dave Keast, for those who didn't know him.

The minutes from the AGM held on 02.06.09 were received and recorded as true and accurate, proposed by Honiton Town and seconded by Crediton Youth. The Chairman signed them off as true.

There were no matters arising from the above minutes.

**Accounts:** The Chairman presented the accounts as the Treasurer was not present at this point, and the breakdown was as follows: money in £110 from fines, £639.10 from Devon FA, £1782.90 from Cup Final Day, £5460 from Registrations, making a total of £7992.00. Expenditure for the season was £6804.59. Starting balance from last year was £8190.26. The new balance after all monies in and expenditure was £9377.67. The accounts were recorded as true, proposed by Culm United and seconded by Twyford. The Chairman signed them off as true.

**League Officers:** As there were no proposals received for changes to Chairman or Treasurer, John Penkethman and Linda Penkethman respectively remain in those positions. The positions of League Secretary, Registrations Secretary and Referee's Appointments Officer were ratified with Russ Murch being duly elected as League Secretary, Carole Johnson as Registrations Secretary and Julie Logan as Referee's Appointments Officer. The three positions were proposed en masse by Bradninch and seconded by Lympstone.

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**Election of Officers:** There were two new positions to be filled, FA Charter Coordinator and Development Officer. The Chairman proposed Nigel Doe of Honiton for the position of FA Charter Coordinator, this was seconded by the Secretary and Nigel was voted on unanimously. The Chairman also proposed Nick Miles as the Development Officer, this was seconded by the Referee's Appointments Officer and Nick was voted on unanimously.

**Alteration to Rules:** The floor were informed that there were several changes to last years' handbook that would require ratification by the member clubs, as well as several rules that were amended at Management Committee level. Amendments and decisions are listed below:

*Under 11 age group games will now be made up of 2 (two) 30 minute halves, which is a change to the old ruling which indicated that it could be up to a maximum of 35 minutes per half. **Passed.***

*Under 11 age group games are to remain 9 v 9. **Passed – vote was 28 in favour, 1 against.***

*Financial penalties will be incurred for games postponed without just reason. **Passed.***

*Goal sizes for Under 12 age group will remain as they currently are. **Passed – vote was 27 in favour, 5 against.***

*It was agreed the size of squads (amount of players) that could be registered with the League is as follows: 7 v 7 = 18; 9 v 9 = 18; 11 v 11 = unlimited.*

*The ruling for game postponements in both League and Cup games was discussed and an extraordinary meeting will be called prior to the pre-season meeting where a vote will be taken as to how this is to be handled.*

**Any Other Business:** Size of divisions for the 2009/10 season. As the League Secretary pointed out, at this point it was not possible to say what the splits would be. It was hoped that all teams from the 08/09 season would be moving up an age group within the League to allow for the correct promotion/relegation. However, until the 30<sup>th</sup> June deadline for team registrations is reached, it is not possible to say.

Galvin Short, of Exeter City Council, asked that it be mentioned all teams playing on Exeter City Council pitches must adhere fully to the rules set on the licences they receive. It was also stated for the 2009/10 season there would be no facility for midweek games. It was also asked that team managers/club secretaries maintain a much better level of communication than was apparent last season and not to make any assumptions as to pitch availability.

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The Plate Competition was a subject brought up by the Management Committee to gauge opinion for the 09/10 season, as to whether or not it should be held on the same day as Cup Finals, or should it reach a conclusion on the same day as knock-out rounds. The Management Committee will make a decision about this at a later date.

FA Charter Status: It was brought to the attention of the member clubs the League's intention to gain FA Charter Status and that currently we already have 69% of our member clubs with Charter Status. Dave Keast indicated that there was a potential pot of money for the clubs reaching this status.

Referees: Julie Logan discussed forms that had been given out for all managers of age groups 12, 13 and 14 to indicate if they would be requiring referees for their games during the season, or if they had their own referee in appointment.

Under 14s: This subject was brought up by the League Secretary as many clubs had been asking if the League intended to run this age group. Yes, was the answer as long as we a sufficient amount of teams interested. The Secretary indicated that there were currently 5 teams signed up and he would be speaking to other member clubs.

Girls Football: The Secretary informed the floor that there were ongoing talks with the Devon FA in regard to the possibility of the League assisting the Devon Girls Football League as they appeared to be in trouble committee-wise and the League were awaiting news to see where things would go.

Commencement of 2009/10 season: Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2009 with an anticipated finish date of 17<sup>th</sup> April 2010.

Final date for team registrations for 2009/10 season for all age groups has been set as the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009.

The Meeting concluded 9.50 pm.