



The Exeter & District Youth Football League

Exeter & District Youth League AGENDA
Dave Jeffery Room – Heavitree Social/Football Club



Tuesday 26th January 2010

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Management Committee Members Present

John Penkethman (JP), Carole Johnson (CJ), Russ Murch (RM), Lynda Penkethman (LP), Julie Logan (JL), Nick Miles (NM), Nigel Doe (ND)

In Attendance

Dave Keast Devon FA Welfare Officer.

1. Apologies

Stephen Birley, Central FC, Crediton Saints, Margaret Seager (Exmouth Amateurs), Steve May (Exwick), Nick Allen (Hemyock), Dave Norris (Phoenix Club), Luke Broderick (Seaton), Jason Rainey (Tiverton), Jason Gale (Tiverton), James Clampin (Topsham).

2. Season So Far/Meeting Introduction

JP opened the meeting at 7.35 pm and welcomed the few managers and secretaries who were present. RM expressed that he felt the season so far had gone very well with few problems, except for the atrocious weather which has clearly caused a great deal of concern for all clubs and the committee.

3. League Season Extension

RM indicated to the floor that the season had now been extended twice and that the final day/evening for all games in 2009/10 season would be **Thursday 6th May 2010** with no further extension. RM also reiterated that whatever the position of games at midnight on the 6th May would be how the tables would be finalised. At request RM informed the floor that he would contact Galvin Short at Exeter City Council to enquire what the final dates would be for games on Council pitches and if there would be any further movement towards allowing evening or Sunday games.

4. Paperwork

RM expressed concern at the amount of paperwork that was not being submitted or submitted incorrectly/filled in illegibly. This was supported by CJ.

a. Submission of match day results sheets

CJ confirmed that matchday results sheets were not being filled in correctly by some and that there appeared to be confusion as to who should send them in. CJ and NM responded to the floor that it is the **home team manager in all games who is responsible for sending in the results sheets within 4 days of the fixture,**

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- b. Postponement forms
RM reiterated the importance of all managers making sure they submitted postponement forms with new dates within 7 days of the original fixture. RM also thanked the floor for keeping him aware of the situation via text, phone and email, but stressed again that the paperwork must be completed and sent in or teams run the risk of receiving fines for failure to notify the League Secretary correctly.
 - c. Re-arrangement of games – importance of doing so!
RM, NM and ND all stressed the importance of making sure games were rearranged and there was no re-poste from the floor.
5. Disciplinary Matters/News – Disciplinary Officer
- a. Fines procedures/notifications
NM explained in detail what the procedure was for submission of forms and notifications to league officers of any events from member clubs and further explained the way in which the fines procedures work.
 - b. Items of interest and clarification
Earlier in the season there were several postponements by managers claiming that they would not be able to play as they had nobody to cover for them who had CRB clearance. After discussion with the Devon FA and Dave Keast in particular, it has been ascertained this is NOT a reason for cancellation of games. It is permissible for any person to look after the players on an ad hoc basis, so if there is one game where the manager or the manager's assistant is not available a parent or another member of coaching staff from the club can take charge of the players. It was also mentioned that all clubs that have Charter Status should have CRB clearance for all coaches so there should never be an occurrence where a team cannot play because of the aforementioned excuse.
6. League Charter Status News – Charter Status Co-ordinator
ND explained the principles and concepts behind Charter Status and why, as a League, we feel it is an important standard to achieve. ND explained that as part of the League gaining this award we would eventually require 100% of clubs to have a level of Charter Status. It was suggested that this would be the case within a 24, or 2 season, period and would hopefully be very achievable as we currently have in excess of 70% of clubs with Charter Status. ND has previously achieved the Status for Honiton Town and offered his services as an advisor to any clubs who would be looking to achieve the Charter Status. Following a meeting that JP attended the previous night at DFA, he was able to explain that one of the benefits of gaining Charter Status would be that all ID cards for players would be reduced in price. Clearly that was not the only benefit but one to bear in mind.

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7. Referees – Referees Appointment Officer

JL expressed concern that some managers were not communicating effectively with referees prior to matchdays. This has been an issue in the past and JL reiterated the ruling from the handbook which clearly states that it is the home team manager who should make contact with the referee at least 48 hours prior to the kick off to ensure they know where they are going and kick off times. It was also noted that home team managers if contacting officials on the day of the match to inform of postponements, they should communicate the fact to the League Secretary at the same time as a way of ensuring we are aware you have done everything in your power to ensure the referee does not arrive for a non-fixture. JL also clarified that the League will appoint referees in cup competitions at the quarter final stages and that home referees should not be used.

a. Course for youngsters

JL and RM discussed with the floor the Leagues intention to offer refereeing courses to youngsters (over 14) which the League would pay for so long as the person taking the course agreed to serve the Exeter and District Youth League for a minimum of 2 seasons. RM indicated after discussion with Dave Keast that the League will endeavour to arrange a local course if we could obtain a minimum of 10 youngsters willing to take part.

b. Expenses and Fees

JL reiterated the standard fee for a referee is £20 and travelling should be paid at 30p per mile.

8. Mercy Rules

a. U11s and above

b. U9s & U10s

RM had been asked to bring up the feasibility of implementing the mercy rule, a brief explanation of which is when a team reaches a certain score/goal difference, the game is competitively finished at that point and the remainder of the game is played as a friendly. RM indicated the League would not endorse this as a rule as it could affect the outcome of the championship in each league as goal difference may well be a factor in several age groups. It was brought to the attention of the Committee that perhaps it would be an idea if the mercy rule could not be imposed to ensure reports submitted for the website are either censored or a message sent out to ask all people who are sending in emails to ensure they are respectful to their opponents when writing a report.

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It was also mentioned that the sections on the statistics pages where the biggest away and home win were indicated should be removed as it serves no real purpose. RM agreed that the statistics pages would be updated and a message sent to all managers regarding reports.

9. 2010/2011 Age Groups

JP informed the floor that we would be running ALL the current age groups as well as under 15s in the 2010/11 season, and that we had already had several enquiries from teams hopefully wishing to enter at this age group. It was also mentioned that we may well be running an under 7s age group. This is all dependent upon numbers who wished to be involved.

10. Dave Keast – Welfare and Respect Talk

Dave Keast kindly came along to give a brief talk about the Respect Campaign and to talk about Welfare Officers within member clubs. Dave pointed out that any clubs wishing to affiliate with the Devon FA as of next season must have their Welfare Officer in place prior to applying for affiliation or they will be rejected.

11. Any Other Business

ID cards – JP informed the floor of information that he had gained from the meeting the evening before and indicated that the new ID cards, when issued, would be valid for a 3 year period, at the cost of £2 per year (£1.50 for Charter Status clubs) and that invoices would be sent out each year in January. CJ informed the floor that ALL ID cards would be due for renewal this season, all players will require NEW PHOTOS and that the League will inform all member clubs at a later date as to how this would be done.

Under 11s age gap question – Once again, the question of whether under 11s would be allowed to have a 2 year age bracket or not was raised. The clear answer is that if they wished to play 9v9 then all players must have reached the age of 10 by the 31st August of the playing season. However, if it was decided that it would remain as 7v7 for under 11s, as it is for under 10s then the age bracket would be 2 years. JP reminded the floor that it was the managers who voted to keep at 9v9 for the under 11s last year at the AGM. RM offered the potential solution that if there were enough clubs the League could offer a 7v7 division and a 9v9 division. RM to send out questionnaire to all under 10 managers of this season to ascertain their thoughts.

Meeting was closed at 9.40 pm

Date of next meeting to be announced via the League website

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