



BCFA YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY 11th JUNE 2024 at 7:30pm

HELD AT CHELMSFORD CITY FC, SALERNO WAY, CHELMSFORD CM1 2EH

AGENDA

The Chairman opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending, the Club Volunteers for all they do and the Management Committee for their work for the League.

1. Roll Call and Apologies

All teams present in the room confirmed they had signed the AGM register. Apologies were received from Canvey Island, FC Evolution Girls, Hatfield Broad Oak and Junior Red Star.

2. Minutes of last years AGM held on the 27th June 2023

Minutes were taken as read with no objections noted.

3. Presentation of Annual Report

Peter Hockley gave a summary of the Annual Report that had been sent out ahead of the meeting by email and taken as read.

4. Presentation of Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts

Laurence Bough gave an overview of the Treasurers Report covering the Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts that had been sent out by email ahead of the meeting. There were no questions on the Accounts and no objections noted.

5. Election of Officers, Club Representatives to the Management Committee

The Officers and Club Representatives put forward for election in the agenda were voted in unanimously by the Member Clubs.

It was noted there were still vacancies for an U8 Fixture Secretary and Admin Manger which we need to fill before the season starts in September.

6. Election of Clubs to fill vacancies following New Club Interviews and online applications being submitted via BCFA Youth League Club Admin Portal by 19th July 2024.

The Following clubs were voted in unanimously by member clubs with no objections noted to fill vacancies subject to their completed application and requested paperwork being submitted to the League Secretary by 19th July 2024.

AFC Brentwood, Ambition FC, Basildon Town, Colebrook Royals, Concord Rangers, Hassenbrook, Haver Town, Inter Cranham, Little Thurrock Dynamos, Loughton Town, Maltby Social, Nation, Pitsea Town, Rayleigh Boys, Rayleigh Town, Stansted, Valley Green and Wickford Town.

The Chairman requested permission from the member clubs to add in additional teams during the season if they successfully meet our joining criteria.

7. Constitution of the League for the coming season 2024/2025:

The existing Clubs in the constitution were noted by the meeting. The Clubs elected under item 6 will be added to the constitution. The resulting Constitution was adopted with no objections noted.

Season 2023/2024 Member Cubs who are leaving:

2AIM4, Basildon United, Beacon Hill, East Thurrock United, Leigh Ramblers, Leys Park, Risden and SK Sports.

8. Divisional Constitution – Under 12's,13's,14's,15's,16's,17's & 18's

Latest Draft Version was sent out to Clubs – It was agreed that some changes may still be made to these and are subject to all teams submitting their league application form online by 19th July 2024.

The chairman requested permission from membership to move teams after 13th October if a team is clearly in the wrong division.

9. Appointment of Independent Verifier

Carol Payne was proposed by the Management Committee. There were no objections noted.

10. Alteration to Rules

The proposed Rule changes for Season 2024/25 were sent out ahead of the meeting. Rules were agreed with no objections noted:

11. Fix Dates for the start of the playing season.

The start of the playing season was agreed as Sunday 8th September 2024 for start of season U13 Round Robins, Saturday 14th September 2024 & Sunday 15th September 2024 for the start of League Division fixtures from U8 to U18.

12. Fix Dates for the end of the playing season.

The end of the season was agreed as Saturday 31st May 2025.

13. Football Development

It was noted that the League is looking to hold FA Coaching Events and CPD events through the season, dates and events to be confirmed.

14. Festivals for U7 Boys / U8 Girls

Following success of workshops last season, new U7/U8 coaches will need to attend a Festival Intro Workshop before they can start applying for fixtures. This will be run in September in partnership with Essex FA to support new coaches.

15. Managers Meeting

These will be held during September 2024, dates and location will be confirmed and communicated.

16. Cup Competitions

The BCFA facilitated 36 Cup Finals last season which were organised and hosted by a small number of committee members. The Chairman confirmed that next season we will be running Bi-Divisional Cup Competitions for U9s to U18s

17. League Awards

The Chairman congratulated the 30 teams for Sportsmanship as recorded in Full time for 2023/24. Each Manager will be sent a £50 Pro-Kit Voucher. The full list of teams has been published in the Roll of Honour on the league website. Also, 27 teams were awarded the Admin Awards who will be sent either a £25, £35 or £45 Pro-Kit Voucher.

18. Futsal

It was noted that the league are keen to reintroduce Futsal but it will not be possible for season 24/25.

19. FA Accreditation

In order to remain an accredited league all teams need to be accredited. Existing clubs will be given 1 year to get all items completed. New clubs will have the first year free but must be completed within their second year.

20. Application Deadline

The deadline for confirming team applications to the League for season 2024/2025 is 19th July 2024 and must be done via an online submission on the web admin portal.

21. Player Registration Window Update

The Registration system will open shortly, the website will be updated with the confirmed date. Players will be approved once clubs have submitted their league application and affiliated the team with Essex FA. All Players need Photo ID from U7s to U18s. Most rejections are due to player photos – please ensure photos show a head shot of the player.

22. Any other business

No other business

23. ECFA Representative

Emma Burden (Football Development Officer – Female Pathway) and Karl Sear (Football Development Manager – Clubs/Leagues) gave a presentation with latest news from Essex FA. Details of what was shared will be emailed out to clubs by the League Secretary.

Meeting was closed by the Chairman at 8:13pm

Hon. Secretary June 2024