

IV. Correspondence

The League had been informed that Crosfield Vipers U15's had sadly decided to fold their team with the majority of their players now being absorbed into the Crosfield Cobras side at this age-group.

V. Referee Appointments Coordinator's Report

David Lowe announced there will be a few changes to the forthcoming weekend's Referee appointments and he will announce these a.s.a.p.

David asked clubs/coaches to let people know that games are called off as early as possible to prevent opponents and officials travelling unnecessarily - where possible please try to give at least an hour if others are travelling a considerable distance

On a personal note the meeting was asked that if dropping things off at David's home address that they please park on the road itself and do not park on the soft grass verges as it is unfair on local residents.

The room was asked for a show of hands for clubs willing to consider later kick offs in inclement weather where a later kick off may enable a game to go ahead with an increase in temperature/thawing of the pitch. This seemed to be a popular choice - liaise with opponents and officials if this is an option to prevent a game being cancelled.

VI. U13's Fixture Secretary's Report/Registration Issues

The draw took place for the first round of the Under 13's NW Counties Cup Draw which was drawn electronically on the big screen in full view of the meeting. This first round involved the 15 teams in Divisions 2 & 3 with 5 actual games to be played and 5 byes through to the second round. The draw was as follows:-

Games to be played Sunday 14th Dec.
Hindley v Leigh East
Haydock v Waterhead
Rylands Tiger Sharks v Leigh Miners
Oldham St Anne's v Saddleworth
Portico v Leyland

Byes for Langworthy Reds, Folly Lane, Burtonwood, Golborne Parkside, Chorley Panthers.

II. U14's Fixture Secretary's Report/Registration Issues

Paul Edwards reminded all his clubs that if games are called off you MUST still inform him.

VIII. U15's Fixture Secretary's Report/Registration Issues

Jackie reiterated Paul's comments and highlighted that if there is more than one team at home that each team informs their relevant Secretary as each age-group needs to be aware.

The draw for the U15's NW Counties Cup will be drawn at the January 2009 meeting

Brian Edwards asked that all teams ensure that the pink slip is sent to him when registering players as this highlights to him that cards are still outstanding.

IX. Transfer Committee's Report

Paul announced that he has a few transfers in process and he was going to chase these up with RL Services.

He also informed the room that there is still a problem with some transferred player's cards going to Brian Edwards instead of himself from RL Services

X. BARLA Representative's Report

Sam informed the room that following on from the very successful meeting at Old Trafford a further meeting had been arranged of "established" leagues of the Youth & Junior Forum at the Zone in Huddersfield on Tuesday 9th Dec

Items to be discussed:-

- Co-operative Modified Games Programme 2009 - 2011
- Transfers – how it is working and how does it affect everyone?
- Rules Review – Do we need to review Youth and Junior rules?
- Generic Match Day Stationary
- Any other business

If you have any views or questions you would like the League to put forward please ensure Sam or Jackie have them in time for the meeting.

Margaret Byrne notified everyone that with the recent issues over BARLA or RL Insurance this League will need to see evidence that clubs are in fact insured. Could clubs therefore please ensure that they bring a copy of their certification to the next meeting.

Clubs not insured will NOT be able to play games.

XI. Disciplinary Chairman's Report

Hearing Notifications were issued to several clubs for cases which were to be heard on Thursday 18th December 2008 at Golborne Parkside Sports & Community Club.

Verdict Notifications were also issued to several clubs for cases which were heard on Thursday 17th November 2008 at Golborne Parkside Sports & Community Club.

XII. Any Other Business

The Treasurers' Report showed that the League had a balance of £11692 at the time of the meeting.

Sam Armstrong presented a small Powerpoint Slideshow showing the League's latest acquisition - a 3 metre exhibition trailer which expands out to 7 metres.

It is the League's intention to get this re-branded with NW Counties graphics & images and for it then to be used by our clubs to assist in recruiting new players at festivals, shows, supermarkets and outside professional grounds etc whilst also promoting the League whilst on it's travels around the region.

The League recognise that such a facility is outside the normal realms of most of our individual clubs but as a League with over a hundred teams we are sure it is justified and every club will hopefully benefit greatly.

The trailer, which takes about 5 mins to set-up. has it's own petrol generator, fluorescent and spot lights and also has several power points for tv's etc. There will also be eyecatching flags and a front-board.

It is our aim to stock it with all relevant leaflets and pamphlets applicable to our age-groups and to have a panel where an individual team can easily put their details, contact numbers, training times etc to encourage new recruits.

To support this we have also made initial steps towards seeking grants for a couple of small inflatable games eg. kicking posts and possibly a speed radar passing cage to add a fun element though we have to say this is still in the early stages.

We hope you share with us our enthusiasm for this project and that it reaps the rewards we hope it will for our clubs and teams.

Keep an eye on the website for pictures etc when we have sorted the graphics and posters.

Finally, as this was the last League Meeting of 2008, Margaret, on behalf of the League wished everyone a very Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year

The date of the next meeting at Golborne Parkside will be the 7th January 2009 commencing at 8.30pm.