

 **WRGFL AGM MINUTES 2023
 MONDAY 10 JULY 2023 – 19:30**

ATTENDEES

Ackworth Girls FC, Allerton FC, Altofts Juniors FC, Amaranth Crossgates FC, Battyeford Sporting Club, Beacon Rangers JFC, Beeston Juniors FC, Bolton Woods JFC, Bradford City Girls FC, Bramley Amigos FC, Brayton Belles FC,
Brighouse Juniors FC, Brighouse Town AFC, Brodsworth Welfare AFC, Calverley United JFC, Carlton Athletic Girls FC,
Castleford Town FC, Castleford White Rose LFC, Clifton Ranger YFC, Collingham Juniors FC, Colton Juniors FC,
Crossley Belles NHFC, Durkar Girls FC, Farsley Celtic Juniors FC, Forza Football Girls, Garforth Rangers AFC,
Garforth Villa FC, Gildersome Spurs JFC, Golcar Unitedd FC, Gomersal & Cleckheaton FC, Goole Town Tigers JFC,
Greetland FC, Guiseley Juniors FC, Halifax FC Women, Harrogate Railway JFC, Hebden Bridge Saints JAFC,
Horsforth St Margarets FC, Howden Clough JFC, Ilkley Town AFC, Kellingley Welfare JFC, Kirkstall Crusaders FC,
Knaresborough Celtic JFC, Leeds City Juniors FC, Lepton Highlanders FC, Linthwaite FC, Methley United AFC,
Morley Glen JFC, Nidd United FC, Norristhorpe JFC, North East Leeds JFC, Ossett Town Juniors FC, Ossett United FC,
Ovenden West Riding JAFC, Pinfold Pumas JFC, Pontefract Collieries FC, Pontefract Wildcats GFC, Queensbury Celtic FC,
Rothwell Town AFC, Ryburn United Juniors FC, Scotton Scorchers JFC, Shadwell United FC< Sherburn White Rose FC,
Skelmanthorpe United JFC, Thackley Juniors 2003 FC, Thorpe Giants FC, Town Juniors FC, Wakefield Owls FC,
West End Terriers FC, Wetherby Athletic JFC, Wigton Moor JFC, Wortley FC, Wrenthorpe Rangers FC,
Wyke Wanderers FC

ABSENT

Crofton Juniors AFC, Drighlington Juniors FC, Eldwick Juniors FC, Elite AFC, Farsley Celtic FC, FC Pontefract,
Featherstone Flyers FC, Horsforth Juniors FC, Howden AFC, Kirkburton Juniors FC, Leeds 28 FC,
Lindley Junior Collegians FC, LS27 FC, Marsden FC, Middleton Park FC, Ossett Albion Juniors FC, Pudsey Juniors AFC,
Rastrick Juniors FC, Rothwell Juniors FC, Silsden AFC Juniors, Sporting Leeds FC, Stanningley Albion JFC, Thornes JFC,
Thornhill AFC, Tingley Athletic FC, Wakefield City JFC, Wakefield Jets JFC, Wiggington Grasshoppers FC,
Woodkirk Valley FC

Craig Webb (CW) opened the meeting and completed the roll call of Clubs. CW then handed the AGM administration to Russ Clarke (RC)

1. To receive and confirm the Minutes of the preceding Annual General
 Meetings.

RC confirmed that last season’s minutes had been distributed to all Clubs. He asked that two Clubs who were present at the 2022 AGM confirm the 2022 minutes a true copy.

Minutes confirmed a true copy by: Crossley Belles NHFC

Seconded by: Calverley United JFC

1. To consider any business arising from those minutes.

RC asked the League Council whether there was any business arising from last season’s AGM Minutes. There was not business arising from those minutes.

3. To receive and adopt the Annual Report, Balance Sheet and Statement of
 Accounts.

RC noted that the annual report and balance Sheet and statement of accounts had been sent out to all Clubs: RC asked the League Council if there were any questions relating to the 2022/2023 accounts? RC also confirmed the accounts would be passed to the WRGFL Verifier Christine Hayhurst after the AGM and that once verified all Clubs would be notified. There were no questions relating to the seasons accounts.

4. Election of Clubs to fill vacancies (as recommended by the Management
 Committee).

RC read out the list of Clubs looking for membership of the WRGFL in season 2023/2024, in total 24 Clubs had applied to join the WRGFL. RC noted that The MC recommended that all the Clubs seeking to join the WRGFL should be admitted for season 2023/2024. RC explained that all of the Clubs applying are registered and affiliated with their County FA’s as Grassroots Clubs and are, therefore, eligible to play in the WRGFL. RC asked whether there were any objections from any members of the League Council to the WRGFL admitting any of the Clubs noted.

Allerton FC (New Club)
Beacon Rangers JFC (New Club)
Bramley Amigos (New Club)
Brodsworth Welfare AFC (Formerly Adwick Warriors)
Collingham Juniors FC (New Club)
Drighlington Juniors (New Club)
Elite AFC (New Club)
Farsley Celtic Juniors FC (New Club)
Halifax FC (New Club)
Horsforth Juniors FC (New Club)
Kirkburton Juniors (Former Club)
Leeds 28 FC (New Club)
Lindley Junior Collegians FC (Former Club)
LS27 FC (New Club)
Middleton Park FC (Former Club)
Morley Glen Juniors (New Club)
Pudsey Juniors (Former Club)
Rastrick Juniors (New Club)
Sherburn White Rose (New Club)
Silsden AFC Juniors (Former Club)
Stanningley Albion Juniors (New Club)
Thornes Juniors (Former Club)
Wakefield City JFC (New Club)
Wakefield Jets FC (New Club)

There were no objections to any of the Clubs noted being accepted into membership of the WRGFL and all Clubs were voted into membership from 2023/2024. There was debate in relation to Academies looking to enter grassroots leagues and what the WRGFL stance was on that. It was confirmed that Academy teams under FA Rules could not enter a grassroots league and that the WRGFL supported that rule.

5. Constitution of the Competition for ensuing season

RC confirmed the Constitution of the WRGFL for season 2023/2024 with the League Council (see below). RC asked all Clubs with U12’s this season to let those managers/coaches know that from season 2024/2025 there would be no 9V9 at U13’s. The U13’s from 2024/2025 would be 11V11 only.

U07 – 5V5 – League Games and a knockout Competition
U08 – 5V5 – League Games and a Knockout Competition
U09 – 7V7 – League Games, Cup/Shield/Plate\* Competitions
U10 – 7V7 – League Games, Cup/Shield/Plate\* Competitions
U11 – 9V9 – League Games, Cup/Shield/Plate\* Competitions, County Cup Competition (U12 CC)
U12 – 9V9 – League Games, Cup/Shield/Plate\* Competitions, County Cup Competition (U12 CC)
U13 – 9V9 – League Games, Cup/Shield/Plate\* Competitions, County Cup Competition (U14 CC)
U13 – 11V11 – League Games, Cup/Shield/Plate\* Competitions, County Cup Competition (U14 CC)
U14 – 11V11 – League Games, Cup/Shield/Plate\* Competitions, County Cup Competition (U14 CC)
U15 – 11V11 – League Games, Cup/Shield/Plate\* Competitions, County Cup Competition (U16 CC)
U16 – 11V11 – League Games, Cup/Shield/Plate\* Competitions, County Cup Competition (U16 CC)
U17 – 11V11 – League Games, Cup/Shield/Plate\* Competitions, Challenge Cup Competition
U18 – 11V11 – League Games, Cup/Shield/Plate\* Competitions, Challenge Cup Competition

RC noted The Plate Competitions would be dependent on the number of divisions in an age group and that some age groups would not have a Plate Competition. RC also noted that discussions around how the knockout competitions would run in 2023/2024 had still too be discussed and Clubs would be informed of Knockout Competition start dates in due course.

6. Election of Officers and Management Committee

RC stated that the following officers had stood for re-election and in the absence of nominations for any roles from Clubs will remain in office for season 2023/2024.

Chairperson: Craig Webb
Vice Chairperson: Wayne Lockwood

League Secretary: Russ Clarke
Treasurer: Bev Anthony
LWO: Stacey Timlin

LWO Assistant: Bethany Osborne-Garrett
Referees Secretary: Carl Ridyard
Registration Secretary: Catrin Ridyard
Cup Secretary: Russ Clarke
Fixtures Secretary U7, U8, U9, U10 & U11: Russ Clarke
Fixture Secretary U12 & U13: Rob Jennings
Fixture Secretary U14 & U15: Carl Ridyard
Fixtures Secretary U16 & U17: Wayne Lockwood
Fixtures Secretary U18: Craig Webb
League Development Lead: Russ Clarke
League Development Officer (County Squads): James Todd
League Development Officer (County Squads): Alex Maurice
League Development Officer (Future Lionesses): Rob Jennings
League Development Officer (Future Lioness): Bethany Osborne-Garrett

RC confirmed that there were still vacancies on the MC and if anyone was interested in joining the team to get in touch with him for a chat.

7. Appointment of Auditor/Verifier

The WRGFL recommended that Christine Hayhurst (current verifier) was appointed to the role of Auditor/verifier for season 2023/2024. Christine had confirmed she was happy to continue in the role. RC asked the League Council whether there were any objections to the appointment of Christine to the role. There were no objections and a show of hands confirmed a unanimous vote for the appointment.

8. Alteration of Rules, if any (of which notice has been given)

RC told the League Council that no rule amendments had been received from Clubs. All rule amendments to be voted on had been submitted by the MC. RC confirmed that The FA Changes had been added to SCORY already as they could not be voted on or changed by the League Council. The rule amendments were voted on by the League Council. (See separate sheets attached to the Minutes).

9. Fix the date for the commencement of the season and kick off times
 applicable to the Competitions

RC Confirmed that the WRGFL Season would commence on Saturday 16 September 2023 and would complete by 31 May 2024 but the MC would look at those age groups where GCSE/A Level examinations were to be taken and would make sure they completed earlier.

RC noted that the MC would like to see the current kick off times (as per season 2022/2023) remained in place but Clubs were able to put forward counter proposals if they wished to see change. No Clubs submitted a counter proposal so the Kick Off times next season will be:

Saturday: Earliest KO 09:30 and latest KO 12:30. Where teams agree a kick off outside those times then an earlier or later KO is acceptable. Where agreement cannot be reached then the home teams advised KO time is to be used (as long as it is in the core KO times).

Midweek fixtures: The WRGFL when organising midweek fixtures will always use Thursday at 18:30 as the default KO time. Where teams agree a kick off on another day and time the WRGFL will accept and rearrange a game accordingly. Where agreement cannot be reached between the two teams then default day and KO time will be used.

Sunday: Earliest KO 09:30 and latest Kick off 14:00. Where teams agree a kick off outside those times then an earlier or later KO is acceptable. Where agreement cannot be reached then the home teams advised KO time is to be used (as long as it is in the core KO times).

Cup/Shield/Plate and Challenge Cup Rounds will be communicated once the WRGFL have final League entries in.

10. Any Other business (of which due notice shall have been given and
 accepted as being relevant to an Annual General Meeting)

There was no AOB requested. AGM closed at 20:17.