

West Wales Women and Girls League AGM 2019/2020

Meeting Minutes

30.06.2020

Present:

Tom Knight – WWWGL
Steven Grove – WWWGL
Ceri Richards – WWFA
Mark Packer – Ammanford
Alex Jones – Cwm Wanderers
Steve Thompson – Clydach Cricket
Matthew Giffard – Gower Galaxy
David Heath – Talycopa
Nick Price – Talycopa
Gareth Philips – Cwm Gwendraeth
Gregg – Johnstown
Gareth Smith – Bryn Rovers
Martin Lareonico – Garden Village
Rhian Lynch – Camford
Emma Lloyd – Garden Village
Daniel Davies- Ystradgynlais
Natalie Salter – Pontardawe
Nicola - Pontardawe
Matt John – Johnstown
Natalie Opdenoordt- Mumbles
Nigel Hill – Swansea Uni
Leanne – Camrose
Rob Brown – Briton Ferry Llansawel
Wayne Davies – LLandarcy
Jon Jones – Ystradgynlais
Natalie Gordon Curr – Mumbles
Peter Roberts – Camford
Grant Pointer – Pontarddulais
Mike Giffard - Gower Galaxy
Leeanne – Camrose
Matthew – Gower Galaxy

Next meeting: TBA

1. Agenda

- Welcome from the secretary to all affiliated club attendees

- Review minutes from 2018-2019 AGM
- WWFA Address
- Chairman Address
- Treasurer's Report
- Confirmation of League Committee Officers for 2020/2021 season

2. Discussion

Tom Knight opened the meeting with the meetings housekeeping and instructed attendees to direct any questions regarding the items that will be covered during the webinar to do so in the chat facility after the meeting. All attendees were asked to confirm their name, age group and club representation within the chat facility also. Tom welcomed all from the 2019/2020 season, explained how it has been a different season to the rest due to Covid-19. How the season hasn't ended they way it was intended too and congratulated everyone on the season.

Slide Show Presentation was then discussed, the presentation identified the current league table.

League	Winners
Ladies	Swansea Uni
Under 16s	Pontardawe
Under 14s A	Garden Village/Mumbles
Under 14s B	Carmarthenshire Stars
Under 12s A	Talycopa
Under 12bs	Carmarthenshire Stars

Tom continued to discuss the growth within juniors within WWWGL since 2016/2017 until present season and it is paramount within the mini and juniors' section to a total of 1278 players.

Coming on to the 2nd point on the agenda, reviewing the previous minutes – it was explained that the minutes have been shared with individual clubs.

Ceri Richards then explained that during the season many games have had to be abandoned due to misconduct and this isn't acceptable, this is from all age groups and FAW will be staking strong action if it was to continue. Ceri also expressed that if there were any questions or queries that clubs are to do this via the club representative, as there have been to many enquires that haven't followed the correct procedures. Ceri

then thanked everyone for their efforts throughout the season and best wishes in the season ahead.

3rd point in the agenda was chairman Stephen Grove where he wanted to touch on the above and thanked everyone for their attendance and a special thanks to the coaches and officials especially throughout the unrepresented season, especially that players were unable to complete cup games and tournaments. Stephen continued to congratulate the winners. Stephen also discussed the loss of referee officer Alan Buckley and the loss of Duncan Thomas who has been invaluable to the league and will be a huge loss. Stephen then wished everyone good luck in the next season.

Mark Packer then address the 4th point on the agenda. Mark explained that there was an overspend throughout the season of approx. 2,500 this was to be expected due to the new setup in Cwrt Herbert but will overall be a good investment. He explained that the league has also been at a loss this year due to the fact that cup games and tournaments have not gone ahead as these are good ways of fundraising. Mark also discussed other expenditures such as venue and pitch hires, equipment and trophies.

We then went back to Tom Knight who discussed the changes that have taken place within the WWWGL committee. That due to Covid-19 they have had to change the way they normally vote, and the ballots were put out to each club digitally to ensure that everyone was still able to vote. The Chairman's vote was a total of 35 votes with Stephen Grove winning the majority with 27 votes and Damien O'sullivan gaining 8 votes. Tom then goes on to explain that there has been a step through development and more focus on local roles, to enable them to work within these areas as liaison officers and raise any issues that arise locally.

Dan Davies – Minis, Carl Williams – Neath, Andy Matthew

Tom discussed the change from Alan the referee officer had changed throughout the season to Helen however, due to the impact of covid-19 the season was cut short. Helena will continue within the referee officer role.

The safeguarding role which is a vital role within the league to protect all, players, coaches and spectators. Although safeguarding is everyone's responsibility Donna has been instructed as Safeguarding Lead and Becky as Safeguarding Officer.

With Dan Davies now moving to Minis liaison officer the role of minutes secretary arose and Stephanie Tester has been appointed to circulate these to all clubs.

Tom discussed there has been a great expenditure in the committee since it was developed back in 2013 with only 2/3 committee members to now have 14, and will have a massive impact on all the help that has been offered.

3. Questions:

Will there be a friendly ladies league next season?

There is currently no plan for a Friendly lady league this season only the league one.

When football resumes will the U9's and 10's be playing at the same location or are the all moving to Neath?

We will be looking to utilize all the locations Penyrheol, Cwrt Herbert and Moriston going forward so it is more than likely that the age groups will not be at the same location.

How late can we enter teams in to the U12's Development league?

We are working with comet at the moment to confirm dates but will let clubs know as soon as possible.

Is the Under 16's Welsh cup on Comet this year? Is it just the under 16's cup not the U14's?

It is only the Under 16's Welsh cup currently on comet as this is an extra national competition outside the league cups. The league cups will be added to comet in due course.

Any update when training, when will it be likely to start back and in what numbers?

No updates on training as of yet still waiting on the FAW to let people know the situation going forward.

Now that more substitutes in allowed in will we be using more in the girls game this upcoming season .

As a League we already operate with 5 rolling substitute in all our game from u12 up to ladies as a result we will not be increasing this number

Since the 19/20 has officially ended, was there any plans for the league to offer all participants in the Minis any form of participation medal or trophies for the season?

As a League we did plan to give all minis players medals and the end of season festival as this did not run, we haven't had the opportunity to do this this year. However, the league is hoping that we can run a celebration event for the minis at the start of next season, time permitting, where the players will receive medals from the league.