



Herts Youth Inclusive Football

Committee Meeting Minutes – 10th August 2020

Attendees: Bryan Prentice & Sharon McLean – Bedwell Rangers FC, Tracy Light - St Albans City Youth FC, Karen Stefanou - Watford FC CSE Trust, Kenny Lawrence – Hemel Aces FC, Jos Sharp – Harpenden Colts FC, Chris Dunno – Special Olympics,

Apologies; Steve Ward – St Albans City Youth FC, Guy Reynolds – Royston FC, Keith-Bury Rangers FC, Hannah Bingham – Herts FA (on furlough), Steve Maker – Herts FA, Mark Collins – Everett Rovers FC,

Key Actions:

Action	By Whom	By When
*Organise Auditor for accounts	KS /TL	TBC
*Chartered Standard League paperwork	HB/KS/TL	TBC
*Respect Banners & Barriers	HB	TBC
*Code of Conduct review	TL/KS	TBC
*Youth Council	TL/KS	TBC
Draft best practice COVID guidelines for tournaments	TL/KS	End Oct 2020
Role descriptions for volunteers required	TL/KS	End Oct 2020
Case study and fund application	TL	End August
Update HYIF site	TL	End August
*April actions – delayed due to covid situation,		

The meeting followed the following agenda;

1. Introductions
2. Review of actions from last meeting.
3. Clubs update since lockdown eased
4. Watford FC CSE Trust update
5. HYIF – when to return
6. Funds
7. AOB

1. Introductions – online via Teams.

2. Review of actions from last meeting. Actions highlighted in red are outstanding from April 2020 meeting due to COVID situation.

A call with Tracy, Karen and Hannah on the 24th March 2020 took place to discuss the COVID Situation and a subsequent discussion with all committee members via WhatsApp concluded that all HYIF activities for the rest of the season would be cancelled due to the risk of COVID-19 in the interest of safeguarding and safety of all participants, parents and carers and coaching staff/volunteers. A statement was made on the 26th March and distributed via coaches and social media.

Herts Youth Inclusive Football - Announcement

We hope everyone is safe and keeping well.

Due to the current situation with COVID-19, we have taken the decision to cancel all tournaments, festivals and other events we are involved in for the rest of this football season.

We are still taking guidance from the FA and we will keep you informed as to when we will be returning, however, the safety of our players and everyone involved in Herts Youth Inclusive Football is our priority.

Our committee is having online meetings to plan ready for when we are able to return safely. We will all be even stronger when football comes back, but in the meantime, please take care and look out for each other.

If you don't already, please follow Herts Youth Inclusive Football and @herts_youth on twitter as we will be sharing helpful information.

All the best, from The Herts Youth Inclusive Football Committee

3. Club Updates since lockdown eased

Hemel Aces – back training, social distancing, using microphones for coaches, encouraging to bring own balls, no picking up ball, Kenny sanitising all equipment.

Everett Rovers – back training – focussing on fitness, good numbers, circuits, same bubble, one coach down as inclusive player moved to mainstream.

Bedwell Rangers – back training, small group bubbles, moving to station once first group has moved, not touching footballs, sanitising equipment. Goal keepers bring their own gloves – only handling one ball. Nobody touches the balls.

Harpenden Colts – Don't usually run Jan/Feb/ and aiming to be back September. They have 3 coaches and kit and all costs for tournaments are generously covered by the club. 25 registered to play inclusive.

St Albans City Youth – not back yet in any format.

Special Olympics – not officially back yet.

Agreed everyone will send their latest guidelines over and HYIF will produce draft best practice guidelines in preparation for when tournaments return.

4. Watford FC CSE Trust Update

Recently relegated, in deficit currently.

Dome closed to all, only ladies and academy back training, waiting on go ahead from club to use.

Small holiday sessions ran and some 1:1 sessions.

PL Kicks online disability sessions ran throughout lockdown and are now running every week at Meriden centre and are free.

Karen can remain Chair of HYIF for now although may be some changes.

5. HYIF – when to return

Agree to hold until New Year and then review. When safe to return it will be a staggered return probably with the older ages first and smaller tournaments.

In meantime, aim to start some friendlies from October.

TL highlighted that more volunteers will be required to run events safely and clear guidelines, signage will be needed and that we need to put a COVID officer in place.

KS and TL will put together best practice guidelines ready for return.

Kenny suggested team delegates.

Karen – we will look to put in provisional dates at next meeting inc Watford Dome if possible by then.

KS discussed Coach the Approach on behalf of Liam Dwyer and aiming to run a session for coaches and anyone involved in HYIF on 17th Aug. TL to send out link.

6. Funds

Funds stand at; £6,521.09

TL highlighted that the Kids in Sport fund for this year was ready to claim and needs case study.

Bryan and Andrew agreed for case study from Bedwell Rangers.

Communities 1st fund for 2nd event is on hold – TL will discuss with Communities 1st.

7.AOB

Date of next committee meeting: 21st September 2020 online.