



Herts Youth Inclusive Football

Minutes of Committee Meeting 28th June 2021

Attendees: Bryan Prentice, - **Bedwell Rangers FC**, Jos Sharp - **Harpenden Colts FC**, Tracy Light - **St Albans City Youth FC**, Karen Stephanou, Chloe Harris - **Watford FC CSE Trust**, Kenny Lawrence – **Hemel Aces FC**, Mark Collins, Steve Heels – **Everett Rovers FC**, Ian Bacon – **Bury Rangers FC**

Apologies: Steve Ward – St Albans City Youth FC

Key Actions:

Action	By Whom	By When
Write out official rules for Champ and Prem	KS/TL	End July
Draft Schedule of events for next six months	KS	Mid July
Buy portable Defib	KL – looking into	End July
Buy First Aid Kit	TL	End July
Look at Justin Edinburgh Foundation	KS	End July
Create list of all Defibs and codes and all have a copy.	TL	End July
Organise Defib training	TL/KS	End July
Organise Marketing Brochure	TL/KS	End July
Find someone to help with governance	TL	End July
Order HYIF Kit & Balls	KS/TL	End July
Book First Aid when we know dates	TL	End July
Buy Sum up Machine	TL	End July
Enter HYIF teams for 24/7	TL	End July
List players each club has U12 Champ and Prem U16 Champ and Prem U20 Champ and Prem	All to send to TL	End July
Revisit Development Plan	TL to look at	End July
Revisit list of volunteer roles/job descriptions/list of jobs we need doing	TL	End July
Update Website	TL	End July

The meeting followed the following agenda;

1. Introductions
2. Feedback on sessions since April (Coming back after lockdown)
3. HYIF Structure
4. Plans for 2021/22
5. Funds and Fundraising
6. AOB

1. Introductions

Introductions and welcome to Chloe Harris from PL Kicks.

2. Feedback from sessions from April to 27th June 2021

TL - Thank you to Watford for the use of the Dome – all the committee agree it has been great to be back and to use the venue - has worked really well.

KS – the COVID pandemic reduced our delivery and mechanism to run tournaments so we returned initially with mini friendlies and rotated across the age's so everyone had a chance to play.

All agreed that the U12's skills sessions and coping strategy workshops went well with PL Kicks delivering the sessions.

MC – Festivals work well for U12's, but the older players really just want to play.

BP – U12's festivals worked well.

SH – what's happening with the U20's? Difficult on Sunday with players who were older and others only 16.

BP - Mixed teams doesn't work and it's not fair on champ players when playing with a prem player/s in a team as they don't get a touch on ball. Committee Agreed

BP - Feels strongly that going forward the ages should be U12, U16, U20 and not include anyone 21 or over. Committee discussed and agreed that there shouldn't be a player 21 and up.

TL asked if any over 20 who can use the dispensation.

Committee agreed to go to U20's as there are the players not ready to go to the adults, but none over 21 as there is a lower league in the adult league specifically for these players.

Committee agreed that we had given adults a chance at 16+ event as there is no adult league currently running, but going forward everyone needs to stick to ages and there will be:

U12's Champ & Prem

U16's Champ & Prem

U20's Champ & Prem (20 maximum age)

MC – we all need to make sure that if it's champ then prem players should not be put in the champ teams even if there isn't enough for a team.

KS – everyone to send in a list of what players they have in each age category champ or prem. Any clubs who don't have enough for a team can be part of the HYIF team

TL – suggested that the recently qualified Level 1 Inclusive Players are asked to manage the HYIF teams. All agreed.

SH – We can use the 5 second rule for some players.

TL – We need to get the rules written out.

KL – every team he's played has had a mix of players.

MC – Everett wouldn't ever play a prem in a champ league.

KL – what happens when not enough players.

MC – Mix up the players from each club

KL- manage what we see on the day.

BP – with COVID it has been like starting again.

3. HYIF Structure

TL explained how there has been a lot to organise every week since we returned from lockdown. Need more people involved in the administration and definitely need to review all governance and policies again ready for next season. Committee agreed to get quote to use some of the funding for a full review of all policies and we also need to outline all the volunteer roles that we need to fill again. KL – hard to find volunteers at the moment

TL – also talked about the marketing, website, encouraging more clubs to get involved and start new teams otherwise our teams will all keep increasing in size, KS getting booklet re-done and some images through Watford, PDF, online MC – need to do more to market to providers, SEN schools. KS – Revisit development plan and add expenditures, look at how we engage with SEN schools and revisit list of volunteer roles

KS – concentrate on next 6 months getting the structure and everything up to speed internally.

4. 2021/22 Season - events

KS – Allocate the Dome from Jan to March 2022. Rotate across county and use PL Kicks for U12's possibly U16 Champ

TL – would like to get the U12's champ skills sessions running regularly for confidence building. Dome is a safe space for the U12's.

KS - Organise it that every age group plays once per month

TL – need to ensure enough coaches there and first aid – all agreed to book first aid professionals for next meet ups.

BP – raised Defib TL – raised the Cry screening and portable Defib to buy

KS – we can invite other Premiership club teams to events.

5. Funds update and Fundraising

TL gave update on funds:

- Kids in sport have provided £1500 for 2020/21
- Football Foundation £2500 received 30th April.
- Current funds in bank: £10, 521.09
- Continue to look for funding
- Look for fund for defib
- Committee agreed to fund governance, training for defib, kit required, equipment – KS – put quotes onto WhatsApp group and get agreement.

6. AOB

IB - Bury – have approx. 15-18 players – prefer to train and not ready for matches – have a range of ages and many would not take the pressure of playing. MC – why wouldn't they play? CH – we can adapt the sessions and KS – suggest holding one of the festivals at Bury.

TL – going to invite any other clubs who we are not already in contact with in Herts that have recently started running inclusive teams – Waltham Abbey? Baldock?

CH – asked for referees for 24/7 and details of teams. TL - is 16 suitable for that group if lower ability CH Yes. TL will enter HYIF team for 24/7 All let CH know what players they have. MC – only one with a prem team at the moment so might have to miss out this one.

TL – suggested Gazebo is at Westfield, CH – can use Meriden for storage of kit etc.

TL – Are we charging membership next year? All agreed £3 per match TL suggested Sum Up Machine.

Dates for next committee meeting:

Monday 9th August 7pm – aiming for face-to-face meeting.
