

## **Earls Barton United Secretary report AGM 14-06-2022 (Position still vacant)**

Good evening, this has been a busy season but I am really thankful for the help of Kerri, Sue, Jon and the managers who have taken a lot of the burden out of this role.

### **Registrations**

Jon registered 334 players (last season 289) over 21 teams. (last year 20)

New registrations from 1<sup>st</sup> July.

All players require photos for the following; NDYAL new photos 7, 11, 14 and 18. Weetabix 7, 9, 11, 13, 15

A new form to be filled in for every player due to changes. (Next season a renewal form for existing players)

### **Affiliation to the leagues**

Ladies were withdrawn from the Women's league due to an attempt by the players to undermine the club. A new team has been built from scratch and have entered the NW&GFL.

Men have applied to Combination league

Under 10 x 2, 8 x 2, and new under 7 X 3 are in the Weetabix

Under 9 x 3 and 11 x 3 in the NDYAL

Under 13 x 1, 14, 15 and 16 are in the Weetabix.

Under 1 2x 2, 14, and 2 x 18 are in NDYAL

Under 12, 14, 16, 18 are in County cup

U11,13,15, Ladies will be entered in the NTFA cups.

Men have applied for Lower Junior and Area cups.

### **Affiliation to the NFA**

We are applying for the affiliation which has to be complete by 30<sup>th</sup> June and paid for. We are organising, the managers/coaches who need to update their qualifications which may hold up the process.

Youth teams have insurance via the leagues. Plus 1 product for train only including under 6

Under 6, Men x 2, Ladies and Walking football have insurance through NFA

Public liability is through NFA.

Problem areas will be Under 18's as Lee's course is 1st September and under 7's whose management team are still to be appointed.

### **AGM's**

Combination 13th June attending Cavan and possibly Jake

Weetabix league 5<sup>th</sup> July attending Weetabix team manager

NDYAL Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June attending NDYAL manager

Women and Girls 14th June attending Cliff

NTFA unsure

NFA 29<sup>th</sup> June

### **Match Organisation**

All matches are organised via the managers and this has worked very well again this year. I thank those who have had to find alternative pitches due to a clash of fixtures. Pitch allocation is the hardest part being in different leagues and Steve Higgs has done a tremendous job in organising the schedule and thus notification for early warning of issues. A massive issue is with the shortage of referees and as an example the Under 14's and 15's only had 2 games with allocated referees. We greatly appreciate the volunteers and hard work in finding referees by the managers. The good news is that NDYAL have rescinded after much pressure from EBUFC and they are introducing a change of kick off time form.

There will be big issues going forward with the number of sides at under 11 and 18, as well as under 14 being in different leagues

Match reports we received a few fines and this was due to the incorrect application on the matchday app, the match day app not being updated or it being too busy. I worked hard each week trying to arrange any corrections and hopefully with Beverley assisting next season it will again reduce the work for the secretary.

## **Other**

Our gaming license was renewed again in January.

Our insurance for the cabins was renewed however flood damage is excluded.

Plant and equipment insurance was also renewed.

## **Coaching/managers**

We continue to invest in coaches for this season. We do need to be more proactive as individuals in booking on courses to maintain our status. However, having seen many opposition managers in action, I still believe we have some of the best grassroots managers and coaches not only with their technical knowledge but their belief in enjoyment comes before winning but competing at the highest level also brings its own enjoyment and rewards when done in the right way. Well done everyone.

## **Winter training**

We have liaised well with our external training providers and managed to provide venues to meet our teams' needs. However, 22/23 training will be harder to accommodate and we are waiting on securing Moulton for another season due to their change to the Spartan league. Some teams have enquired about date changes but have not committed to anything as yet.

## **Men's Adult Football**

The men's sides have a new first team manager in Cavan and assistant in Liam whilst Darren returns to manage the reserves. All are in the process of transition to the club's way of working. We wish to thank Ian/Lee and Lee/Jake for their hard work with the adults and had respectable 6<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place finishes this season. Prem and 1<sup>st</sup> next.

## **Ladies Football**

The Ladies have built up a squad over the last season and are looking forward to their entry into the league. Well done to Cliff and the team

## **Youth Football**

The under 18's picked up their division title and the league plate.

The under 16's picked up the league plate.

The under 14's lost the playoff final so ended up runners up and semi finalists

The under 13's were unfortunate to lose in the semi-final.

The under 13's white had an excellent season in the top division.

## **Mini-soccer**

Another great season for the mini soccer sides. The Weetabix had a mid-season break which meant limited games for the sides. The NDYAL teams had far more matches.

The Cobblers penalty shoot out saw 2 under 8 teams in the final.

The cobblers cup saw the Under 9's as winners and runners up in the Malcolm Arnold tournament.

The under 10's won the Spencer Community Trust tournament.

## **Teams for 23/24**

This season there was discussion on a proposed veterans' team for 22/23 but problems have materialised in securing a manager.

Girls Football and female coaches. As part of our funding bid, we promised to increase the female element of the club on the pitch. The Wildcat centres is an initiative run by the FA to increase participation. Once our new facilities are complete at the Pioneer then we will be looking to introduce both a centre and build up sides and coaching. We are looking for a lead person and small team to investigate and put this together ready for its launch.

## **Code of Conduct infringements**

On the whole we have managed it very well with a few minor exceptions. We would like to continue to remind everyone that the few can tarnish the majority and if you see anything please report it.