



**20th Annual General Meeting,
St Barnabas Village Centre, Bromborough, CH62 7AB
on Wednesday 21st June 2023 at 7.30pm**

MINUTES

1. ***Apologies.***

Ian Munroe, Alistair Munroe, Laura Mumford, Linda Biggs, Paula Davies, Wai Lau, Geoff Pickard, Sarah Guest, Ivor Thomas, Neil Cooper, Don Owens, Geoffrey Cookson.

2. ***President's welcome and comments.***

Linda welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance. She presented her comments and thoughts on the season and anticipation of the future.

3. ***Acceptance of the Minutes of the 19th AGM held on 22nd June 2022.***

Linda asked if anyone had to any comments they wished to make on these Minutes, and, as there being none, asked for their acceptance.

NOMINATED: Janet Risk ***SECONDED:*** Ben Kyffin

VOTE: All agreed.

4. ***Election of President.***

Linda Smith is willing to accept re-election and is the nomination of the F&GP committee.

VOTE: All agreed.

5. ***Election of Vice-Presidents (re-elected annually).***

The existing appointees are all willing to be re-elected.
Joe Carberry, Neil Cooper, Ivor Thomas, Don Owens.

VOTE: All agreed.

6. ***Election of Officers (re-elected annually).***

The following officers have indicated their willingness to be re-elected to the post shown.

- Chairperson:
- Secretary: Deborah Salter
- Treasurer: Ben Kyffin
- Results Secretary: Sue Marcks
- Competition Organiser: Tom Fazackerley
- Wirral Development Officer: Andy Meredith
- CCBA Representative: Andy Meredith

- Club Representatives: Janet Risk.
- Social Event Organiser:
- Junior Club Representative:

Linda Biggs has offered her resignation and wishes the League and F & GP committee every success in the future.

ACCEPTED EN BLOC.

VOTE: Agreed

NOMINATIONS.

- Chairperson - Dan Jackson
 NOMINATED: Glynis Lomax SECONDED: Sue Marcks

VOTE: All agreed.

- Club representatives - Kirsten Scholes, Anthony Poldervaark, Adam Fearnhead.

VOTE: All agreed

7. *Annual accounts and League subscriptions.*

To receive and adopt the Treasurer's annual accounts and agree the Club and Team fees for 2023/24 season.

The Accounts have been audited. Ben has been advised by the Auditor that, with such straightforward accounts, there is no need for an audit. If League accepts this, we need to adjust the wording in our Constitution.

With the bank balance in a healthy state at the moment, Ben proposed that fees remain the same for the 2023/24 season. Additional costs for next season will be incurred for any trophies and medals that are presented.

VOTE: All agreed

8. *Officers annual reports.*

Treasurer.

Ben presented his report prior to the meeting and referenced it while presenting the annual accounts and subscription proposal.

Secretary.

Deborah presented her report prior to the meeting and, as Linda had covered very similar ground in her report, asked for it to be accepted without rereading it.

Match Secretary

Sue thanked Janet for her technical support with the preparation of the Results Portal. With this working so successfully, she proposes that Match Sheets no longer need to be sent in because all the information is on the Portal. Sue expressed her thanks to all the team captains for their prompt result entries.

Development Officer

Andy presented his report prior to the meeting but took the opportunity to reinforce a few

items. Junior link development is ongoing; coaching requirement for Racket Pack; plans for Junior Hub @ West Kirby eventually. Development of Website and Social Media opportunities are continuing, with Kirsten Scholes and Adam Fearnhead’s support. St Andrews Peninsula representatives commented on the new membership success they had had with a newspaper advertisement and social media links.

9. **Appointment of Auditor.**

James Hulley audited the accounts for 2022/23 season and Ben is confident he will be prepared to assess accounts again in the future.

10. **WBL Rules and Regulations.**

Proposal and acceptance of updated Rules & Competition Regulations.

These had been sent to everyone prior to the meeting. Janet gave a very brief address regarding the alterations, explaining it was really a matter of bringing them up to date with the changes that have occurred to the League, particularly over the last few seasons. She explained also that the Competition Regulations had been reworded to give flexibility for any future changes that occur within the League.

NOMINATED: Laura Clowes

SECONDED: Steve Brown

VOTE: All agreed

11. **League structure.**

Proposal and acceptance of League structure for 2023/24 season.

Sue presented her proposals for the re-arrangement of the Mixed Leagues and the Men’s League.

PROVISIONAL DIVISIONS FOR 2023-2024 SEASON

MIXED

1 NORTH

Barnston AN
West Cheshire
Millbrook
Christleton
Woodchurch AN

1 SOUTH

Barnston AS
Bidston
Rock Ferry
Woodchurch AS
St Andrews (Meols)
Woodchurch BS

2 NORTH

St Andrews/Peninsula
Bidston
Rock Ferry
St Andrews (Meols)
Woodchurch BN

2 SOUTH

St Andrews/Peninsula
Barnston BS
Upton Victory Hall
Ellesmere Port
Woodchurch CS

MENS

DIVISION 1

DIVISION 2

West Cheshire A
Christleton
Barnston A
West Cheshire B

Woodchurch
Barnston B
Rock Ferry

A question arose about a Ladies league. The F & GP committee has already considered running a trial league and when Clubs send in their team entries for the coming season, they will be asked to express their interest in a ladies league as well.

VOTE: All agreed.

12. Dates.

- Wednesday 28th June: @ The Hinderton Arms, 7.30pm. CCBA AGM.
- Friday 18th August: deadline for 23/24 season team entries.
- Monday 4th September: F&GP Committee meeting
- Monday 11th September: Fixture meeting - all clubs must be represented.
- W/C Monday 18th September: League matches start.
- Date of next AGM: Wednesday 19th June 2024

13. Ideas for celebration of WBL's 20th anniversary

A few suggestions were put forward: Race Night, Tournament, Social.
Include trophy and medal presentations.

Dan thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 20.25.