

**EAST ANTRIM SECONDARY SCHOOLS F.A
AGM**

Glengormley High School

Wednesday 17th JUNE 2015

Minutes



Members Present:

Paul Young (BHS)
John McDowell & Neil Seffen (GHS)
Ryan Gorman (CGS)
Stephen Brennan (LHS)
Colin Mills (BBMS)
Stuart Kyle (Abbey CC)
Gary Spratt (Ulidia)
Richie Press (Downshire)
Alan Blain (Ballyclare Secondary)
William Graham (Carrick College)

Apologies:

Paul Daniels (CC) – resigned from job.
Gareth Moody (Parkhall)
Brian Kidd (retired)

Absent:

Ashfield.

1. League and cup entries and fees:

- Entries & fees were collected for all competitions; with Abbey CC, Ballyclare Secondary, Carrick Grammar and Belfast Boys Model School
- Neil Seffen passed on apologies from Gareth Moody (Parkhall), Brian Kidd and Paul Daniels.

2. Minutes of 2014 AGM:

- The 2014 minutes were emailed on 26/6/15 & 5/6/15 prior to the meeting & feedback was asked.
- The 2014 minutes were passed as a true & accurate account of what took place.
- In relation to question that C.Mills (BBMS) raised about pin/badges for blazers instead of medals. N.Seffen sourced a price & pin/badges cost £310 (£1.55 each), whereas current medals cost £240 (£1.25 each).

3. Matters arising:

- S.Smyth's request to increase Year group size for NISFA small schools cup from 40-50 was proposed to the meeting and all in agreement that it be forwarded to NISFA for their consideration.
- The continued participation of Belfast District Schools in EASFA competitions'.
 - 50% of trophies went to BDSSFA schools (Yr8,9,11)
 - 5 out of 6 finals were either Ashfield or BBMS; yet no players sent to EA district trials. JMD commented that NISFA has stated that schools must only represent their main district in district competitions.
 - BDSSFA schools were initially invited into EASFA competitions for participation for their 'B' teams; however this clearly isn't the case (Ashfield in 5 of 6 finals). A.Blain said that there was no issue with 'B'

teams participating, if they are true 'B' teams.

S.Brennan also raised issue of further distance having to travel to Belfast Schools.

- Issue was also raised about Parkhall (Mid-Antrim) participating in EASFA competitions, however Parkhall have no other options regarding competition whereas BDSSFA do – Belfast league & cup.
- The following proposal was put to AGM & passed:

“Continued participation in EASFA competitions (Cup & league) is solely based on it being strictly ‘B’ teams (regarding BDSSFA schools). Any player that has played for the ‘A’ team is not permitted to play”.

- If this is not observed, the EASFA committee will be forced to remove them from the competition.
- Cup finals: it was proposed that the fixture structure for the day be reviewed with senior matches starting in the morning with the view to offset any trouble with spectators.
- The letters from Carrick College principle & EASFA secretary were presented; S.Kyle assured everyone that the pupils involved were disciplined within school.
- Those MCHS players who participated in final are not allowed to play in 6th form competitions 2015/16.
- It was suggested that we play finals at another venue to stop pupils walking to the ground. Other venues will be considered.

4. Treasurer’s report:

- John McDowell presented the accounts & relayed the balance.
- Possibility of using UUI pitches for finals – S.Kyle will enquire about this.

5. League and Cup winners:

- Cup Winners: Yr8- BBMS
Yr9- Ashfield
Yr10- Ballyclare High
Yr11- Ashfield
Yr12- Carrick College
6th Yr- Glengormley High
- League Winners: It was suggested that Carrick College won the Yr12; nobody knew who won the Yr11. This was due to non-reporting of fixtures.
- Everyone was keen to keep blitz format & possibly more blitz's. It was raised that more games outside of the blitzes was needed to keep pupils participating.
- J.McDowell looked at possibility of 6th form league. This will be looked at in September once timetables of teachers involved are finalised.

6. District Team Report:

- N.Seffen read out reports from Gareth Moody (Yr8), Mark Surgenor (Yr9) & Neil Seffen (Yr10).

7. District Team Managers:

- Year 8 – Neil Seffen
- Year 9 – Gareth Moody
- Year 10 – Alan Blain (Ryan Gorman - Assistant)

8. Election of Officers:

Chairman- Richie Press (JMD/CM)
Vice-Chairman- Paul Young (JMD/NS)
Secretary- Neil Seffen (JMD/RP)
Fixtures secretary- Simon Smyth (NS/AB)
Treasurer- John McDowell (NS/AB)
President- Brian Kidd (CM/NS)

9. A.O.B:

- Proposed 5 aside competition (EASFA) for Year 8 pupils in June, possible venue Valley Leisure Centre or Greenisland FC – S.Kyle to enquire.
- It was raised that as opposed to making schools take on a role; being encouraged to volunteer and be involved in EASFA was well reflected in the election of officers for 2015/16.
- R.Press enquired about professional development in terms of coaching or refereeing and if this was something the EASFA could do in line with IFA. N.Seffen will enquire with IFA if there is anything they run. C.Mills said that this will more than likely incur a cost and he suggested that he will use his contact regarding a refereeing course (as such), with the view that this is held in September for a minimal fee.