

Welcome & Apologies

Declan Mellett opened the meeting at 7.30 pm and welcomed all in attendance. A register of attendees was circulated and no apologies were noted.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the 2008 A.G.M were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Review of Individual Team Objectives/Team Reports

Seniors 1st team – Objective achieved. Report attached
Youth – objective achieved
U14 Girls – objective achieved. Report attached
U12 Girls – no report
U16 Boys – objective achieved
U15 Boys – objective achieved.
U14 Boys – objective achieved. Report attached
U12 Boys – current squad maintained. However, will be losing David Lowe as manager next season. Discussions currently underway with possible new manager for next season
U11 Boys – finished 9th or 10th in the league but were lacking in players. Brinklow tournament winners.
U10 Boys (Red) – achieved objective. Report attached
U10 Boys (Blue) – no report
U9 Boys (Red) – report attached
U9 Boys (Blue) – report attached
U8 Boys – objective achieved. Report attached
U7 Boys – objective achieved. Report attached
Micros – objective achieved. Currently have 25 children split into 2 school year age groups with 5 coaches. Gary Coward and Adam Sears will take on managers' roles next season

Richard Farthing thanked all of the managers for their hard work and dedication.

Committee Recommendations

- a. Subscriptions Policy/Subscriptions for 2009/10 Season
Richard Farthing highlighted the additions to the constitution regarding the mechanics of the collection of subscriptions. This was accepted
- b. Subscriptions set and passed at the following rates:

Seniors £120.00
11 a side £70.00
Mini Soccer league £60
Mini Soccer non league £40
Micros £2 per week training fee

Due to the current economic climate it was agreed that subscriptions would be set at the same rate as the previous season.

The first 50% to be paid on registration with the balance due by the 30th October. Payment can, of course, be made in full on registration.

Treasurer's report

Rucky Griffith presented her report

Senior Secretary's report

Report from Owen Pulford attached

Junior Secretary's Report

Mick Holt presented all relevant information for season 2009/10 which were set at the League's AGM:

- No rule changes
- Season will run from 6th September to 16th May
- Referees fees have increased:
U15, U16, Youth - £25.00
U11, U12, U13 - £20.00
Mini soccer - £12.00
- Registration can now be done in 3 ways – by post to house, league registration nights or at league meetings from 7.00 p.m
- Registration fees have increased:
U8 - £15.00
U9, U10 - £45.00
U11 to Youth - £50.00

The Committee thanked Mick Holt for all his hard work as Junior Secretary this season.

Girls Section

Liz Clarke provided an update on the girls section. U12s girls did not play in a league this season but are joining the Leicester League and playing 9 a side. The U14s girls have joined the Central Warwickshire League and will be playing competitive 11 a side. The meeting was advised that the Coventry & District League had now folded. There are concerns regarding the numbers of girls coming through in the younger age groups and it was agreed a concerted effort needs to be made to ensure the club's recruiting younger girls.

Chairman's report

Declan Mellett presented his report as Chairman. A copy of his report is attached.

Election of Officers

Tony Glasscoe thanked the outgoing Committee for their commitment and hard work and congratulated Declan Mellett for his achievements in his inaugural year as club Chairman.

All of the following were elected unanimously after written proposals were received.

Chairman – Declan Mellett
Vice Chairman- Richard Farthing
Treasurer – Rucky Griffiths
Juniors Secretary – Mick Holt
Seniors Secretary – Owen Pulford
Welfare Officer - Neil Huddleston
Publicity Officer – Liz Clarke
Communications – Paul Wilby
Committee – Steve Wilson
Committee – Peter Day
Committee – Paul Huddleston
Committee – Tony Glasscoe

Any Further Business

Registration:

Internal and league registration forms will be available for all managers at the club's presentation night on the 20th June. Managers to bring completed forms and relevant payment to club registration nights being run by Owen Pulford and Steve Wilson. Declan Mellett will be responsible for ensuring forms are taken to the league meetings.

Committee:

New members required to join the Committee

Next Committee Meeting

Monday 29th June at 7.30 p.m at The Bull's Head

Chairman's Report – Declan Mellet
Annual General Report
June 2009

In my inaugural year as your chairman of Brinklow Football Club I believe the club is continuing to make great strides both on and off the pitch.

At the start of the season all managers and committee members met at the Ricoh Arena where we established objectives for the club for the next four and two years and individual seasonal team objectives.

The following 4 year objectives were agreed:

1. 50% of teams in the top league.
2. Win an 'A' league.
3. Have a 'Brinklow Philosophy' of football running through the younger age groups.

The following 2 year objectives were agreed:

1. Seniors reserve team.
2. Win a cup.
3. Increase the number of girls' teams.
4. Two head coaches to be appointed for teaching and coaching purposes.
5. Have a bank of qualified referees.
6. Instigate a team to look at a central venue for games.
7. Start mini-soccer teams in the Red and Blue leagues.
8. Develop and execute a PR campaign in and around the Coventry and Rugby area.

I can now update the club with a review of where we are against these objectives.

There were also individual team objectives set at the Ricoh meeting and these will be reviewed by each manager during this AGM and reported in the minutes. Our proposal will be for each season all teams should state further seasonal objectives at the first managers meeting of each season.

This brings me neatly onto our achievements on the pitch, probably one of the club's most successful seasons:

Competitive successes were

- Seniors' Foleshill Cup Winners
- Seniors league runners up and promoted to Alliance Two

At the senior league presentation the chairman/speaker of the league commented to Danny as he collected the trophy that Brinklow were noticed as a 'team that can play good football'.

- Under 15's - achieved promotion
- Under 14's - achieved promotion

- Girls 14's - double winners with cup and league wins

Not to mention our youth, 16's and 12 boys all coming close to achieving promotion.

In the younger age groups 11's, 10's and 9's all continued their status as red league teams plus 9's and 10's running teams in the green and blue leagues respectively.

Our 8's and 9's and micro section continue to attract great numbers of players and we are well on target to achieving red and blue teams in all these age groups.

12 Girls are continuing to play, albeit the numbers for this team cause a concern.

The over 35's continue to grow and pass off each Thursday I am pleased to announce without any medical incident

On Saturday our club picked up the County FA Fair Play award, another notable achievement.

Moving to our six-a-side tournament another year and another success, we are the envy of many clubs. We were blessed with great weather, great football, three winning sides, 15's, 11's & 10's with three runners' ups 16's, 14's and girls 12.

On the Sunday of the tournament at one stage there was standing room only and the bumper crowd along with beautiful weather ensured our sales at the BBQ and bar were up on last year.

The tournament is well established, but only runs smooth due to the organising committee who work throughout the year ensuring everything is planned to the finest of details plus the numerous volunteers who give up their time to help over the long weekend.

With the presentation day due to take place on Saturday our season will be concluded, let's hope we are blessed with the weather and we will all enjoy the day

For next season

We will be introducing a senior reserves team to run along-side our seniors first, girls 14 will be entering a structured 11 aside league.

- 16's & 15's boys will run in the B league
- 13's in the C league
- 12's, 11's in A leagues
- 10's running two teams red and green
- 9's two teams red and blue
- 8's two teams red and blue
- 7's will have enough players to run two teams when their games start
- Micro section, will continue to attract players from Year 1 and Reception age groups

I would like to thank all of the committee members for all their hard work behind the scenes all season ensuring everything happens as it should. To all the managers, coaches and trainers who make family sacrifices to ensure over 250 players at all ages at Brinklow play football each week. A thank you to all the parents who ensure all our players turn out for training and match days whatever the weather and finally to all our players as if it wasn't for them we wouldn't be here.

Finally, I would like to state I am proud to be your chairman, of what we have achieved this year and what we are capable of achieving over the next few years.

With this, I present this report to the AGM.

Thank you.

Declan Mellett

Senior Secretary's Report

I attended 10 Senior League meetings and 10 Junior meetings one of which in July was no meeting. The Junior League do not have a meeting in July.

My first meeting at the Alliance League was very stressful because it was left to me to explain to Mr Starkey, the Chairman of the Alliance League. But after my explanation as to why the club had come to the decision to pull the reserves side due to a large amount of subs money which was owed to the club, Mr Starkey was very sympathetic and appreciate why it had been done. He thanked me for my honesty but stressed that a heavy fine would be incurred for leaving the decision to pull out so late after all the details had gone to print for the 2008/09 season.

I am delighted to say that the club has entered our reserves side into the league for the 2009/10 season. This has been accepted by the committee, but I feel that due to the rapport which both Paul and myself have had with the league, this was the reason why we have been accepted.

The league have been very helpful, especially, Mr Bromwich, over the trashing of the changing room at Wolston, taking full responsibility to clear the matter up with Wolston Leisure Centre and the offending team, and we thank them for that.

Our disciplinary record this past season has been excellent accruing just 35 points. The downside was a lot of points came from players disputing the referees' decision. As we all know, referees "do not change their mind". So a club manager must inform players to keep their mouths shut, that sounds good coming from me.

Owen Pulford

UNDER 14s SEASON REVIEW 2008/09:

After taking the decision to reform this age group, attracting players still proved to be a problem and to be honest we were a week away from pulling the plug when four players came to have a look, enjoyed themselves, liked what they saw and signed on.

The pre-season friendlies went extremely well and gave us all hope that we were in for a successful season.

We set the boys the target of getting out of the "C" Division, by playing football in the correct manner, without fear and with smiles on their faces.

The first hurdle was to gel the squad together, which didn't take much work as they are a smashing bunch of lads who all wanted to play football. The next phase was to raise the energy levels, which rose quickly after a lot of hard work put in by all of the lads, and the final coaching objective was to implement the way we wanted to play, which was to get it down and pass at every opportunity. This is of course on-going for the team's development.

The season went very much as we had predicted with us winning more games than we lost, and the lads had the opportunity to pit their wits against teams from higher divisions in varying cup competitions, with the pick of the bunch being the away victory against "A" Division Woodloes in the cup.

Our objective for the season was met when we secured promotion with games to spare, although we conceded the championship a little too easily in the end and the boys need to work on controlling their emotions/nerves, as well as having that winning mentality in the bigger games.

Preparations are underway for next season and the squad has already been strengthened with a few additions in readiness for "B" Division football. The new players were given their first outings in a Brinklow shirt in our 6-a-side where they helped our age group gain another slot on the Roll of Honour, by reaching the final.

Many thanks to everyone for supporting us and congratulations to all of the players on a great season.

Martin

U14 Girls – End of Season Report

This season has, without doubt, been the most successful ever for the girls section at the club.

We welcomed some new players to the squad this season – Jessica Linnell, Lauren Robinson, Sarah Johnson and Hollie Craddock who have all fitted in well with the existing squad members.

When the managers met at the Ricoh at the beginning of the season, the objective I set was to win the league, as we were runners up last year.

Well, we did this, and more. Our last season at 7-a-side and what a way to go...

We won the final of the Coventry & District League Cup against Bedworth United on the 2nd May – a really tough match, which went to penalties after being drawn 0-0 at full time and after extra time. A fantastic performance from the 5 penalty takers – Hollie Craddock, Chelsea Smith, Bethany Morrison, Jessica Linnell and Alice Clarke - who all scored and then an even better finger-tip save from our goalie, Alice Clarke, to win the final 5-4 on penalties and securing us our first ever piece of silverware.

Then 2 weeks later, we were crowned as joint league winners. The shield presented to the team by Janine Stothard who is also on the committee of the league - so a very special moment for both the girls and Janine who has known many of them since the team first started 5 years ago.

Thanks to Martin Baskerville for his ongoing coaching assistance and his never end patience with these girls. Thanks also to Paul Wilby who has been a tower of strength. Thanks also to all the committee members and club managers who've I've been able to call on for advice and assistance.

So now, onwards and upwards to 11-a-side football in a new, much more competitive league next season. We're under no illusions that this is going to be very different and I am in the process of recruiting more players to strengthen the squad as well as trying to obtain a sponsor for next season.

Liz Clarke

Brinklow Juniors U9 - AGM Review

After promotion from the 'B' league in the 2007/2008 season our first season in 'A' league was a bit of a culture shock. After having a season of things going our way we were faced with teams who were more than equipped to make our lives difficult and were willing to punish us at every opportunity. We knew that our players were capable but it was going to take time to adjust, this whole process was complicated by the fact that we lost one key player including a much respected coach (a positive for the u8's on both fronts). We brought in six new players who were fairly inexperienced and this obviously had a negative effect in terms of performance as they needed time to adjust. This wasn't an ideal scenario but we needed to bolster our numbers in a short time frame which then drove a need to develop the players to fill the gaps in our team.

In summary our season was pleasing although the final position doesn't reflect this too clearly. The lads played well both individually and as a team and the work ethic, passion and spirit that they put into every match couldn't be questioned. In all of the 22 matches we played we were only 'over run in two of them both involving Southam United. In most of the matches that we lost it was down a single mistake through hesitancy and decision making, these with other observations were taken back to the training pitch to address.

On the training pitch we used match feedback along with some basics to keep the players interest. Indoor training at the Alan Higgs was a great experience and ensured that we continued the training in the space that they were accustomed too outdoors (although we got too use to playing the ball across a flat surface).

Our season stats :-

Played 22 Won 6 Drew 6 Lost 14 (ouch)

Final league position was **10th** versus a club objective of **7th**.

2009/2010

Our intention is to keep the squad of players we have and obviously look to strengthen if possible. Summer training will continue and we will focus on some of our short comings along with identifying and consolidating individual player requirements to run small focussed sessions for 2 to 3 players. This will allow us to accelerate the development program.

Also in addition to this we will be trying to get one or two parents on board to help us on the training field, they will work along side myself and Nick to provide support.

Management

Due to my current work requirements I have decided to stand down as team manager and pass the reigns to Nick Wash. Nick will be attending his FA L1 coaching course in June and this combined with his excellent admin skills will more than equip him for the role. I will move into the assistant manager role and put my emphasis on to the training pitch etc. This will be effective from the 22nd of June 2009.

Ian Hartevelde & Nick Wash Brinklow Juniors u9

Brinklow u9s Blue
Steve Wilson

the blues had an eventful season both on and off the field, what with the bad weather and many canceled games i thought this season would run into next season.

on the field they came up against some very strong opposition, but with a bit more luck in front of goal im sure we would of had a few more wins under our belts, never mind thats football for you.

stats-

won 7

drawn 1

lost 19

the highlight of the season was at the weddington thistle 6aside tournament where they made it to the semi final not losing a game in the group stages, they lost to mount nod a red team, but not going down without a fight, i was very proud of everyone of them.

the lowest point of the season was a cup game against cov jag red losing 15-0 affraid we were very out classed, but the team were soon over it, took me a little longer.

the last 7 games of the season were very promising indeed, we made a couple of changes with possitions on the pitch and this proved very helpful to the team as a whole, they stepped up a couple of gears and grew in confidence, in those last 7 games we doubled our points tally, so if the team can take these performances into next season i am sure we can make a concerted challange next season.

steve wilson



Brinklow U8's - Thunder and Lightning – Season 2008/9 AGM Report

Overall summary

Player base –

17 Players registered with 1/2 potential further players for next season.

We operated 2 teams over the season and this is plan for next season.

Important support by Sponsors ASDA / David Gilkes Removals have kitted the team out with new kit and tracksuits. Further important support from Costa Del Sol Holidays and B&Q.

Summary by team

Thunder –

Good strengths in all areas of the team.

Successfully transferred 2 players over season from Lightning to thunder without damaging Lightning.

Solid defence and keeper.

Expansive midfield .

Ruthless attack on their day.

Season started and quickly demonstrated the team was too strong for much of the opposition and so in Dec we were moved into a restructured league format albeit no results published. Since December the team has developed well with good opposition and continued winning but having to earn the results.

Played 21 , W17 D1 L3. Goals scored 105 with 29 against. Supports entry to Red league.

The team is very competitive and has quality throughout.

Lightning – Season has been mixed bag with equal amount W/D/L.

Team has gelled well showing improvement throughout season.

Commitment from lads is fantastic with all turning out for training eager to learn and improve which has been carried through cold winter months.

Win lose or draw lads play with smile on faces.

Every player has experienced joy of scoring goal even the goalkeeper.

Team is lead by Paul Hanley who has done fantastic job on match days dealing with Admin and organising in addition to preparing the team. Paul is now gaining additional valued support from the parents.

All the team is looking forward to next season where we hope to continue to improve and achieve a respectable position in a competitive league.

Performance to Club Objectives

Pitchside

Key aim for next season was to have Thunder in Red League to develop players and team accordingly.

Management /Coaching

4 Coaches – (3 with FA level 1) .

Organisation

2 parents referee majority of games and I am keen to continue their support.

Seasonal Team Objective –

Retain 70% of players with 70% parental involvement.

Confident of retaining all players and 80% of parents actively performing roles such as refereeing , match reports , pitch prep on match days and refreshments.

Outlook and Strategy for 2009/10 Season

Retain all 17 players plus 1 to achieve 2 balanced teams is 9 players.

Would like to strengthen the squad with additional quality goalkeeper as current keeper prefers to play outfield.

Based on results over season and also what I believe may happen to other teams loosing some players to academies this justifies Thunder for the red.

I want to position Lightning in a competitive blue league.

Intention to arrange series of friendlies to enable developing B team players in A team.

Sponsorship - will need to consider requirements for kit for 2010 / 11 season but waterproof training gear would be a beneficial for winter 2009.

End of season tour for May 2010 and so fundraising will be key.

Management and coaching team – Scott Craig, Paul Hanley, Richard Moon

Under 7s – 2008/09 season

This season has seen the U7's move on from the micros forming two teams. Having played friendlies and tournaments the boys have gained valuable experience, with which they will be able to take into the friendly league at U8's.

Brinklow FC's future is looking very good!

Wayne Pulford