

2023 CSL AGM Minutes

1) League Positions

Sian McCarthy & Rob Davies voted in as CSL tournament team organisers for a 1-year term (to revert to 2 year terms with all other committee positions in 2024)

Emma White & Steph Gillard accepted as Social Secretary for 2023

Darren Hodge nominated and accepted as interim Secretary / Marketing officer for 2023 season, with a focus on developing our online and social media presence.

Note for teams to make an effort to take some snaps in-game and send them to darrenhodge1@hotmail.co.uk

2) Season dates and Fields

3rd May - 30 August (18 weeks)

Expectation pitch fees will increase to £70/pitch. (confirmed £69.87 new pitch cost)

3) Teams & Players

All teams extant from last year (9 teams), although Teirw are losing a significant amount of core players. Zack to consider how best to move Teirw forward, and notify the league for any support needed.

Boys are generally an issue numbers wise, with most teams looking for a couple of newbies, preferentially guys.

Motion to target the fb ad for Open Day more proportionally to make target audience.

4) BSF updates

BSF has issued new team IDs for all teams:

Red Sox 212008

Hammers 212009

Hurricanes 212010

VWS 212011

Teirw 212012

Chaos 212013

B.I. 230391

Dragons 230392

BHC 230393

All teams acknowledge the rise in cost for BSF affiliation (£220 established teams, £115 new teams)

All teams informed BSF now require a postal address for every team, and confirmation teams do not have an Employee Reference Number (we are not paying employers) - both insurance purposes.

With Spawtz discontinued, CSL has set up a Team Linkt page for fixtures / results. BSF has followed in suit from our example, and have now requested all players register with them for census purposes. Committee decided players should focus on Cardiff Linkt to prevent overload, and let the BSF work on amalgamating league pages into their Linkt page.

Cardiff League team will seek a tournament team licence going forward, particularly for next year and NSL4 entry.

5) Bluing

As the only league that currently does not offer financial incentive for umpiring, the committee voted to begin an incentivisation scheme to encourage players to practise and participate in umpiring in the league.

Committee voted for rates for a single plate umpire per league game, £10 / game non-qualified, BASU rates of £17 / game for current BASU qualified. This is payable by the league on request, **not** pitchside, or captains responsibility.

Cost estimated at £100 / team / year. CSL to absorb the costs of this in the 2023 season. Cost will fall to teams in 2024.

Committee agreed to update constitution: any team failing in it's responsibility to provide requisite umpires on a properly designated league game day will be subject to docking of 1 league point per instance from the overall league table.

Several Cardiff players are currently sitting the BASU course. Practice day is scheduled for Apr 15. Two friendly games are required from 2pm for this open day; captains agreed to canvas their players for volunteers to play a friendly to allow Blu training.

6) Treasurers report

Due to significantly increased ball purchase last year due to Covid legacy, the league returned a small loss of -£340 for 2022. End of season social broke even on cost, as, effectively, did indoor. End of season raffle made noticeable profit - something to consider going forward. This loss was also heavily mitigated by the amalgamation of the Firstball and 'Diffodil tournaments into the CSL; returning £150 and £975 profit respectively.

Further development and growth of our tournament facilities can only help the league, financially and reputationally. Jamie Dennis offered to approach Admiral to seek sponsorship for 'Diffodil as an event; hopefully raising the tournament's profile and providing significant revenue for the league.

Council confirm pitch costs have risen to £69.87. DM has queried this with the council, as this is significantly more than football pitches, and on par with cricket pitches, which require significantly more work.

Committee agreed to increase team league fees to £650 for league teams, and £550 for new teams to absorb rising pitch and affiliation costs.

7) Open Days

2nd April 12pm - 4pm

8) Constitution going forward

Despite a sterling effort in updating the decade old constitution in recently, a final draft was not signed off in time last year. All teams agreed to vote in absentia on a final 2023 Constitution, once DM has provided a final draft, in an aim to release the updated document to CSL teams before the 2023 season begins.

9) Firstball / Diffodil

Firstball set for 22nd April at Harlequins Rugby club. Firstball already full with 8 entered teams.

'Diffodil set for June 3rd & 4th at Rumney Rugby club. Currently just over half full, so already into the profit margin for the CSL. Committee agreed for 'Diffodil to absorb the £400 costs for the organiser in opening up the camping field as a gesture of goodwill; this early on to a change in venue, we expect much fewer campers than might normally be expected for a tournament. Hope is in future years, word will spread and more campers will attend the revamped tournament. Money will be saved by Dave, Mandrews and volunteers painting the field lines themselves, saving money from the council.

10) AOB

CSL agreed to randomise pitches for 2023 fixtures; some teams felt they disproportionately played on Pitch 3 & 4

The issue of protecting batters boxes was raised. The committee agreed to source and provide 2m x 1m artificial grass pieces for **all teams** to use during practice to protect batters boxes from damage during practice. (DM to arrange)

Committee clarified its position on players being involved in multiple leagues. It was decided that as long as any player is rostered to only *a single Cardiff team*, they are considered Cardiff players under the constitution, and their fielding entirely the matter of their teams and captains.