Cowgirls Footie EGM, 27/07/2020, 8pm on Zoom

Present: Soooooz (chair), Becs (notes), Rona, Razz, Ev, Wendle, Hannah, Fran (tall / brown haired), Fran (not tall / blond), T, Beverly (phone – get us technology-savvy geniuses!), Lizzie W, Izzy, Sensi, Peta

* Team Selection: Current way of selection – Fair? Working? Not Working? Better ideas?

Maybe have an algorithm but then check it over by a human? Who is flakey and who is not? Is it really fair? Have we had the same folk in teams recently?

Suggestion – have a small committee / group to look at the teams and decide? What criteria are they based on? What are the guidelines?

Careful not to judge people on abilities – as this is not what this club is about.

Does the inequality come from number of flakes?

What about the idea of creating a development team? Could we maybe do this as a voluntary thing to sign up? Worth putting it out there when we email out to see who is interested in signing up. However, even if we class it as a development team, there is no guaranteeing where it will end up in terms of the Casual League – it may end up in the top division, too…

The casual league is becoming much more competitive… so should be train in our teams more?

Discussion re. scoring ourselves in terms of ability etc.

Vote on keeping algorithm with a small group to cast eyes over the list generated – 1 abstain, rest in favour.

Who should be that group? Cowgirls Footie committee. Nobody had any better ideas or volunteered themselves. So that’s it.

* Should be keep teams for more than 1 year?

Idea is nice as you get to know the team and only at the end of the season some feel that they flow as a team.

Maybe do more in terms of training in our teams, have friendlies between our teams ahead of the casual league starts? And encourage people to come to training.

Do we have to make a decision now? Can we just decide at the end of the season? We know we don’t want to keep going in the current teams.

Decision postponed. To be discussed again, at the end of the next season.

* Over 35s team?

Bristol Fashions have left the casual league as they felt it was too competitive. Other cowgirls have also talked about it. So, should we start a new league?

What would be other ‘rules’ / points of the league – such as an effort to be as contactless as possible to avoid injury, more casual…

Idea to seek feedback from those that have stopped playing as to what might entice them?

Who would want to organise this?

General agreement from those at the meeting that it’s a good idea. Soooooz will email out to see if there’s any interest.

Any other feedback re. last years casual league? None.

Thanks all!!!