

## Minutes of Chester League Meeting

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Aug 2021

### Upton Pavilion

1. Apologies      Colin Fowler, Dave Roberts, Robert Jones, Andy Gibbons, Jan Bridge.

2. Update from clubs

Clubs reported back on where they stood after 18 months of restrictions. Clubs generally were concerned on members returning to clubs in the current market. Issues may be experienced over insufficient players to support clubs at previous level.

Venue issues were reported by a couple of clubs and court availability may be an issue.

Welsh clubs were still governed by social distancing requirements, but this will hopefully be relaxed in time for the season.

3. Next Steps

It was suggested that whatever the appetite to change the format of the league, next season should be considered a friendly season. To that effect:

- a. League based on the last season with evening out of team numbers
- b. No promotion/relegation for one season only.
- c. Composition of teams to be relaxed if there are player number issues.
- d. Teams only play each other once, either home or away.

4. Presentation from Christleton re future League structure. (Attached)

There followed a healthy debate over the proposals and appreciation for the time and effort put into the presentation by the Christleton team lead by Lawrence.

Proposals to be presented at the AGM

5. AGM confirmed Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept venue TBC

Fixture Meeting Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Oct venue TBC

Season to start on completion of the fixture meeting.

6. No other business.