

AGM – ITEM FOR THE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW

Dear Members,

At the recent AGM some members queried the amount and distribution of subsidies set aside for our external competitions. Your committee promised to review the figures to see if there was a more equitable way in which they might be applied. After much research and debate the committee met on Monday to finalise the distribution for the 2018 season and to let members know of its decision.

In spite of what some members believe, we do not esteem any particular competition above others. The subsidies are funded by all members, some of whom are not even eligible to take part, and it is imperative that we are totally even-handed in supporting them. However it is no secret that there are major disparities between competitions, especially team numbers, the provision of food etc. It must also be remembered that some clubs are Member clubs where their flexibility is far greater than those, like Birchwood, which are Proprietor owned, where the ability to negotiate on terms and pricing is virtually non-existent.

Your committee has therefore concluded that the arrangements already in place and shown in the Treasurer's projections for 2018 give the fairest distribution of available funds.

I do hope members will accept the decision has been made in good faith, and will continue to support the Seniors in maintaining our reputation as tough competitors throughout the County.

If any member wishes to discuss details of the subsidies further, Terry Skeggs our Treasurer will be very happy to do so.

Best wishes.

John Beschizza.

Chairman.