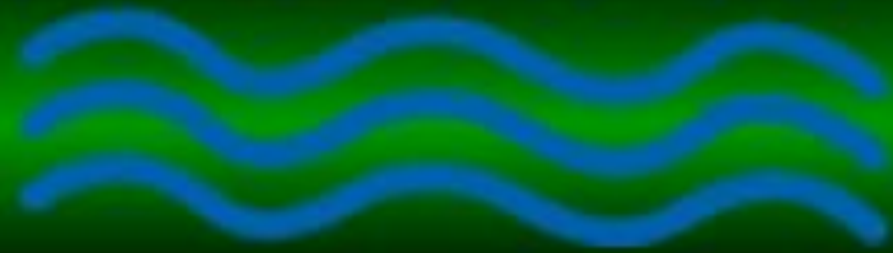


LAKELANDS F.C.



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# Parents Information Evening

29<sup>th</sup> September 2016

# Agenda

- Introduction
- Overview of Lakelands FC
- Club Ethos & Philosophy
- Child Welfare
- Code of Conduct
- Club Funding
- Calendar Year Football
- Coaching / Development Overview
- Merchandising
- Annual Events
- Our future plans
- How you can help?
- Contacting Lakelands FC
- AOB / Questions



# Introduction Overview

- Founded 1978
- Established to cater for development of soccer for boys & girls in Stillorgan / Blackrock / Dundrum / Sandyford
- 500 + Boys / Girls – growing rapidly
- 40+ Teams
- Ages 5 to 19
- 85+ Managers & Coaches
- Training facilities at St Benildus & Stepaside
- Pitches – Leopardstown Park , Bearna Park , Ballaly Hill , St John of God , Marlay Park
- Entirely voluntary run club



# Voluntary Committee

## Treasurer

**Ann Marie  
McLoughlin**

## Chairman

**Brendan Kelly**

## Club Secretary

**Sandra Taylor –  
Interim**

## Director of Coaching

**Paul McGowan**

## Child Welfare

**Joanne Balfe  
(Assisted by  
Georgina Marron)**

## Merchandise & Equipment

**Stephen Langley**

## Fundraising / Events

**Sandra Taylor**

## Facilities

**Stephen Reynolds**

## Fixtures Secretaries

**Small Side Games**

**Michelle McLoughlin**

**11 a side**

**Paul O'Farrell**

**Girls**

**Hugh Marron**

## Sub Committee

**Permanent Home**

# Club Ethos & Philosophy

## Philosophy of football for Lakelands FC

*“Lakelands F.C. will provide each player the opportunity to play soccer in a supportive and rewarding environment that emphasizes fun, enjoyment and skill learning, through equitable participation, regardless of ability”*



Lakelands aim is to encourage the enjoyment of the sport for all members and to coach all members effectively so that they can play soccer to the best of their ability in a supportive and respectful environment also teaching members life skills such as mutual respect for your opponents, managers, coaches, team mates, spectators and hosts

# Child Welfare

- Child Welfare Officer – Joanne Balfe (Contact details on Club website)
- Child Welfare Policy fully developed in accordance with National Guidelines from;
  - Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sports, Irish Sports Council 2000
  - Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children, Dept. of Health & Children 2011
  - Our Duty to Care, Dept. of Health & Children 2002
  - FAI Code of Ethics & Best Practice
  - National Vetting Bureau (Children and Vulnerable Persons) Acts 2012 to 2016
- Policy available on Club website

# Child Welfare

- Child Welfare software 'ComplyFile' purchased
- ALL teams must have minimum of 2 coaches – No Exceptions
- Coaches / Volunteers go through a 5 stage recruitment process;
  1. Garda Vetting
  2. Child Awareness training
  3. References
  4. Interview
  5. Committee Approval





# Code of Conduct - Children

## Children

Players should play according to the laws and **spirit** of the game

Players should **respect** your fellow players & opposition, bullying will not be tolerated

Players should display self-control in all situations. Never use foul , abusive or racist **language**

Players should **respect the referee**. Never dispute his or her decisions. They are only human and they make mistakes, just like you

Players should turn up for training and matches in appropriate and clean **clothing**

Listen to **advice** given and ask questions if you don't understand

Have **Fun** !

# Code of Conduct - Parents



## *Parents*

Be your child's best fan and **support** him / her unconditionally

Parents / carers must not **coach** from the touchline during matches or training

All **issues** should be directed through the coaches and never brought up directly with any children

Remember – winning is not as important as the **performance**

Parents/carers should never audibly dispute a **referee's** decision

The game is for the **children**. It is not for the glory of the coach, manager or parents.

# Club Funding

Funding of club is primarily through **Subscriptions** and number of fundraising activities during the year such as;

- Mini World Cup (social/marketing event with no fundraising goal)
- Football Marathon
- Table Quiz
- Christmas Raffle



# “Calendar Year” Season

- Adopted by DDSL and SDFL to address unplayable pitches through winter months
- Not yet adopted by MGL
- Next full season will run from Feb / Mar '17 to Nov '17
- Break : May-Aug for U13 & ⤴, Jul-Aug for U12 & ⤵
- Higher number of mid-week games in April / May and September
- Interim/Transition/Half Season for second half of 2016

# Coaching / Development Overview

- This is it !
- Who am I ?
- What you get ?
- What does it mean for the player ?
- How you can help ?



# Merchandising

- Club provides a set of jerseys for each team. Jerseys are not for individuals but it is requested that parents take turns washing the kit each week and returning it on next training/match day. Club jerseys are not for sale.
- Club socks and shorts are provided by the club as part of the registration fee. These will be distributed through your team manager in the next couple of weeks. Extra pairs of socks and shorts can be purchased on request.
- Track pants are also provided this year. These will again be distributed through your team manager.

# Merchandising

- Merchandise for players has been updated. Full details will be available on the website soon and samples are available for viewing tonight. Items include LFC branded body warmers, beanie hats, training tops, boot bags and backpacks.
- Once the online shop is up and running and if ordering for Christmas please have orders in by the 1<sup>st</sup> week of November to avoid disappointment
- The managers merchandise is also being updated and will be available soon

# Annual Events

- Throughout the year we hold a number of fundraising, social & special events :-
  - AGM – Date tbc
  - Table Quiz – tbc
  - Christmas Raffle 16<sup>th</sup> Dec '16
  - Soccer Marathon – May '17
  - Mini World Cup – Jun '17
  - End of season event – Nov '17





# Development Plans

- **Permanent Home**

- Essential to cater for future growth of Club Land in DLRCC area at a premium
- Partnership approach adopted as most effective model
- Development Sub-Committee overseeing process
- A number of proposals in progress
- Lobbying of local politicians ongoing



# Development Plans

- **Football for All**

- Aim to develop programme to deliver football opportunities to people who may not ordinarily get a chance to play the 'beautiful game'



**FOOTBALL  
FOR ALL**

CLUB PROGRAMME

- **Girls Football**

- Growing rapidly since inception, currently 50+ players, 5 Teams
- Doubled in size for new season
- Strategic ambition to have as many girls as boys now playing football



# How you can help

- 90+ people volunteer for Lakelands
- BUT as club grows the demands on volunteers grows even greater
- We all have day jobs and families too !
- We need your help !
  - Coaching
  - Helping out at special events
  - Fundraising
  - Pitch Marking
  - Marketing / PR
  - Lobbying politicians
- A couple of hours a month (at most) is all we ask !



# Urgent support needed

- Club Secretary
- Child Welfare Officials
- Merchandising Support
- Permanent Home  
Development Committee – Architects ,  
Lawyers , Bankers , Accountants ,  
Planning Experts , Marketing / PR
- Governance - Accountant / Company  
Secretary / Auditor etc



Take action  
Learn Try something new  
Hobby Meet people Help people Passion  
Give something back  
Make a difference  
Be involved Experience Skills  
Interest Friends Time to spare

# Urgent support needed

- Football for All Development officer
- Table Quiz organisers , Face painting , Balloon blowing !
- Helping out at events



# How to Contact us / Club Comms



[www.lakelandsfc.net](http://www.lakelandsfc.net)

(sign up to 'RECEIVE OUR NEWS')



[firstname.lastname@lakelandsfc.net](mailto:firstname.lastname@lakelandsfc.net)

(committee contact details on website)



committee phone numbers on website  
– Note we all have day jobs too !



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Talk to your  
child's coach –  
Help them !