

Amateur Football Combination

Minutes of a Fixtures Committee Meeting held on Thursday 10 May 2018 at the Civil Service Recreation Club.

Present; Norman MacDonald; Ian Andrews; Jamie Brunton; Alex Grayburn; and, Mike Sainsbury.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from; Neill Johnstone; Tony Julien; James Brickley; and, James Whitmarsh

2. Minutes of 15th March

These were agreed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes of 15th March

12. Royal Bank of Scotland playing a suspended player

RBS 1st XI had been deducted 4points for playing a suspended player in a match in Senior Division Three South and the match, against Old Sedcopians was to be replayed.

The club had appealed to the AFA but subsequently withdrawn their appeal to the AFA as the division has already been won. It was decided that the points deduction would remain.

Sedcopians had been offered the option of replaying the game but had declined and, therefore, it was decided that the original result would stand.

4. Changes in Constitution since the start of the season and fist draft for 2018/19

We had three losses, Citigroup, from Senior Three South, Egbertians II and Kingsburians II, both from Three North, and one addition, Old Sedcopians 5th XI in Eight South.

James Whitmarsh had prepared a first draft of the 2018/19 constitution for which the major queries concerned the make-up of Senior One and promotion to and relegation from there. This would be resolved by the final draft.

5. Abandoned Games and Incomplete or Awarded Matches

We had one abandoned game in Division One North on 5 May between Albanian III and Old Manorians III following an assault by a Manorians, who already had a player sent off, in the 89th minute with the score 1-0 to Albanian. It was decided that the result would stand.

The following matches were awarded where clubs were unable to field teams and

there was no prospect of the match being re-arranged;

Senior Division Two North – 28 April Southgate County v IB Albion

IB Albion had been unable to field a side and indicated that they were unlikely to do so for the rest of season and, therefore, both matches of the double header were awarded to Southgate County.

Division One North – 5 May UCL Academicals IV v Old Magdalenians

Old Magdalenians had been unable to field a side, and, therefore, the match was awarded to UCL Academicals.

Division Two North – 12 May Southgate Olympic III v Queen Mary College OB III

QMC had been unable to field a side, and, therefore, the match was awarded to Southgate Olympic.

Division Three North – 5 May Old Parmiterians III v Old Kingsburians II

Old Kingsburians II had been withdrawn from the league and the match was, therefore, awarded to Old Parmiterians.

Division Five North – 28 April London Hospital Old Boys v Old Kingsburians III

Old Kingsburians had been unable to field a side, and, therefore, the match was awarded to London Hospital Old Boys.

Senior Division Two South – 12 May London Lawyers v Fitzwilliam Old Boys

London Lawyers had been unable to field a side, and, therefore, the match was awarded to Fitzwilliam Old Boys.

Senior Division Two South – 24 April Old Meadonians II v London Lawyers

London Lawyers had been unable to field a side, and, therefore, as there was no prospect of the fixture being replayed the match was awarded to Old Meadonians.

Senior Division Three South – 5 May New Magdalen AFC v Economicals II

New Magdalen had been unable to field a side, and, therefore, as there was no prospect of the fixture being replayed the match was awarded to Economicals.

Division Seven South – 12 May Old Tenisonians IV v Old Wokingians VII

Old Tenisonians had been unable to field a side, and, therefore, as there was no prospect of the fixture being replayed the match was awarded to Old Wokingians.

As a result of the above the following clubs are to be fined £20 under Rule 10(j) for failing to complete the season;

IB Albion; London Lawyers; New Magdalen AFC; Old Kingsburians; Old Magdalenians; Old Tenisonians; and, Queen Mary College Old Boys.

IA to write to the clubs concerned.

6. Review of inconsistent league positions

The committee had previously written to the following clubs;

- Old Tiffinians, re their 4th XI in Eight South and their 3rd XI in Seven South;
- Reigatians, re their 6th XI in Eight South; their 5th XI in Seven South; and, their 4th XI in Six South;
- Old Suttonians, re their 7th XI in Seven South and their 6th XI in Six South;
- Old Suttonians, re their 5th XI in Five South; their 4th XI in Four South; and, their 3rd XI in Three South;
- Dorkinians, re their 3rd XI in One South and their 2nd XI in Senior Three South;
- Witan, re their 3rd XI in Seven South and their 2nd XI in Five South;
- Old Wokingians, re their 6th XI in Five South and their 4th XI in Four South;
- Old Kingsburians, re their 3rd XI in Five North and their 2nd XI in Three North;
- Southgate Olympic, re their 3rd XI in Three North and their 2nd XI in Two North;
- Old Parmiterians, re their 9th in Seven North; their 8th XI in Sixth North; their 7th XI in Five North; and, their 6th XI in Four North; and
- Old Parmiterians, re their 5th XI in Three North and their 4th XI in Two North.

A final review of the league tables as at 5th May led to the following decisions;

Old Tiffinians

Old Tiffinians 4th XI had finished 2nd in Division Eight South XI, and, therefore, there was no decision to be made.

However, as the 3rd XI had finished bottom of Division Seven South with 14 points from 22 games, NM to write to the club reminding them of the need to ensure that selection is consistent with Rule 10(e).

Reigatians

The 6th XI had won Division Eight South but the committee felt that the points gained by the 5th XI in Division Seven South (31 points from 22 games) meant there was no decision to make.

As the 4th XI had finished bottom of Division Six South with 9 points from 18 games, NM to write to the club reminding them of the need to ensure that selection is consistent with Rule 10(e).

Old Suttonians

The 7th XI had finished 2nd in Division Seven South, and, therefore, there was no decision to be made.

However, as the 6th XI had finished 7th in Division Six South with 19 points from 18 games, NM to write to the club reminding them of the need to ensure that selection is consistent with Rule 10(e).

The 5th XI had won Division Five South, without losing a game, but the committee felt that the points gained by the 4th XI in Division Four South (32 points from 20 games) meant there was no decision to make.

However, as the 3rd XI had finished 9th in Division Three South with 22 points from 20 games, NM to write to the club reminding them of the need to ensure that selection is consistent with Rule 10(e).

Dorkinians

The 3rd XI had finished 3rd in Division One South, and, therefore, there was no decision to be made.

However, as the 2nd XI had finished 9th in Senior Division Three South with 11 points from 18 games, NM to write to the club reminding them of the need to ensure that selection is consistent with Rule 10(e).

Witan

The 3rd XI had won Division Seven South, with 51 points from 22 games and scoring 100 goals in the process, but the committee felt that the points gained by the 2nd XI in Division Five (25 points from 20 games) meant there was no decision to make.

NM to write to the club reminding them of the need to ensure that selection is consistent with Rule 10(e).

Old Wokingians

The 6th XI had finished 2nd in Division Six South, with 38 points from 22 games and, therefore, there was no decision to be made.

Old Kingsburians

The 3rd XI had finished 3rd in Division Five North South, with 41 points from 20 games and, therefore, there was no decision to be made.

Southgate Olympic

The club had withdrawn their 3rd XI and, therefore, there was no longer any issue.

Old Parmiterians

The 9th XI had won Division Seven North, with 54 points from 22 games, but the committee felt that the points gained by the 8th XI in Division Six North (23 points from 18 games) meant there was no decision to make.

In respect of the 5th XI, they could potentially win Division Three North if the club's appeal to the AFA on the deduction of points, following the failure of their 1st XI to fulfil a fixture on 14th of April, was upheld.

Given, that the 4th XI had finished 8th in Division Two North, with 13 points from 18 games, it was, therefore, decided that the committee would recommend that the trophy be withheld should the 5th XI win Division Three North.

Old Bealonians

The 5th XI had won Division Five North, with 50 points from 22 games, but the committee felt that the points gained by the 4th XI in Division Four North (26 points from 20 games) meant there was no decision to make.

Action

NM to write to the above clubs on the basis of the committee's decisions.

7. Rule 10(e)

Following the review above; the amount of work undertaken by committee members in reviewing; the lack of clarity for clubs on the criteria in place; and, in some cases, the lack of understanding amongst clubs for the need for this rule, it was decided to propose that the criteria for the withholding of trophies be inserted into the rule.

To this end two proposals were drafted for approval by the League Executive Committee prior to a vote at the AGM. The two options were as follows;

Option 1

Any team winning a division where a team in the same club in the division immediately above gains one point per game played, or less, will have the trophy withheld subject to the normal appeal process.

Option 2

Any team winning a division below Intermediate level where a team in the same club in the any of the two divisions above gains one point per game played, or less, will have the trophy withheld subject to the normal appeal process. For Intermediate divisions and above the rules as per Option 1 will apply.

8. Rule 1(f)

It was agreed that we would propose a rule change to allow more than one team from any club in the bottom two divisions only of each regional section of the league.

9. Old Parmiterians

The club had decided to appeal to the AFA on the deduction of points, following the failure of their 1st XI to fulfil a fixture on 14th of April as noted at 6 above. The date of the appeal hearing had yet to be set.

10. Thanks

The committee wished to formally thank the League March Secretaries for their efforts in ensuring that the league programme was completed despite the huge difficulties caused by the poor late on in the season.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

