

Amateur Football Combination

Minutes of a Fixtures Committee Meeting held on Monday 18 November 2019 at the Civil Service Club

Present; Norman MacDonald; Ian Andrews; Alex Grayburn; James Whitmarsh and, Mike Sainsbury.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from; Neill Johnstone, Tony Julien and Jamie Brunton.

2. Changes in Constitution since the start of the season

We have had the following changes from the beginning of the season with the withdrawal of;

- Queen Mary College Old Boys 3rd XI from Division Two North;

3. Abandoned games and incomplete matches

- Wood Green Old Boys IV v Old Parmiterians VIII – Six North 16 November – the match was “abandoned” after 80 minutes, due to an outbreak violence involving both sides with the score 6-1 to Old Parmiterians.

At the time of writing it was unclear as to whether the referee had reported the abandonment to the AFA. A decision will be made once this has been established.

Action – IA to follow up with the referee.

- Brent v Old Wokingians II – Intermediate South 9 November

The match was abandoned at half time following cars being broken into

Action - Match to be replayed (JB)

- Old Aloysians v Albanian– Senior One North 14 September

The match was abandoned in the 68th minute due to injury with the score at 1-1.

Action - Match to be replayed (JB)

4. Club Survey

The committee discussed the results of the survey focusing on issues re travel time and how that might impact on the constitution, or relationships with other leagues, in future seasons.

Action - NM to circulate survey to all committee members with a view to discussing further at future meetings

5. Old Suttonians IV XI

A request had been received from Old Suttonians seeking approval to withdraw their 4th XI from Division Four South following the departure of the vast majority of players

at that level.

Approval was given on the following conditions;

- That any remaining teams below 4th XI level will have any AFC trophies withheld should they win any of their respective divisions; and
- That the players identified to us to be de-registered are not reinstated during the current season.

Actions –

Decision to be relayed to Old Suttonians (NM);

Clubs in Four South to be advised of the reason for the decision – (IA); and

Results expunged should Old Suttonians agree to the conditions above – (IA)

6. Mickleham Old Boxhillians

Prior to the end of the 2018/19 Mickleham had advised that they wished to withdraw their 1st XI, from what was then Senior Three South, due to poor Spirit of Football issues and that only one or two 1st XI players would remain with club

However, the club did not submit a list of players to be deregistered and, as a result, their former 2nd XI were placed in Division Four South. On reviewing their selection recorded for this season it would appear that at least 8 regulars from last season's 1st XI were still with the club and playing regularly in Division Four South.

The committee, whilst recognising that this ought to have been picked up during the drafting of the constitution, decided to inform Mickleham that we would withhold the trophy for Division Four South, should they win it, as they were clearly playing an overly strong team.

Action – NM to write to the club.

7. LMS Reports

North – no real issues aside from there being 12 teams in the bottom division.

South – again running well and the publishing of free weeks on FT had been helpful.

8. LOB Cups

All competitions are the quarter-final stage with two of the semi-finalists known in the Senior Cup

9. Rule changes for 2020/21

There was a brief discussion on the rule around the withholding of trophies with discussions to continue at the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm