

## AFC Executive – 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020 – Secretary's Report

### Items for Information

- Simon Goldring has resigned as Club Rep Committee Chairman and Neil Johnstone has agreed to step in to cover for remainder of season. Harry Hutchings has resigned as Referees Secretary – in the short term Ian Andrews will appoint referees (Sean to give update in his report).
- The AFA have introduced a £3.50 cheque handling fee from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2020. Clubs have been contacted as the AFA need more clubs to offer grounds for AFA finals, so far response from AFC clubs is very poor. Old Paulines are hosting one of the AFA Senior Semi's on 21<sup>st</sup> March with the LOB Senior on 14<sup>th</sup> March. A copy of the 18/19 AFA audited accounts has been received.
- Our referee numbers have continued to fall steadily since our last meeting and despite a few joining since Xmas our situation, like the SAL is one that is of concern. Updates on the Refs course and Referee Secretary position will be in given by Sean in his report.
- All new players registered on WGS (up to today) have been approved and we have approx. 7000 approved players this season.
- The player charged with assaulting referee (Paul Fuller) was banned from all football for 8 years and the referee has taken out a private prosecution against him as well.
- All clubs paid their annual affiliation fee to the League with only 4 being fined for missing the deadlines and they have all since affiliated and paid.
- A player of Old Meadonians has been banned for 6 matches for racial abuse in a match vs Old Tiffinians. A discriminatory protocol for reporting such abuse has been sent to all clubs via the AFA Newsletter and will be sent to all clubs and referees in the next mail out.
- Performance on WGS has now rallied in is ok, however the Match Day App is a disaster with most, if not all teams no longer using it for match day data input.
- 58 games have been called off due to lack of players, 7 games less than at this stage in 18/19.
- SAL Inter Cup Q/F is on 29/2/2020 away at Jersey.
- The invitation to COX Lunch was declined as Exec members (not already attending) were able to attend.

### Items for Consideration

- **Key Officer succession planning** – plan/way forward/who will lead?

Document attached for discussion

- **Safeguarding Policy Document for AFC**

All Clubs were written to in December 2019\* with the key documents supplied by AFA. To date only one club, Dorkinians has asked any questions. I have raised that question and some of my own with AFA but am still awaiting their reply.

Who will be AFC Welfare Officer and how do we recruit as Danny McConnell despite being in that title fails to respond to any requests and is not recommended by myself to warrant being in that role.

This is mandatory in season 2020/21 so what is our plan for its implementation?