

AFC Executive – 21st October 2019 – Secretary's Report

Items for Information

- Our referee numbers have fallen sharply and despite a few joining after a mass email to all London registered referees the situation is still dire.
- All new players registered on WGS (up to today) have been approved and we have approx. 6300 approved players this season
- So far we have lost Southgate Olympic 1st xi and Southgate County 5th xi who were both new teams to AFC this season and neither materialised.
- A referee (Paul Fuller) was physically assaulted – punched in the chest by a Southgate Olympic Player and he has received full support from AFC, AFA & FA and has also lodged with police . The AFA have said they will deal with and that AFC do not get involved unless asked to.
- Correspondence with London FA regarding the numbers of referees being taken from AFC for county cup matches.
- Clubs have been mailed the sof docs and armbands and so far nobody has said they have not received them. All clubs have been sent invoices for the AFC annual registration fee & cup fees.
- OB Cup Fixture may go to AFA appeal as referee allowed a player to take a penalty although not on FOP at 120 minutes. Referee has been reminded of his duty to know the LOAF.
- Alleged allegation of racial abuse in match between Old Tenisonians v RBS on 5th October. The report from Tenisons plus an email from RBS have been sent to AFA , without any report from referee, to date I have not had an acknowledgement from AFA nor any reply.
- An appeal from Old Suttonians has been received regarding the playing of ineligible player in LOB cup match on 12th October.
- Old Vaughanians have been written to and asked not to use the 2nd pitch at Twickenham scholl ground due to the metal fixings on the FOP. Club have complied.
- QMOB III have folded last week and Southgate Olympic 1st xi and Southgate County 5th xi, both new teams, did not actually start the season.
- 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.
- 24 games have been called off due to lack of players, five games more than at this stage in 18/19.

Items for Consideration

- The current support being provided by AFA Office to AFC and how to improve working relations in the future and letter receive from Deryll David to all AFA league Officers with FT access.
- How do we move the Referees course forward and offer attendance to clubs?
- Key Officer succession planning – plan/way forward/who will lead?

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