

Amateur Football Combination
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
Civil Service Club
14th January 2020

Present: J. Maskell (Chair), I. Andrews, N. Johnstone, B. O'Toole, M. Armstrong, A. Cashmore-Till, J. Whitmarsh, , M. Sainsbury, N. Macdonald, S. Smith, S. Lovejoy, T. Julien, A. Robinson, A. Meyer & R. Gibbs plus . (Mick Kelly Item 6c only)

1. Apologies for Absence

1.1 T. Julien

2. Conflict of Interest

2.1 There were no conflicts of interest to be recorded at this time, but mindful if any discussion takes place involving a member or members club, then such a conflict must be declared.

3. Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on 21st October 2019.

3.1 The minutes were agreed as true and correct.

4. Matters arising from the Executive Committee Meeting on 21st October 2019.

4.1 No matters arising

At this point in the meeting it had previously been requested and agreed to discuss Item 6c and the minutes later in document are a record of what was discussed allowing MK to depart after this item.

5. Secretary Report.

5.1 It was agreed that the current legal liability insurance will be looked at by JMA before the new policy starts on 1st July and NJ will also cast his professional eyes and respond to the next Executive Meeting. JMA
NUM

5.2 It was agreed that work on the succession plan for all key roles be given more time and that all current JD's would be sent to IVA by everyone that had previous versions on their pc. IA would co-ordinate the update of key JD's once he had them. AIAL

5.3. Safeguarding correspondence with the AFA was still ongoing but no reply had been received to the questions raised and this would be discussed at next Executive when hopefully the AFA have replied. IA
All

5.4 JW stated that in 2020/21 any players or referees U18 would need parental consent, signed before either player or referee could participate. This is another issue that IA will take up with AFA. JW also proposed that he be elected at the AGM as League Welfare IA officer replacing Danny McConnell. This was agreed. IA will update WGS.

5.5 It was agreed that the amendment to LOB Cup Rule 18 be accepted and following a unanimous vote this was adopted. BOT

6. League Committee Reports

a) **Club Support Committee:** - Nothing to Report.

b) **Development & Communications Committee:-** JW will set up a league cloud JMA
directory which will facilitate the posting of all documents. Twitter JD would be able JW
to be created by Henry Hill via JW.

Club survey keypoints included moving communications over the next 1-3 years to social media. travel time was also an issue and the Fixtures Committee would look

at revamping the constitution, whilst JW was tasked with having formal talks with the SAL regarding potential to merge the lower xi's if that was a move that was feasible.

- c) **Dinner Committee**:- ACT & MK presented the DC summary of the dinner survey by means of a power point presentation. ACT stated that observations by the Dinner Committee and comments received from the clubs during previous dinners, indicated that:- ACT

- people failed to attend after paying
- The overall numbers were reducing
- Costs were rising
- Comments from clubs were not supportive
- Last survey was 10 years ago

ACT

A survey was then sent out & 182 responses were received of which 88% said have a dinner but only 44% suggested keeping a sit down meal. 125 replies wanted to pay less than £40 (76%) and only 3% were happy to pay more than £50. In fact 39% wanted to pay less than £20. ACT and MK provided more detail on the replies received before providing the Executive with their recommendations, which were (following Exec there was some changes to ACT proposals which have been incorporated below in the minutes:-

ACT

- Event to be a drinks and possibly burger / chips only award function
- Start at 6.30pm (2.5 to 3hrs max)
- £20 Ticket and so refund all clubs £25 per ticket
- A minimum of tickets would need to be sold
- Event would be held on Friday 29th May (Note revised date)

SG

There then followed some questions from members of the Exec that possibly people would leave as soon as they had collected their awards. Following a series of Q&Aa vote was taken to accept the new format which was voted 13 for and 1 abstention. ACT

As it was agreed to accept a new format ACT has now withdrawn his previous resignation as Dinner Committee Chairman and wishes to stand as the Annual Awards Chairman and it is assumed at this time with his same committee.

NMc

Trophies Update:

Photographs of all the cups with their hallmarks had been taken (these were the cups in ACT lockup) . These photographs had been incorporated (50%) into the trophy document and ACT had spoke to Raven Silverware who will catalogue them at no charge.

SS

Clubs will need to return trophies by end of February. JMa suggested we sell some of the old trophies no longer used and tell the clubs we are doing so. What should we do with the income from those sales and should a reserve be created for that income?

ACT

The Dinner Committee will produce a paper for the Exec. The recommendations may be not to sell/dispose of any trophies. The disposal of any trophy/trophies is just one of a variety of potential options for the Exec to consider and agree upon.

BOT

Any recommendation must be put forward by the Exec to AFC Clubs.

- d) **Club Rep Committee**:- NJ gave a short presentation of the company called My Club Draw (MCD). It was agreed that a special Exec meeting be arranged on 3rd March so that a working demo can be provided (This unfortunately was cancelled on the night by MCD and has yet to be re-arranged). NJ

- e) **Finance Committee:-** JMa raised the issue with nobody being a back up to SL to SL access bank accounts SL was tasked with getting suitable access to one or two other Exec members.

It was agreed that a line in the accounts should be added to show the FA reimbursement for rep games. Also it was agreed that the accounts should show the scrap value of trophies and not the true value.

- f) **Fixtures Committee:-** NMC raised the current issue with Mickleham Old Boxhillians where they had removed their last years 1st xi but a lack of follow had meant that many of those players were now playing in 4 south. We had overlooked asking for the dereg players list. MOB had been written to by NMc advising that any trophy won would be withheld and they have not contested that decision.

- g) **Referees Committee:-** Harry Hutchings has resigned as Referees Sec for South and two current referees Rod Davies and Anthony Green had both showed interest in the role and would be approached to job share for the remainder of the season. The planned referees course has been cancelled through lack of interest. The AFA referees committee had started discussions for the fee for 2020/21 and it was anticipated that this would increase to £40. It was also further discussed to introduce a bonus scheme to referees based on commitment and games reffed. IA would produce stats for the past two seasons and send to SS

SS/IVA

- h) **Representative Committee:-** Nothing to Report

- i) **Rules Revision Committee:-** Nothing to Report

- j) **SOF Committee:-** Nothing to Report

7. **AFA Representatives Report**

- 7.1 The AFC need to find two more representatives for the AFA Council. More AFC are hosting finals than in previous seasons. JMa has replaced BOT as Chairman of the AFA Rules Committee.

8 **AOB**

- 8.1 Applications had been received from three potential new clubs

Date of Next Meeting – 3rd March (MCD Demo) and 25/3 (Full Exec)

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm.