

Amateur Football Combination
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
Civil Service Club
14th May 2018

Present: J. Maskell (Chair), I. Andrews, B. O'Toole, M. Armstrong, A. Julien, N. Johnstone, N. MacDonald, S. Lovejoy, A. Robinson, A. Meyer, A. Shah, A. Cashmore-Till, M. Sainsbury, A. Julien.

1. Apologies for Absence

1.1 F. Mariani, E. Murphy, R. Gibbs, B. Watts, J. Whitmarsh, A. Grayburn, D. McConnell.

2. Conflict of Interest

2.1 None were raised or expected to be raised as part of the agenda.

3. Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on 13th March 2018.

3.1 The minutes were agreed as true and correct.

4. Matters arising from the Executive Committee Meeting on 13th March 2018.

4.1 Para 8h – It was noted that the annual Yorkshire fixture had not been arranged and that arrangements would need to be made regarding the 2019 fixture. AJ

4.3 Para 5.5 – It was considered that no recommendation would be made to expel Old Vaughanians but a letter be sent by the Secretary to advise the need to improve for 18/19. IA

5. Secretary Report.

5.1 A discussion was held concerning the impact on the league Officers and clubs with the introduction of the new GDPR. It was agreed that all relevant club officers, referees, Officers and associated contacts would be written to by email or post to explain the main issues that will be encountered. It was agreed to show links to the AFA website and Muckle website where many key documents are located. It was also agreed to post the GDPR Policy & Privacy Notice on the website. IA

5.2 A discussion took place regarding the impact of the FA's plan to introduce player registration on WGS and have that system linked to the Full Time system (currently that isn't working efficiently). IA & JW would be attending two demonstrations on FA webinars before the AGM, where a report would be introduced to attendees. IA/JW

5.3 The Secretary discussed the huge number of meetings that have been cancelled this season and asked all Committee Chairman to actively review their requirements for 18/19 in order that we do not incur possible charges for cancellations All

5.4 International Player Clearance was then discussed following the charge against the AFC representative team. This had been on the agenda at the recent AFA Governance Committee meeting but unfortunately had not been discussed due to time constraints. The impact on clubs is huge as it is estimated that upto 25% of the current AFC players may need such clearance (2000+ players). It was agreed to put this subject on the AFC AGM agenda so that clubs can have their say on the risk involved in not applying for IC for their players. It was suggested that IA add a small note on the website with guidance for clubs on how to apply for their players affected by this. IA

6. AFC Officers proposed for 2018/19.

6.1 Martin Armstrong was the only candidate for the vacant role of AFC Vice Chairman and was duly proposed and selected. Simon Goldring (Old Woodhouseians) had advised he was willing to stand as the new Chairman of the Club Rep Committee. In addition Mick Kelly (Old Woodhouseians) & Jim Davies (Old Crosbeians) had also indicated the

willingness to sit on the club reps committee.

- 6.2 It was agreed that with a number of the EC having dual roles that the number of VP's sitting on the Executive be raised to 4 so that the Executive Committee had the agreed 16 members for 18/19. It was suggested that Eddy Murphy be written to & asked to sit on a committee of his choice, as he was the VP not proposed in the 4 required.

7. Rule Changes 18/19

- 7.1 JMas proposed that the new SCOR for 18/19 be adopted into the AFC rules and that he would undertake to prepare the SCOR with the AFC rules integrated. Resulting from this integration would identify the current AFC rules that were additional to SCOR and any anomalies in wording of SCOR to the AFC rules. JMas
- 7.2 Discussions then took place with the new rules proposed by the Fixtures committee regarding the withholding of trophies and also the playing of two teams from the same club in the same division. MA & NJ both felt that the new rule would impact larger clubs than the smaller ones. It was countered that it was the larger clubs that normally caused the issue to the Fixtures Committee rather than smaller clubs. NMc
- 7.3 It was agreed that this also be discussed at AGM and that if clubs were aware of the proposal and new rule and voted that rules inclusion for 18/19 then all would be ok.

8. Draft Accounts 2017-18

- 8.1 It was advised that the Dinner Committee expected the subsidy to be £5000 as was estimated. The labels for the cash held in bank were the wrong way round and would be amended by SL.
- 8.2 SL advised that the balance sheet was looking healthy and that we should finish in profit for 17/18. This has been helped by the Rep Team expenditure being under the £2500 limit set for 17/18. It had to be noted that this figure was also lower due to the Yorkshire fixture being cancelled. SL

9. League Committee Reports

- a) **Amenities Committee:** - No new team applications had been received although Icarus had shown interest earlier in the year to enter two teams but with their home pitch proposed to be in Amersham, which had not been agreed, nothing further or any formal application had been received. It was also told that Icarus had applied to the SAL as well.
- b) **Development & Communications Committee:-** Nothing to Report
- c) **Dinner Committee:-** ACT asked whether the dinner should carry on in the current format as it was more challenging to balance the books at the current rate per ticket charged to attendees. This year the amount spent on the sound system had been greatly reduced but still the cost of the tickets did not cover the actual meal cost and so the subsidy had to be heavily relied on.

One consideration in the future would be reducing the number of guest tickets (currently 16-24) or not supplying free alcohol for these guests. It had been proposed to present the retiring AFA CEO – Mike Brown with a memento, but he cannot attend. This will now be presented at a date to be agreed and the cost of the memento would be taken from AFC General Fund, not the dinner account.

It was then discussed the proposal to honour the Rep Team players and staff by inviting them all as guests of the dinner at a cost of £1000. This proposal met with much debate and following that a vote of those present was not in favour of that proposal. ACT subsequently suggested that we invite the players that are in attendance to stand and receive the applause of those present.

Ticket sales were at the current level at about 200 with the expected rush of

divisional winners to follow as is normal.

- d) **Emergency Committee**:- Nothing to report
 - e) **Finance Committee**:- This was already discussed at Para 8.
 - f) **Fixtures Committee**:- The minutes of the March meeting were previously sent.
 - g) **Referees Committee**:- Nothing to report.
 - h) **Representative Committee**:- AJ explained to the EC why there was a discussion needed on the action to be taken against the manager David Cross following his tirade of abuse on social media following North Ridings success in the FA IL final. The league (JW) had sent an apology to NRL expressing the fact that the postings were that of an individual and not those of the AFC. AJ
- It was unanimously agreed that DC be suspended from the office of rep team manager and that he not have the ability to have access to any social media account on behalf of the AFC. He would be required to remove his control of the social media platforms before the AGM as well as return all rep team equipment to AJ or another. AJ
- i) **Rules Revision Committee**:- This was already discussed in Para 7
 - j) **SOF Committee**:- The final meeting takes place in late May when all final marks for teams and clubs will be available and any letters written to the bottom 10

10. **AFA Representatives Report**

- 10.1 JMas advised of the recent election of AFC Officers/VP's to AFA roles – Norman MacDonald and Chad Chaudhuri had been elected as AFA VP's, Bart O'Toole as an AFA Life VP, Tony Julien as VC of AFA Council & John Maskell & Ray Holmes as members of the AFA Board.
- 10.2 It was discussed on whether the AFC should opt into the Sin Bin Pilot in 18/19 as it is being proposed that this trial will become permanent in 19/20. It was agreed that this should be put to clubs at the AGM so that if and when the pilot becomes statute that players are fully aware and go in "with eyes wide open". BOT will draw up the proposal for the AGM. Currently referees have not been made aware of this proposal. BOT
- 10.3 Johnathon Leese has been elected as the AFA representative with the FA instead of the current CEO. This proposal, which is the first time the CEO has not been elected in this role, is due to the fact that the CEO has just taken over in that role.

11 **AOB**

- 11.1 Fowlers have recently informed the league that they are shut from 5th June for two weeks which means that all trophies have to be engraved before then and collected from Fowlers no later than 18th May. Following a lengthy discussion and the decision on insurance could not be agreed due to the lack of knowledge on exactly where and how the Oval would store the trophies (value £30k) it was agreed that ACT would collect, store and deliver the trophies himself. The cost of vehicle hire would be met from AFC funds not the Dinner account. ACT
- 11.2 Due to the need to agree the rule amendments and SCOR changes it was agreed to arrange a meeting for the Rules revision committee before the proposed Exec meeting on 5th June. Meeting to include NJ, BOT, IA & JMas BOT

Date of Next Meeting – 5th June 2018

Meeting closed at 9.50 pm.