

Amateur Football Combination
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
Civil Service Club
21st October 2019

Present: J. Maskell (Chair), I. Andrews, N. Johnstone, B. O'Toole, M. Armstrong, A. Cashmore-Till, J. Whitmarsh, , M. Sainsbury, S. Smith, A. Meyer & R. Gibbs.

1. Apologies for Absence

1.1 N.MacDonald , S. Goldring, S. Lovejoy, T. Julien, A. Robinson

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 15th May 2019.

3.1 The minutes were agreed as true and correct.

4. Matters arising from the Executive Committee Meeting on 15th May 2019.

4.1 No matters arising

5 Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on 9th September 2019.

5.1 Item 3.2– ACT added that there would possibly be an increment of approximately £300-£400 on where the cups were held.

5.2 Item 3.3 - ACT wanted the word Met amended to corresponded. All

5.3 Item 3.4 – ACT Advised that Dinner Committee be amended to Executive Committee.

5.4 Item 3.5 – BOT asked that the wording be changed from stated to suggested JM

6. Matters arising from the Executive Committee Meeting on 9th September 2019.

6.1 Item 5.1 - JMa was still to enquire to Blue Fin re Directors Insurance IA

6.2 It was noted that Alan Meyer had attended the 2019 AGM and his name would be added to list of attendees.

7. Secretary Report. All

7.1 It was proposed that The Secretary writes to AFA for updates on the cases raised on both anti - Social Behaviour and those on Discrimination. The Executive were very concerned at the lack of response from AFA to concerns raised.

7.2 It was agreed that the Secretary distribute the Safeguarding Policy pages 325-328 (from FA Handbook) to all club Secretaries. It was further agreed that any Safeguarding Issues be raised with The League Welfare Officer. JMa

7.3 It was agreed that any correspondence re potential misuse of banned substances or Twitter abuse should be grouped under the category Anti -Social Behaviour.

7.4 The Secretary then gave a summary of the issues he had faced recently regarding his membership of the AFA Council and general correspondence with the Office. A long and highly charged discussion followed and it was agreed that a letter from the AFC Chairman IVA

7.5 It was agreed to promote the work of the Samaritans through our League and the Secretary was asked to contact Jeff Cutting of Sedcopians with our agreement. (Nothing further has been heard from Mr Cutting) IVA

- 7.6 NJ agreed to put together a succession planning document so that it could be discussed fully at the next Executive Meeting.

8. League Committee Reports

- a) **Club Support Committee:** - Nothing to Report.
- b) **Development & Communications Committee:**- Nothing to Report MA
- c) **Dinner Committee:**- ACT will have his report on the Trophy Valuation and plan in place for the Executive Meeting in March 2020. It was agreed that a progress report be distributed to members in good time before each future meeting. The survey was in completed with a link on the website to complete. The full results of the Survey would be discussed at the next Executive Meeting (now Jan 2020) and be sent to Exec members in good time to read before that meeting. NJ
- d) **Club Rep Committee:**- The results of the club survey were distributed and it was requested that NJ/SG produce a summary report to the next Executive. It was agreed that JW would talk to Andy Copeland re getting more links with Twitter and website especially following comments re communications made on the survey. ACT
- The issue on travel times was raised as that had been raised as an issue within survey results and it was agreed to look at the long term viability of the AFC regarding travel times. Suggestions on agreeing formal discussions with SAL & ART to seek a solution was suggested with a plan to hold formal meetings in the future . It was agreed that every Committee Chairmen would look at the issue and think about potential solutions. It was suggested and agreed that MA lead on this plan. ACT SG/NJ JWACT
- e) **Finance Committee:**- Nothing to Report on the Draft Accounts
- f) **Fixtures Committee:**- Nothing to Report AACT
- g) **Referees Committee:**- Sean Smith reported that only 36 replies had been received on the survey with 200+ being distributed. Of the 36, 16 had suggested they were keen to get involved in the committee in some way. The Referees course was still to be arranged. MA
- Harry Hutchings had raised a request for a Referees Badge but members did not consider this to be a realistic option, but suggested maybe an AFC pin to wear on their coat was a better option. SG
- h) **Representative Committee:-** The forthcoming fixture vs Jersey was discussed. The FA had still not re-imbursed the League for the 1st round fixture in the same competition (finally paid on 3/12)
- i) **Rules Revision Committee:**- Discussions on the AFC/LOB rules merger to be discussed at next meeting or the March Meeting.
- j) **SOF Committee:**- Nothing to Report as not had a meeting. NMc

8. AFA Representatives Report

- 8.1 The members that had attended the AFA Council meeting in October had reported back that the meeting content and debate was considered "lively". SS

9 AOB

- 9.1 None

Date of Next Meeting – 14th January 2020

Meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

