

Amateur Football Combination

Minutes of a Fixtures Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 21 January 2020 at the Civil Service Club

Present; Norman MacDonald; Ian Andrews; Jamie Brunton;; Tony Julien; James Whitmarsh and, Mike Sainsbury.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from; Neill Johnstone and Alex Grayburn.

2. Minutes of 18 November 2019

These were agreed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

Wood Green Old Boys IV v Old Parmiterians VIII – Six North 16 November – the match had been abandoned after 80 minutes, due to an outbreak violence involving both sides with the score 6-1 to Old Parmiterians.

At the time of the last meeting it was unclear as to whether the referee had reported the abandonment to the AFA.

The AFA had since found both sides guilty of causing the match to be abandoned and the committee had agreed, via e-mail, that the result be declared void and the match replayed.

4. Changes to the Constitution since the start of the season

We have had the following changes from the beginning of the season with the withdrawal of;

- Queen Mary College Old Boys 3rd XI from Division Two North; and
- Old Suttonians 4th XI from Division Four South

5. Abandoned Games and Incomplete Results

Old Parmiterians 5th XI v Southgate County 2nd XI – Division 3 North 7 December

The match was abandoned after 62 minutes due to a serious injury with the score 1-0 to Parmiterians.

**Decision – match to be replayed.
IA to action**

6. Club Survey

The committee discussed the results of the survey focusing on issues re travel time and how the constitution might be amended to meet the wishes of the clubs, pending any progress on discussions with the SAL and Arthurian League.

It was decided to draft a constitution based on smaller geographical regions, and/or smaller divisions, to be debated further at the next meeting.

Action – NM, IA, JB, JW to draft

7. LMS Reports

- **Senior Divisions**

All remaining fixtures are now on FT. The one problem division where five teams all have to be at home or away on the same weeks

It was decided that there would be a play-off between the 2nd placed teams in Senior One North & South, if both are 1st XIs, to decide on the third promotion place to the Premier Division for 2020/21. The play-off is scheduled for 10 May.

Should the second placed team in Senior One South be a reserve team, there would be no play-off and the second placed team in Senior One North would be promoted.

Action –IA to write to all clubs in the Premier, Senior One North and Senior One South to advise that there would be two teams relegated from the Premier with the winners of Senior One North & South promoted along with the winners of the play-off.

- **South**

Remaining fixtures are on FT with the exception of Five & Six South. The biggest cause for concern is Clissold Park Rangers 2nd XI in Five South who have a minimum of 17 games left.

- **North**

There are concerns around fixture congestion in respect of;

Parmiterians 3rd XI in One North with a minimum of 17 games left to play;
Parmiterians 4th XI in Two North with a minimum of 15 games left to play;
Parmiterians 4th XI in Three North with a minimum of 19 games left to play;
Aloysians 3rd XI in Three North with a minimum of 17 games left to play;
Aloysians 4th XI in Four North with a minimum of 15 games left to play;
Ravenscroft 1st XI in Five North with 15 games left to play and pitch problems; and
Parmiterians 8th XI in Six North with a minimum of 18 games left to play.

A number of double headers will be required in these divisions.

8. LOB Cups

All competitions, with exception of the Junior North, are at the semi-final stage. The venue for the Senior Cup will be investigated once the semi-finals have been completed on 8 February.

One competition final will be between two Arthurian clubs and one other final is an Arthurian v SAL game. Clubs in those leagues will be asked to host those finals.

9. Rule changes for 2020/21

- LOB Cup

There was a discussion around the clash between Rule 8(d) in the LOB Cup and Rule 8(e) in the AFC.

The LOB rule states that a team cannot include a player who had played in a more senior competition earlier in the season.

The committee came up with the following draft – “selection for an LOB Cup game will be based on normal league selection rules. However, for the Semi Final & Final, only players who have played a majority of games for that team, or a lower team, can be selected.

- AFC Rule 10(k) – Substitutes

An issue arose in connection with this rule following a game between Guildfordians and Wokingians in 8 South.

On the day Guildfordians had two home matches on adjacent pitches and had named some players as substitutes in both matches – something other clubs do and is not in breach of any league rule.

However, in this match Guildfordians had moved a couple of players from one match to another and back again and the committee felt that this was not in the spirit of the competition and have suggested that the following amendment be made to Rule 10(k).

“A player named in the starting XI of a higher side cannot be named as substitute in a lower XI and that a player, having moved between games, cannot then move back to his original game”.

10. Review of Inconsistent league Positions

The committee reviewed the league tables as at 18th January and noted the following inconsistencies;

- Old Salvatorians 5th XI in Three North, with 21 points from 12 games, compared to the 4th XI in Two North, with 4 points from 7 games;
- Wood Green Old Boys 2nd XI in Two North, 22 points from 10 games, compared to their 1st XI in One North, 7 points from 11 games;
- Old Wokingians 7th XI in Six South, 18 points from 8 games, compared to their

- 6th XI in Five South, 11 points from 11 games; and
- Witan 3rd XI in Five South, 17 points from 9 games, compared to their 2nd XI in Four South, 11 points from 12 games

NM to write to the clubs reminding them of the potential sanctions under Rule 10 (e).

11. Old Tollingtonians

Southgate Olympic had made a complaint against Tollingtonians of packing their 2nd XI in a game against Southgate Olympic 3rd XI in Four North on 11 January. The game was won 6-2 by Tollingtonians.

On reviewing team sheets it appeared that Tollingtonians had played 6 players who were 1st XI players. They had done a similar thing on 4 January against UCL 5th XI and drawn 2-2.

The club had only fielded two teams on 7 occasions and were running with too few players and a significant number of players playing across both teams.

The club had already used its quota of cancellations and the committee was concerned as to whether it could see out the season for both teams.

The committee decided not to take any action against Tollingtonians as the result of that game was in line with other Southgate Olympic results thus far.

The committee agreed to allow Tollingtonians to continue to field two sides but would step in should they cancel more regularly.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

