

Amateur Football Combination

Minutes of a Fixtures Committee Meeting held on Thursday 28 February 2019 at the Civil Service Club

Present; Norman MacDonald; Jamie Brunton, Alex Grayburn; James Whitmarsh and, Mike Sainsbury.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from; Neill Johnstone and Ian Andrews

2. Minutes of 31st January

Taken as a true record.

2.1 Matters Arising

Mickleham will be appearing before the Spirit of Football committee at its next meeting.

3. Changes in Constitution since the start of the season

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

- Old Minchendenians 2nd XI from Senior Two North;
- Southgate Olympic 2nd XI from Intermediate North;
- Old Parmiterians 6th XI from Four North;
- UCL Academicals 2nd XI from Senior Two North;
- Kings Old Boys 1st XI from Senior Three South;
- Clapham Old Xaverians 4th XI from Four South;
- Old Paulines 2nd XI from One South; and
- Hale End Athletic 3rd XI from Three North

4. Abandoned games and incomplete matches

- Wood Green Old Boys II v Old Parmiterians IV – Two North 23 February – the match was abandoned 17 minutes from time, due to serious injury, with Parmiterians leading 2-1.

Match to be replayed.

Action - NM to advise both clubs.

- Old Guildfordians v Royal Sun Alliance – Three South 16 February

The match was abandoned 20 minutes from time, due to indiscipline on the part of Royal Sun Alliance, with Royal Sun Alliance leading 7-0.

Decision deferred until the case is heard by the AFA.

5. Review of Inconsistent League Positions

The committee reviewed the league tables at 23 February and noted the following inconsistencies;

- Old Wokingians re their 7th XI in Division 7 South, who had 32 points from 14 games, and their 6th XI in Division Six South, who had 16 points from 17 games;
- Old Meadonians re their 6th XI in Division Three South, who had 19 points from 11 games, their 5th XI in Division Two South, who had 7 points from 15 games, and their 4th XI in Division One South with 6 points from 13 games;
- Old Salvatorians re their 2nd XI in Senior Three North, who had 26 points from 14 games, and their 1st XI in Senior Two North, who had 7 points from 12 games; and
- Old Parmiterians re their 4th XI in Division Two North, who had 25 points from 11 games, and their 3rd XI in Division One North, who had 16 points from 16 games

Whilst Rule 10(e) was amended to allow the automatic withholding of trophies where the team in the higher division gained less than one point per game, the committee were of the view that Old Parmiterians were still in breach of Rule 10(e), particularly as their 3rd XI had lost 20-2 at Old Minchendenians on 23rd February having played with 7 players.

Action - NM to write to the clubs concerned.

6. Reigatians playing of a suspended player

Reigatians had been charged, and found guilty, by the AFA of playing a suspended player, Ben Simmons, in three matches on the 10th, 17th & 24th of November whilst under suspension having been sent off for violent conduct in a 4th team game on the 3rd of November.

Of the three matches concerned, the games on the 10th & 17th of November were AFC games in Senior Division One, with the game on the 24th of November being an AFA cup game.

The game on the 10th of November was a 4-3 win for Reigatians against Altis, with the game on the 17th being a 2-3 loss against Fulham Compton Old Boys.

The committee decided that Reigatians should be deducted four points under Rule 8 (k) for playing a suspended player and that the game against Altis should be replayed. The result of the Fulham Compton game is to stand and the AFA cup game had been dealt with by the AFA.

Action - NM to write to the clubs concerned.

7. Old Meadonians IV v Old Whitgiftians – Division One South, 5 January

The above match was played as a “friendly”, in breach of Rule 10(c), with the “agreement” of the appointed referee and both clubs, and a result submitted by both teams, as Meadonians only had seven players available, despite having two other home games for lower teams on the day.

The committee decided that as the match had effectively not been fulfilled that the result was void and that the game should be replayed. The lower league matches below would also be declared void and replayed as Meadonians had won those matches;

Division Five South, Old Meadonians VII v Old Tiffinians II;
Division Six South, Shene Old Grammarians IV v Old Meadonians VIII; and
Division Eight South, Old Meadonians IX v Dorkinians VI

Action – NM to advise the clubs concerned.

8. LMS Reports

Senior Divisions – JB thanked IA for covering his divisions at the end of January when JB was busy at work. The divisions are progressing well with only a few fixtures in May.

South – fixtures are again progressing well with no real issues.

North – similar to the South and helped by small divisions.

It was proposed that the LMS's put a full season of fixture up once divisions are fully settled and then manage changes from there on a weekly basis.

9. LOB Cups

Only one final still to arrange. The major question is how the competition will be managed next season. The best option being to merge with the Fixtures Committee and have the LOB Cup as an agenda item at each meeting

10. Spring Cups

These had been set up with close to 70 teams entered from the AFC, Arthurian League & SAL. The committee thanked JW for his work on this and NM to write to Andy Copeland for setting up the web page for the competition.

Meeting close at 8.15pm