

## **Amateur Football Combination**

### **Minutes of a Fixtures Committee Meeting held on Thursday 31 January 2019 at the Bhatti Restaurant, Covent Garden**

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

#### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from; Neill Johnstone; Tony Julien; Ian Andrews; and, Jamie Brunton

#### **2. Minutes of 18<sup>th</sup> October**

Taken as a true record and no matters arising

#### **3. Changes in Constitution since the start of the season**

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

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

Southgate Olympic had lost a significant number of 1<sup>st</sup> XI players but intended to continue in the Premier Division but had been given a couple of weeks off to sort themselves out.

Mickleham had been experiencing issues with SOF in respect of their 1<sup>st</sup> XI and had enquired about removing them but had not made a formal request.

#### **4. Abandoned games and incomplete matches**

- Albanian III v Latymer Old Boys II – One North 19 January – the match was abandoned following indiscipline by both teams. A decision would be made following the outcome of the AFA hearing as both clubs were charged.

#### **5. Review of Inconsistent League Positions**

Nothing obvious to report.

#### **6. Constitution proposal for 2019/20**

JW table a draft proposing regionalisation up to and including Senior One. The issue was debated and deferred until the next meeting. The option of regionalisation including the Premier was ruled out.

## **7. Reigatians playing of an unregistered player**

The club had been charged by the AFA with paying Ben Simmonds in three 1<sup>st</sup> XI matches whilst under suspension. Two of these matches were in Senior Division One on 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> November with the other in the AFA Surrey/Kent Senior Cup.

The committee debated whether a sanction should still be imposed given the passage of time and agreed that it should. However, a decision was deferred given the lack of numbers at the meeting.

## **8. LMS Reports**

All divisions were progressing well with no major causes for concern partly due to the number of small divisions.

## **9. LOB Cups**

Again progressing very well but the arrangement of finals was becoming more difficult due to clubs feeling that they could not provide volunteers on the day.

## **10. Spring Cups**

Given the progress in the league it was decided to go ahead with Spring Cups and JW had invited both the Arthurian & Southern Amateur Leagues to join in.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm