

## AFC Executive – 15th January 2019 – Secretary's Report

### Items for Information

- So far we have continued to lose teams since season started Minchendenians Res, Southgate Olympic Res & Old Parmerians 6<sup>th</sup> XI originally and now another six: - Kings OB 1<sup>st</sup>, UCL academics Res, Mayfield (club), Hale End 3<sup>rd</sup>, Clapham OX 4<sup>th</sup>, Old Pauline Res
- AFA County Youth Cup on 19<sup>th</sup> January @ Liverpool (website news is updated with details)
- HAC President – Charles Randall, has requested using Armoury House and following the match in November attended by JMas it has been agreed to use this venue
- Fines are at the same level as in 2017/18 as at 1<sup>st</sup> December. The one area that will improve is referee low mark reports which are now mandatory using the FT marking screens and so do not require a separate email. All clubs have topped up when requested.
- The AFA have scheduled all cup Final dates (but not venues) as follows:-

16<sup>th</sup> March - Junior Cup / Senior Novets Cup / Junior Novets Cup

23<sup>rd</sup> March - Minor Cup / Intermediate Novets Cup / Veterans 40+ Cup

30<sup>th</sup> March - K/S & M/E Senior Cups / K/S & M/E Intermediate Cups

6<sup>th</sup> April - Challenge Cup / Intermediate Cup

The AFA Senior Cup Centenary Final is scheduled for 13<sup>th</sup> April and our President John Maskell will be presenting the cup and medals. The Youth Cup Finals will be taking place over the weekend of 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> April

- The AFA Office has recruited four new staff members as follows: Matt Leary has joined in the role of Football Services Manager. Bethany Want is the new Marketing and Communications Officer. Sita Srirangan in the new position of Workforce Development Officer & Deryl David will be supporting the delivery of The FA National Game Strategy and Business Plan, leading on the administration of the cup competitions & supporting discipline investigations. Current staff in their roles are Bob Leeds Senior Football & Referee Development Officer, John Monk Finance Officer, Jackie Newing as Designated Safeguarding Officer & Samantha Brown leading on the National Game strategy programmes, specifically around club development.
- Details of clubs and teams with Chartered Standard status shows just 28% of AFC have CS, however as they are our larger teams clubs we do have 49% of teams with CS so JW has to try and get the levels to 60%.
- The AFA have distributed to all clubs guidance on the disciplinary process on WGS and to referees, guidance on misconduct report writing. In addition all clubs will be suspended for failing to manage discipline on WGS – I have notified the eight affected in AFC and all have reacted.
- The Conference of Counties questionnaire and results has been sent with attachments in my email.
- Alan Robinson has advised that all trophies in our possession at the League dinner, have been photographed and he will design a log sheet for identification purposes. He has another 11 that he will also photograph and log. London trophies seem to be the new preferred supplier after a meeting with them and Mick Kelly. Mayfield who have folded have a trophy in their possession.
- The number of games called off as at 31<sup>st</sup> December was 64 – exactly the same number as 17/18.
- Robin Gibbs is the AFC representative at the COXA Chairmans' lunch on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019.
- Abandoned games

- 15<sup>th</sup> December 2018 Snr 3 South Old Meadonians 3<sup>rd</sup> vs Dorkinians Res Result 1-5 stands as game abandoned in 85<sup>th</sup> minute.

- 15<sup>th</sup> December 2018 5 North UCL 6<sup>th</sup> vs Southgate Olympic 4th replay match as game abandoned in 12<sup>th</sup> minute due to serious injury.
- 24<sup>th</sup> November 2018 6 South Reigate 4<sup>th</sup> vs Shene OG 4th Result 4-2 stands as game abandoned in 87<sup>th</sup> minute due to serious injury.
- 10<sup>th</sup> November 2018 Snr 2 North Old Salvatorians vs Old Aloysians – replayed match already as abandoned at half time due to inclement weather.

### **Items for Consideration**

- Alan Robinson is retiring as LOBC Treasurer and Vice Chairman after 34 years in post of my 40 plus year's service on the LOBC Cup Committee on the 1st June 2019. Due to this what do we, the AFC need to do to amalgamate the LOB Cup competition into our rules?
- David Cross still has ownership of the Rep teams kits, footballs etc and despite repeated requests from Mr Julien he has not replied nor returned them. Do we take him to small claims court or just buy new equipment kit?
- What is happening regarding the move to WGS player registration in 19/20 – JW to update?
- Referees Fees for 2019/20, Currently we are well behind all other local counties who range from £38 to £40. We need to be competitive and with the AFA failing to increase fees for a number of seasons what do we want to do as we definitely lose refs to other local Saturday leagues.
- I am in Mexico on holiday 5<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> February inclusive so will need volunteers to cover my duties on FT , email dispatch and regarding referees & fixtures

*Ian Andrews– 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019*