

Birmingham County Football Association

Minutes of the Council Meeting on Thursday, 19 July 2018

M J Penn - Chair

1. BCFA President

- 1.1. L Attwood relinquished the position of President of the Association at the end of his Term of Office
- 1.2. L Chick received the Chain of Office as President of the Association

2. Introduction of New BCFA Non-Executive Board Members

- 2.1. The Chair welcomed and introduced Holly Murdoch; Monica Shafaq; John Berry and Harry Organ to Council
- 2.2. The new Directors introduced themselves to Council

3. Apologies

- 3.1. The Chair accepted the apologies received and recorded on the attendance sheet
- 3.2. The Chair reminded all present to ensure they signed the register of attendance

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on Thursday, 5 April 2018

- 4.1. Proposed by L Chick and seconded by J Monnes, the Minutes were signed as a true record

5. Matters Arising

- 5.1. There were no matters arising

6. Honorary Members

- 6.1. The Chair confirmed the re-appointment of Rev Hugh Baker; Mike Fellows; Eddie Yardley; Mark Knowles and Nigel Peck as Honorary Members of Council
- 6.2. The Chair confirmed the appointment of Len Chick as a Honorary Member of Council

7. Life Vice-Presidents

- 7.1. The Chair confirmed the appointment of Theo Sayers-Day and Ruth Cowley as Life Vice-Presidents of the Association

8. Chair and FA Representative Report

- 8.1. Mike Penn (FA Representative) updated Council on a meeting he had attended where the sale of Wembley Stadium was discussed
- 8.2. The FA Council meets on Wednesday, 25 July 2018 to allocate Members to Committees

9. Executive, Standing and Other Committee Reports for Approval

- 9.1. Board
 - 9.1.1. Moved by the Chair and seconded by S Poole the Minutes of the Board Meeting of Tuesday, 17 April 2018 were approved
- 9.2. Competitions - John Monnes
 - 9.2.1. No meetings
- 9.3. Discipline Report - Martin Duffield
 - 9.3.1. During the season Commissions had more frequently;
 - 9.3.1.1. Requested The FA for sanctions to apply across all levels of football
 - 9.3.1.2. Applied ground and touchline bans where appropriate
 - 9.3.2. It is a concern that 127 matches were abandoned during the season of which 40% involved Youth teams
 - 9.3.3. M Duffield thanked everyone who was involved in the County disciplinary process

9.3.4. Kevin Shoemake (CEO) commented on the “disgraceful” figures for abandoned games and asked all Members of Council to take the message back to their members

9.4. BCFA Charitable Trust Fund

9.4.1. The Chair referred to the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 26 June 2018 and contained in the Council Meeting Pack with specific reference to;

9.4.1.1. Resignation of P Jewkes at Item 1

9.4.1.2. Appointment of new Trustees at Item 2

9.4.1.3. Charity Commission at Item 3

10. Safeguarding

10.1. The Chair acknowledged the co-operation of Council Members in meeting the conditions for SOS compliance

10.2. Richard Watson (Referee Development and Safeguarding Lead Officer) updated Council on the current position with the County’s ‘conditional’ pass

10.3. The Chair advised Council on the status of ‘non-active’ Life Vice-Presidents

10.4. The Chair advised Council on the ‘suspended’ status of non-compliant Council Members

10.5. K Shoemake advised Council on the ramifications of non-engagement by County Football Associations

11. Articles of the Association

11.1. The proposals to amend the Articles of the Association were circulated in the Council Meeting Pack

11.1.1. Proposal for Article 5 - Approved

11.1.2. Proposal for Article 12 - Approved

11.1.3. Proposal for Article 14 - Approved

11.1.4. Proposal for Article 15 - Approved

11.1.5. Proposal for Article 16 - Approved

11.1.6. Proposal for Article 31 - Approved

12. ‘One Club Affiliation’ Update

12.1. David Nixon (Football Services Manager) provided an update to Council on the current affiliation position

12.2. K Shoemake addressed Council on the competitive pricing obtained through Sportsguard of Public Liability and Personal Accident Insurance

12.3. D Nixon informed Council of correspondence sent to all sanctioned Leagues and Competitions around ‘pre-season’ matches and the requirement that, under the rules and regulations of The Football Association, the matches must be between teams from affiliated Clubs. Failure to affiliate before competing is ‘unaffiliated football’ and may invalidate any insurance and may result in a charge of failing to comply with the rules and regulations of The Football Association.

12.4. Council was reminded that FA Registered Referees must not participate in unaffiliated football

12.5. K Shoemake advised Council on changes to the level of cover scheduled and the exclusions detailed under the Public Liability Insurance provided by the Association. There is a requirement for all Clubs to ensure that the cover provided under the policy meets the needs of the Club.

13. Formation of Standing Committees for Season 2018-2019

- 13.1. The Chair advised Council of the meeting of Officers, called under Article 15.2, on Wednesday, 4 July 2018 to appoint Council Members to Standing Committees for Season 2018-2019
- 13.2. A discussion took place regarding the role of the Sanctions and Compliance Standing Committee and in accordance with Article 15.3, Council approved to dispense with the Sanctions and Compliance Committee from Season 2018-2019 onwards
- 13.3. The Chair advised Council that the Competitions Committee had met prior to and the Referees Committee will meet post the Council Meeting to elect the Chair and Vice-Chair
- 13.4. L Chick asked a question on the operation of Competition and Cup Rules. D Nixon answered
- 13.5. Harry Organ updated on the business of the Youth Council

14. Any Other Business

- 14.1. Eddie Yardley (Vice-Chair of Sanctions and Compliance) thanked all previous Members of the Sanctions and Compliance Committee for their support and commitment and in particular Gordon Rouse (Chair of Sanctions and Compliance) and Peter Jewkes (Past President) who had both now retired from Council
- 14.2. The Chair reiterated the thanks of the Association and informed Council that correspondence had been sent to both
- 14.3. K Shoemake thanked C Yardley for his activity on the Committee

15. Date of the Next Council Meeting

- 15.1. The date of the next meeting is confirmed for Thursday, 6 December 2018 at 7.00pm

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 7.57pm

End

Signed:

Date:
