

Minutes of the Referees Committee Meeting held on Monday, 10 September 2018

1. Notice of Meeting

- 1.1. The Notice of Meeting had been circulated to Members

2. In Attendance

H Hector
K Carroll
L Chick
M Bland
M Neal
M Parr (MPr)
M Penn (MPn)
N Peck – Chair
R Faunch
S Allbrighton
D Nixon
R Watson

Apologies

A Cartwright
C Hewitt
K Barratt

The Chair welcomed new Committee Members H Hector, M Neal and S Allbrighton to their first Referees Committee meeting.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 22 March and Thursday, 19 July 2018

- 3.1. The minutes of the meetings had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting and were included in the meeting pack
- 3.2. The minutes were signed by MPn, who Chaired the meetings, as being a true record

4. Matters Arising

- 4.1. There were no matters arising from the minutes

5. National Game Strategy to 30 June 2021

RW outlined some changes to the way the items within the NGS would be reported and the appointment of the new Members

- 5.1. Referees per Team – RW detailed the report contained in the meeting pack
- 5.2. BAME Referees – RW detailed the report contained in the meeting pack
- 5.3. Female Referees – RW detailed the report contained in the meeting pack
- 5.4. Development Referees – RW detailed the report contained in the meeting pack
- 5.5. Referee Retention – RW updated the Committee on referee retention activity
- 5.6. Coverage
 - 5.6.1. RW detailed the report contained in the meeting pack
 - 5.6.2. The meeting discussed the issue of 'non return of data'

- 5.6.3. The Committee mandated the Executive to continue to vigorously pursue competitions who fail to comply with requests for data
- 5.6.4. RW confirmed that the message would be reiterated at the Referee Appointment Officers meeting later in the day
- 5.7. Referee Registration
 - 5.7.1. Referee Registration Data – RW detailed the report contained in the meeting pack
 - 5.7.2. Referee Registration Supplementary Fee – RW detailed the report contained in the meeting pack

6. BCFA Referee Strategy

- 6.1. Majority Referees – RW defined the term ‘Majority Referee’ and outlined that this group would be at the forefront in the delivery of the training relevant to ‘Temporary Dismissals – Sin Bins’ which will be mandatory for all competitions at Step 7 and below for Season 2019-2020
- 6.2. Ambitious Referees
 - 6.2.1. Level 7-6 Promotion – RW detailed the report contained in the meeting pack
 - 6.2.2. Level 6-5 Promotion – RW detailed the report contained in the meeting pack
 - 6.2.3. Level 5-4 Promotion
 - 6.2.3.1. RW detailed the report contained in the meeting pack and updated the Committee on the fitness test held on Sunday, 9 September 2018
 - 6.2.3.2. **ACTION:** RW to distribute a revised Level 5-4 Promotion List to relevant competitions and for County Cup appointing purposes
 - 6.2.4. RW updated the Committee on the success of the 2018 Promotion IST events held at Portway and George Salter Academy
- 6.3. Potential Referees
 - 6.3.1. RW detailed the report contained in the meeting pack and the changes to the 2018 BCFA Referee Development Group
- 6.4. Volunteer Workforce
 - 6.4.1. Tutors – RW updated the Committee on Tutor training who were going through their induction programme before sign off of their Tutor Licence in September 2018
 - 6.4.2. Observers – RW reported on the Observer Day held on Sunday, 2 September 2018 with a further event arranged for Thursday, 27 September 2018 in Coventry
 - 6.4.3. Coaches – No report
 - 6.4.4. Mentors – No report

7. Referee Course Update

- 7.1. RW detailed the report on Summer courses contained in the meeting pack
- 7.2. Future courses for October 2018 are available on BirminghamFA.com
- 7.3. MPr questioned as to what stage of their training the referees had reached to which RW replied
- 7.4. MPr questioned as to the number of development games required as part of each course and the mentoring thereof to which RW replied

8. Misconduct

8.1. Referee Misconduct

- 8.1.1. DN updated the Committee on Referee Alex Tudor
- 8.1.2. DN updated the Committee on suspended Referee Adam Chapman and as detailed in the meeting pack
- 8.1.3. DN updated the Committee on suspended Participant Nigel Genner
- 8.1.4. DN updated the Committee on the open case relating to Referee Grzegorz Dec
- 8.1.5. RW advised the Committee that Craig Beechey had re-registered as a referee in accordance with regulations

8.2. BCFA Disciplinary Analysis

- 8.2.1. Final Data for 2017-2018 – DN detailed the report contained in the meeting pack
 - 8.2.1.1. MN questioned the competitions within BCFA using Sin Bins and the impact on the discipline category being reported
 - 8.2.1.2. MPr responded
 - 8.2.1.3. A wider discussion took place on impact of Temporary Suspensions
- 8.2.2. Provisional Data for matches played to 31 August 2018 – DN detailed the report contained in the meeting pack

8.3. The Close Season

- 8.3.1. DN - detailed the report contained in the meeting pack and the possible consequences of unaffiliated football for all Participants
- 8.3.2. A wider discussion took place on unaffiliated football

9. FA and County Cup Appointments

9.1. BCFA Prestigious Referee Appointments

- 9.1.1. DN referred the Committee to the prestigious appointments detailed in the appendix to the meeting pack

9.2. BCFA County Cup Appointments

- 9.2.1. MPr updated the Committee on appointments to the Saturday Vase and difficulties in appointing to FA Women's games
- 9.2.2. RW advised on actions taken to ease the appointing issues due to scheduling of the FA Vase and BCFA Saturday Vase

10. Any Other Business

10.1. Safeguarding Update

- 10.1.1. RW detailed the letter (not for general distribution) contained in the meeting pack
- 10.1.2. Referees are the only group who currently do not have to renew Safeguarding training
- 10.1.3. RW updated the Committee on changes to DBS (formerly CRC) checks which will be required for the duration of the period of registration and not just at the date of registration
- 10.1.4. RW detailed the discrimination case report contained in the meeting pack

10.2. Laws of the Game

- 10.2.1. A copy of the Laws of the Game 2018-2019 had been distributed to all Committee Members

- 10.3. 2018-2019 Regulation Amendments – Step 5 and Below
 - 10.3.1. DN detailed the report contained in the meeting pack
- 10.4. Changes to Red Card Reporting
 - 10.4.1. DN detailed the report contained in the meeting pack
- 10.5. Sin-Bin Pilot – Continuation Season
 - 10.5.1. DN detailed the report contained in the meeting pack
- 10.6. An email of 6 September 2018 from the Coventry Alliance, requesting availability for the weekend, and a further email of 9 September 2018 were discussed
- 10.7. Referee Fees were discussed in light of comments received from Coventry Alliance and Stourbridge Youth Leagues
 - 10.7.1. The Committee would consider any proposal to amend referee fees but these would have to be submitted in time for consideration for Season 2019-2020
 - 10.7.2. The Committee restated that each sanctioning Association applies their own provisions to referee fees and the provisions will only apply to Competitions sanctioned by that Association

11. Dates of the 2018-2019 Season Meetings

- 11.1. Referees Committee – Thursday, 6 December 2018 at 4.00pm and will be called if business needs require
- 11.2. Referee Promotion Board Meeting – Thursday, 21 March 2019 at 2.00pm to be followed by;
- 11.3. Referees Committee – Thursday, 21 March 2019

There being no other business the meeting closed at 5.40pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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