

## BIRMINGHAM COUNTY FA - Minutes of the Council Meeting on 7th DECEMBER 2017

1. Apologies for Absence
  - Please refer to the attendance sheet attached.
  - Reverend Baker stated that he had visited a number of ex Council Members in recent weeks including Mr Brindley who was now living on the south coast.. Mr Attwood said that he'd also seen Mr Simms and asked that he be remembered to all.
2. Minutes of previous meeting: 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017
  - Taken as read and recorded
3. Matters arising
  - There were no matters arising or tabled on the night
4. Presentation of FA 50 year Long Service Awards to: Mr N. Peck & Mr J. Starkey
  - The awards were presented to each along with a thank you and an appreciation of their work and commitment to the Birmingham FA by the BCFA Chairman, Mr Penn.
5. Council membership: To advise that Mr P. Bromwich appointed Life Vice President having completed 30yrs service to the Association.
  - The announcement was well received by those Members present.
6. Chairman & FA Representative Report
  - Mr Penn gave a brief update on FA matters and meetings. He stated that the FA CEO and FA Chairman had been to Parliament in front of the Select Committee and were 'taken to task' on a range of issues which was well documented and seen by many. Reforms and changes regarding the diversity agenda and reporting structures are afoot and will be announced in the future.
7. BCFA meetings:

<b>Board</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> September 2017    approved 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2017    approved
<b>Competitions</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> August 2017        approved
<b>Referees</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> August 2017        approved
<b>Sanctions &amp; Compliance</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> August 2017        approved

**Youth Council**

<b>Discipline update</b>	Statistics
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr Duffield gave an overview of the statistics and was keen to improve the behaviour in youth football - both on and off the field. Mr Nixon (BCFA) also highlighted the number of misconduct cases dealt with and also mentioned the recent high profile Referee assault.</li></ul>	
8. Updated Membership Rules                      **Football Services Manager - Dave Nixon**
  - Mr Nixon gave a comprehensive presentation on the suggested membership rules as proposed by the BCFA Directors. This included the new one-club affiliation rules and costs which will see significant saving and investment back into the game linked to the highest ranked team at each Club and an additional team cost. This was well received in the room and was approved by Members present.
9. Proposed changes to Articles of the Association
  - Mr Nixon also outlined the changes to the Articles including changes to the quota of Life Presidents. Mr Penn also explained the changes required to the make-up of

the BCFA Board to reflect the diversity in grassroots football and the required Sport England Governance Code.

10. AOB

There was no any other business tabled on the night

11. Date of next meeting

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

**FA Safeguarding 'presentation'**  
**Simon Crockett**

**County Welfare & Respect Officer -**

There then followed the FA's Council Members Safeguarding training session for Members. The training was well attended and very well received by those present and participating.

The Council meeting itself closed 19.10 and at 20.40 after the training session had been completed.

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**Signed as a True & Accurate Record**

**Chairman**

**Date**