

## **BIRMINGHAM COUNTY FA MINUTES OF THE BCFA COUNCIL MEETING ON THURSDAY 29<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2017 AT 7.30pm\***

### **Item 1. Attendees**

**Attendees:** S. Morley, S. Kirkland, C. Yardley, G. Rouse, M. Gorman, G. Cowley, K. Cox, A. Toms, P. Bromwich, A. Brueton, B. Cooke, P. Jewkes, B. Wheelwright, M. Knowles, K. Barratt, M. Fellows, R. Heath, T. Shinton, L. Chick, J. Monnes, R. Cowley, L. Attwood, C. Williams, Rev H. Baker, S. Poor, R. Brindley, S. Falp, M. Neal, S. Hampton, R. Faunch, D. Arrowsmith, M. Duffey, J. Barnwell, A. Cartwright, T. Gavin, A. Ringland, C. Hewitt

### **Item 2. Minutes of the previous meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> April**

**The minutes of the previous meeting were signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.**

### **Item 3. Any matters arising not covered on the agenda**

**There were no matters arising or tabled on the night.**

### **Item 4. To present 50 year FA Long Service awards to - Bryan Pymm**

**Mr Pymm was unable to attend - he will be invited to the BCFA awards evening or presented at another function.**

### **Item 5. Honorary Members - to confirm the reappointment/appointment of -**

**- Existing Members: Rev. Hugh Baker, Ruth Cowley, Mark Knowles, Nigel Peck.**

**Council approved the appointments.**

**- New Appointments: Mike Fellows to replace Geoff Southall (sadly deceased)  
Eddie Yardley to replace Graham Cowley - now Life Vice President upon 30yrs service.**

**Council approved the appointments.**

### **Item 6. Chairman's comments and FA Representative report**

**The Chairman and CEO summarised recent activity and the workforce restructure/ funding which involved making the COO position redundant.**

**i. FA Cup Final Tickets**

**ii. FA Community Shield**

**The Chairman outlined the new form, criteria, allocations and timescales which can be found and downloaded on the BCFA web site.**

**iii. FA Council reform**

**The Chairman spoke at length regarding the FA Council reforms which included Committee structures, diversity, age limits and terms of office. The Chairman stated that the proposals were being debated but there was a lot more work to do.**

**Item 5. Standing Committee Reports - for approval**

- i. **Board:** May 2017 Adopted
- Mr Chick commented on the groundsman issue**
- ii. **Competitions:** May 2017 Adopted
- iii. **Sanctions & Compliance** May 2017 Adopted
- iv. **Referees Committee** April 2017 Adopted
- Executive Committee Reports - for information**
- v. **Inclusion Advisory Board** May 2017
- vi. **Youth Council** April 2017
- vii. **Disciplinary Report**

**Item 6. Discipline report and figures - season 16/17**

Mr Duffield outlined the figures as shown in the previous item. There had been a marked increase in cases and he asked for ideas to improve behaviour.

Temporary suspensions were mentioned on the night but Mr Duffield said that any sanction had to fall in line with FA guidelines. Mr Duffield commended the team for the amount of work and high standards.

The CEO reiterated the point about the increase in bad behaviour and stated that it was everyone's responsibility to improve behaviour on and off the field of play. He also thanked Mr Duffield and the Disciplinary Committee/panel members for the work they do and also the time and effort given to the Association.

**Item 7. Update on WGS and new 'top notch' affiliation - data, process and payments**

Mr Nixon gave an update on the new affiliation approach which has again seen some significant savings passed on to clubs for correct, clean and timely data at the point of affiliation. This is the second season that affiliation has been discounted which in total has seen in the region of £7k passed on to clubs.

Mr Nixon also outlined the suggested 'one club' affiliation for season 2018/19 which will again see some significant savings but also ease the affiliation process for clubs and the association

**Item 8. AOB**

**Item 9. Date of next Council meeting - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

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Signed as a True & Accurate Record

Chairman

Date