

Birmingham County Football Association

Minutes of the Council Meeting on Thursday, 11 April 2019

M Penn – Chair opened the Meeting at 7.00pm

1. Attendance and Apologies for Absence

- 1.1. The Attendance Sheet is attached as Appendix A
- 1.2. Apologies for absence received are recorded on the Attendance Sheet
- 1.3. Council stood in silence in respect of recently deceased Members Tony Brueton; Ken Goodfellow and Ken Pembleton
- 1.4. M Penn updated Council on the health of N Peck; G Cowley and M Bland

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on Thursday, 6 December 2018

- 2.1. The Minutes were signed as a true record

3. Matters Arising

- 3.1. There were no matters arising

4. Chair and FA Representative Report

- 4.1. M Penn updated Council on the changes to the National League System (NLS) particularly at Steps 4; 5; 6 and 7
 - 4.1.1. Step 7 – the Midland Football League Division 2 and the West Midland (Regional) League Division 1 will no longer be sanctioned by The FA and will, in future, be sanctioned by Birmingham County FA and be reclassified as Regional NLS Feeder Leagues (formerly Step7)
 - 4.1.2. M Penn advised Council that this change will require a review of BCFA Membership Rules as The FA has determined that no Competition will be disadvantaged by this change e.g. in respect of Match Official Fees and expenses which are currently higher than those sanctioned by BCFA
- 4.2. Council was updated on the appointment of a new FA Chief Executive, Mark Bullingham who will replace Martin Glenn at the end of the current season
- 4.3. BCFA awaits a report on Minimum Operating Standards for County FA's from The FA

5. BCFA Elections

- 5.1. Election of Chairman
 - 5.1.1. M Penn was re-elected unopposed as Chair for a 3 year term from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2022 in accordance with the Articles of the Association
- 5.2. Election of Deputy Chair
 - 5.2.1. S Poole was re-elected unopposed as Deputy Chair for a 3 year term from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2022 in accordance with the Articles of the Association

5.3. Election of FA Representative

5.3.1. M Penn was re-elected unopposed as FA Representative for a 3 year term from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2022 in accordance with the Articles of the Association

5.3.2. K Shoemake (CEO) thanked M Penn for his work and commitment to the role as Chair and FA Representative and S Poole for his work and commitment to the role of Deputy Chair of the Association

5.4. Confirm the Re-Appointment of BCFA Honorary Members

5.4.1. M Penn confirmed the BCFA Board decision to re-appoint Rev H Baker; N Peck; C Yardley; M Fellows and M Knowles as Honorary Members

5.5. Recommend to Council the Appointment of new Honorary Member

5.5.1. M Penn proposed to Council the BCFA Board nomination of L Moses for the position of Honorary Member

5.5.2. Council unanimously approved the nomination of L Moses

6. BCFA Meetings

6.1. BCFA Board

6.1.1. Moved by M Penn and seconded by S Poole the Minutes of the BCFA Board Meetings of 22 January 2019 and 19 March 2019 were approved

6.1.2. M Penn updated Council on the Board approved work that is going to be undertaken on the trees running along the access lane to the rear car park, FC Premier and the Bowling Club

6.2. Competitions

6.2.1. J Monnes formally moved the adoption of the Minutes of the Competitions Committee of 14 March 2019

6.2.2. S Poole updated Council on the success of the Representative Team in winning the League

6.2.3. Due to circumstances the Representative Team will be taking a sabbatical for Season 2019-2020

6.2.4. M Penn thanked S Poole and J Monnes for their commitment to the Representative Team

6.3. Referees

6.3.1. In the absence of N Peck (Chair – Referees' Committee) M Penn formally moved the adoption of the Minutes of the Referees' Committee of 21 March 2019

6.3.2. The Association had written to S Massey and L Rashid on their appointment as Assistant Referees at the 2019 FIFA Womens World Cup Final in France

6.3.3. The Association had written to N Arrowsmith on her appointment as Fourth Official on The FA Womens Super League Academy Plate Final

6.3.4. Council was informed of the appointment of S Massey as Assistant Referee on The FA Womens Cup

6.3.5. M Penn referred Council to the Meeting Pack at Appendix A and the proposal from the Coventry Alliance League to the Referees' Committee for an increase in Match Officials Fees under Standard Code of Rules to a maximum of Referees Fees - £32.00 and Assistant Referees Fees - £22.00

6.3.5.1. Council approved the proposal by a large majority

6.4. Inclusion Advisory Group

- 6.4.1. M Penn referred Council to the report of the Meeting of 22 January 2019 contained in the Meeting Pack

6.5. Youth Council

- 6.5.1. M Penn provided an update on the support Youth Council had provided to the Competitions Committee in assisting at County Cup Finals

7. Business Update

7.1. County Cup Update

- 7.1.1. J Monnes provided an update to Council on the 2019 County Cup Finals

7.2. 2019-2020 Affiliation/Sanction Prices

- 7.2.1. D Nixon (Football Services Manager) advised Council on the 2019-2020 Club Affiliation price structure and the separation of Membership Fee and Public Liability Insurance fee
- 7.2.2. D Nixon updated Council on the success of the "One Club" Affiliation Scheme which has been in operation for the current Season

7.3. Discipline Update

- 7.3.1. In the absence of M Duffield (Chair – Discipline) D Nixon updated Council on the work of the Discipline Team and the discipline case analysis for this season
- 7.3.2. M Penn updated Council on BCFA delivery of Temporary Dismissal (Sin-Bin) training

7.4. Safeguarding Update

- 7.4.1. S Poole updated Council on BCFA success in achieving an un-conditional pass following the recent SOS audit
- 7.4.2. K Shoemake thanked Council for their involvement and commitment to the success

8. FA Cup Final Tickets

- 8.1. M Penn advised Council that following a further reduction in the ticket allocation BCFA will receive 357 tickets, the second highest allocation to CFA's
- 8.2. Applications are underway and will close on Friday, 26 April 2019
- 8.3. Application forms were available at the meeting

9. Any Other Business

- 9.1. M Penn advised Council that Nomination to Council forms will be distributed to Competition Secretary's shortly and must be returned by Monday, 17 June 2019
 - 9.1.1. The Executive will meet in early July to allocate Nominated Representatives and others to Standing Committees
- 9.2. K Shoemake advised Council on BCFA achieving Equality Standard Intermediary Level, only the second County FA to have done so
- 9.3. K Shoemake stated the "need to change" the discipline culture in the game
- 9.4. K Shoemake asked Council Members to go back to their competitions and disseminate the information that is presented at Council – for the good of the game

10. Date of Next Meeting

- 10.1. The date of the next Council Meeting will be on Thursday, 5 December 2019
- 10.2. The date of Annual General Meeting will be Thursday, 26 September 2019

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 8.20pm.

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Signed: _____

Date: _____