

Minutes of a Webex Meeting of the County League and County Cups Management Committee held on Monday 2nd November 2020 at 7pm.

Present: M B Mizon (Chairman), C Abbott, A Beattie, P Brasher, J Bull, K Critchley, J F Hill, P W Hill, R James, M Luffman, M McDonald, P Mitcham, R K Nichols, R K Pawley, A W Reeves and D Woodrow.

Apologies for Absence: I Greenstock, C J Hills and M Leach

LC 26/21 Minutes of Previous Meetings

The Minutes of the following Webex Meetings were approved:

20th August 2020

12th October 2020 Fast Track

LC 27/21 Matters Arising from these Minutes

LC21/21 Postponement of a County League Match – There had been no objections from Members not present at the Fast Track Meeting to the Secretary accepting match postponements from teams providing evidence of players diagnosed with or isolating due to Covid 19.

LC28/21 Abandoned Match

██████████ v ██████████ Veterans Division 2 17/10/20

Abandoned after 60 minutes due to a serious injury score 2-1

The action of M Mizon and P Mitcham to arrange for the match to be replayed was confirmed.

LC29/21 Correspondence

- a) The Football Association – confirming the administration grant of ██████████ awarded to the League.
- b) Sawston Parish Council – confirming that ██████████ are suspended from using their facilities until 31st January 2021 for breaching covid regulations.
- c) ██████████ – re changing facilities at ██████████ ██████████ have explained that the problem had been caused by a misunderstanding.
- d) ██████████ – re ██████████ informing them of a postponement after 12 noon by email which was not received until after they had travelled to ██████████. ██████████ claimed not to have a telephone number for ██████████ and a further copy of the League Directory has been sent to them. They have been reminded that email is not an acceptable way of informing visiting teams of a late postponement.

LC30/21 Review of the Season to Date

- a) Following the directive that, as the Country is to be in “lock down” from 5th November to 2nd December, it was agreed that League fixtures will resume on the first available date.
- b) There have been reports of varying use of changing rooms, with some Parish Councils closing them regardless of Clubs being able to comply with the regulations. There is a need to communicate with Clubs on how these facilities can be used with the correct procedures in place. ██████████ have had 2 warning letters on this and it was agreed that their risk assessment will be called in.

- LC31/21 County Cups**
A proposal from J Hill that County Cups should be played and given priority over League fixtures was discussed before the Committee agreed that it is more important to complete League fixtures and that County Cups would be deferred for this season.
- LC32/21 Addenbrookes Hospital Cup**
It was agreed that it would not be possible to stage the Addenbrookes Cup in the current climate and that we should try to arrange this for early next season.
- LC33/21 Referee Matters**
There have been 11 County League matches not covered by official referees up to 31st October 2020, meaning that coverage stands at 98.15%. At least 2 Premier League matches have had assistants every week and it had been possible to cover all Premier League games with assistants on 31st October.
A discussion took place on the provision of assistants on the Premier League and it was confirmed that this will be reviewed in January as previously agreed.
There is an acute shortage of referees in the North of the County and there is the need for courses to restart when possible.
- LC34/21 Safeguarding in Adult Football**
League Statistics:
Number of Cambridgeshire FA Affiliated Teams in the County League 133
Number of these Teams who include players under 18 years of age 89
Number of Cambridgeshire FA Affiliated Teams with a DBS 36
Work is ongoing with those who do not have a DBS
- LC35/21 Charter Standard**
The following statistics show that a number of Clubs need to achieve or renew Charter Standard status:
Number of Clubs in the League 103
Number of Clubs not Charter Standard 35
Percentage of Clubs Charter Standard 66.1%
Number of new Clubs not Charter Standard 7 (given 1 year to complete)
Number of Charter Standard (excluding New Clubs) 72.8%
- LC36/21 Player Registrations**
C Abbott and P Mitcham have attended a Webex Meeting on the now registration system which is currently being piloted. This system, which appears to be more efficient and user friendly is due for release in February 2021. Players will be required to provide email addresses and in season 2019/2020 we had 5361 registered players of whom 60% provided email addresses, The number of players currently registered for season 2020/2021 is 4922.
- LC37/21 Kershaw Presentation Dinner**
The 2021 Kershaw Presentation Dinner has been booked for Saturday 5th June 2021 at the Best Western (formerly known as Hallmark) Hotel, Bar Hill.
- LC38/21 Team of the Month Presentations**
Team of the Month Presentations will be made with representatives from Kershaw when it is safe to do so.