

**Minutes of a Webex Meeting of the County League and County Cups
Management Committee held on Thursday 25th February 2021 at 7pm.**

Present: M B Mizon (Chairman), C Abbott, A Beattie, P Brasher, J Bull, I Greenstock,
J F Hill, P W Hill, C J Hills, M Luffman, M McDonald, P Mitcham, R K Nichols,
R K Pawley and A W Reeves

Apology for Absence: R James

LC 43/21 Completion of Season 2020/21

Members discussed the situation in which, the later start to the season and the loss of the complete months of November, January, February and March and the earliest possible return date of 10th April would make the completion of the season a difficult proposition.

Members felt that an extension to the season to the end of June would present problems with ground availability issues and players having other commitments. Also, some Clubs would not be in a position to resume playing and the required number of evening matches would present a burden as only 12 Saturdays would be available if fixtures were to continue throughout June.

As a result of this, the Committee decided to recommend to the Clubs at a Special General Meeting, to be held by Webex on 8th March 2021 commencing at 7pm, that the League season is declared null and void and that a "Champions League" group style competition would be played to provide clubs with football at the end of the season. The format of the groups would be decided once entrants are known and entry to the competition would not be mandatory with Clubs being able to opt to enter all, some or none of their teams in the competitions. S Anderson would be responsible for the re-engagement of referees and consideration will be given to an extension to the registration deadline. Ground Grading requirements will be relaxed for group matches.

LC 44/21 Financial Situation

A decision on the financial situation between Clubs and the Leagues will be made for season 2021/2022.

Player trophies will be purchased for the proposed competitions and those in stock from season 2019/2020 will be used in season 2021/2022.

LC45/21 Veterans League

As there have been no instances in the Veterans League of return matches having been played, it was agreed to recommend to Clubs that they only play each other once this season.

LC46/21 Competition for Senior Clubs

With the suspension of Leagues at Steps 3 to 6 leaving the senior Clubs in the County without football until the commencement of the new season, Members agreed that these Clubs would be approached to see if they would be interested in such a Competition to be played for the Invitation Cup in 2 groups with Semi-Finals and a Final. Matches would not have to be played in stadiums, but there could be a problem with players who are on furlough.

LC47/21

The Football Association are introducing a new registration system for the coming season, which will be an improvement on the current system. C Abbott and P Mitcham have already attending training webinars on this. It should be noted that player email addresses will be compulsory.

LC48/21

The Kershaw Dinner, which has a new provisional date of 21st August 2021 at the Best Western Hotel, Bar Hill, will be rebranded as a celebration of 30 years of Kershaw Sponsorship.

LC49/21

Div 3B 12/12/20

Abandoned after 78 minutes due to floodlight failure – score 3-1

There had been a 45 minute delay due to a serious injury but the Clubs decided to continue as floodlights were available. **Result stands**

LC50/21

- a) ██████████ – charged with failure to pay invoice number ██████████ (competitions fine) and invoice number ██████████ (late payment fine). The Club to be reminded of their responsibility and payment must be made before any further matches are played. *Payment has subsequently been received.*
- b) ██████████ – charged with playing ineligible player, ██████████ who is not yet 35 years old, v Isleham United Veterans Veterans Division 1 13/12/20 drew 3-3. Evidence was provided of the player being photographed before the game on a team sponsorship photograph, but no evidence has been provided of him actually playing in the match, which had been denied by the Club. **Not Proven**

Phil Mitcham
Competitions Officer