

Minutes of a virtual meeting of the CUP COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2020**, commencing 6.35pm.

Present: I. L. Wallis (Chairman), M. Burke (South West), K. Wilmot (North East), D. A. Wolff (Vice President), I. Burke (Youth), G. J. Etchell (Vice President), G. Harknett (Youth), A. Sanchez-Buitrago (Youth), A. Brown (North East), J. Horne (Cups Officer), H. Gilroy (Head of Engagement)

Apologies for Absence: D. Hooker (Youth), A.I. Gilbey (North East)

Absent: L. Newham (South East)

#### **1788. Minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

They were accepted as an accurate record.

#### **1789. Matters Arising**

None.

#### **1790. Safeguarding**

There were no safeguarding issues to discuss.

#### **1791. 2019-20 Cups**

A discussion took place about the procedures to complete the outstanding competitions quickly and safely before the 2020-21 League Season gets underway in mid-September.

The FA have ruled that no spectators can be permitted and therefore only LFA office staff and such Committee Members as are required to work, will be able to attend. JH explained that he needed three extra referees in the ground in case match official failed to attend.

DAW requested that those available to work should give their names to the office so that numbers could be strictly controlled.

Concern was expressed that no permission had yet been obtained from the FA for the remaining Senior Cup matches to be played with 5 substitutes. JH will contact them urgently.

The Semi-Finals of the Senior Cup and the other Cup Finals have now been scheduled and dates and venues circulated. The Senior Cup Final is provisionally scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> September at Welling United.

ILW stressed that safety must remain our chief concern and JH explained that everyone arriving at the venue will be temperature tested before entry. A risk assessment has been obtained from Fisher and this and similar ones from the other proposed grounds will be circulated before any matches are played.

#### **1792. Cup Rules**

George Dorling has kindly re-shaped both the Adult and Youth Cup rules so that they will be in line with the Standard Code of Conduct. They are nearing completion.

#### **1793. Cup Dates**

JH has mapped out the proposed Cup dates for Season 2020-21 and they will be made public with the first round of the larger entry Cups scheduled for mid-October.

#### **1794. Cup Draws**

ILW reported an encouraging number of Cup entries to date especially after the many problems experienced earlier in the Season.

The general feeling was that our decision to complete our 2019-20 Cups, unlike other County FA's, had been very well received by member clubs.

It was again stressed that the Committee will see and approve the entrants for all Cups before the draws are made so as to minimise the number of queries that arise. DAW and MB will check over the Sunday Adult Cup entries.

#### **1795. Correspondence**

None.

#### **1796. Any Other Business**

JH suggested that one of the Cups be re-named in memory of Jermaine Wright. IB thought a Referee of the Year Award would be more appropriate. This subject will be re-examined at the next meeting.

Sponsorship has been obtained from eight sponsors which caused some concern. GJE asked why the Committee had not been informed at a much earlier stage and requested to know details of the agreement. Who approved them? JH promised that full details would be sent out.

JH explained that the girls Cup Competitions would again be run by the Committee from Season 2020-21 and there was brief mention also of Supervets and Walking Football. All will be discussed in greater detail in the future.

#### **1797. Date of next Meeting**

Another virtual meeting in mid-September (TBC)

The Meeting closed at 8.10pm.