

Minutes of a meeting of the CUP COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE held at Guildhall, London EC2P 2EJ on **Monday 19th August 2019**, commencing 7.15pm.

Present: I. L. Wallis (Chairman), A. Brown (North East), K. Wilmot (North East), I. Burke (Youth), D. Hooker (Youth), G. J. Etchell (Vice President), G. Harknett (Youth), L. Newham (South East), A. I. Gilbey (North East), G. Rodber (South West), D. Wolff (Vice President), J. Horne (Cups Officer), M. Burke (Associate Member), J. Middlehurst (LFA Chairman), H. Gilroy (Head of Engagement),

Apologies for absence: A. Sanchez (Youth),

1741. Minutes of the Meetings held 20th May and 22nd July 2019

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They were accepted as an accurate record.

1742. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

1743. Safeguarding

There were no safeguarding issues to discuss.

1744. Cup Dates

JH circulated the proposed dates for the Adult and Youth Cups.

1745. Senior Cup Draw

JH reported that there had been massive issues in processing the Cup entries and we could not yet make the draw. Entries had been identified from at least 29 clubs, including AFC Wimbledon, Brentford and Leyton Orient. After discussion, it was agreed that the draw would be made in the office as soon as possible in the presence of such Committee Members as are available.

1746. Election of Officers

Voting took place for the Cup Committee posts and the following were elected:-

Chairman	-	Ian Wallis
Vice Chairman	-	Kevin Wilmot
Secretary	-	Ian Burke

1747. Youth Cups

There was a lengthy discussion concerning the proposed cup final venues for 2019-20. There seemed little alternative to Fisher as both Mile End and Long Lane were deemed unsuitable. Fisher has no public address system and unsatisfactory floodlighting and changing facilities, but scores on price, the cost being £135 as game.

The problem of pitch markings for under 12's has still to be resolved. It was felt that the use of cones was not acceptable. GJE advised that temporary markings can be obtained for 3 G pitches and will investigate what is available and at what cost.

1748. Champions Cup

Several people expressed concern about the introduction of a new Champions Cup which has never been approved by or even brought to the Committee for discussion. It has not been referred to the Youth Division either. JH did not consider it a new competition and explained that the costs would be met by sponsors. When told that the sponsorship agreement was only for one year, GR enquired as to what would happen in future if the sponsor pulls out.

There were other queries raised concerning the eligibility of players, cup rules, and sanctioning. ILW felt that the idea had merit but should have been debated and approved by this Committee. There appears opposition from the Youth Leagues who were also not consulted. Despite all these reservations it was agreed that the matches, already scheduled for October, should go ahead.

1749. Adult Cups

JH produced a schedule containing dates for the cup finals and expressed the intention of booking venues for them before the next meeting. It was pointed out to him by ILW and others that it is not for the office to make these decisions but rather to implement them when the Committee have done so.

As the Committee have no idea how many entries have been received for each cup, nor any budgetary information, it is not yet possible to make any decisions. DW offered to assist with the Sunday Cup vetting procedure and KW agreed to appoint an officer to be in charge at each Senior Cup tie and other cup games where possible.

1750. Correspondence

MB had written on the subject of sponsorship. JH advised that there are on going discussions taking place with potential sponsors.

1751. Any Other Business

GR pointed out that Surrey FA carry out their Senior Cup draw on the radio and it may be possible for us to do something similar or via Twitter.

JH would like to regionalise the Senior Cup to reduce travelling issues.

Two Sunday adult finals to be played at the same venue on one day

Proposed GR

Seconded DH

Carried (5-5, Chairman's vote)

1752. Date of next Meeting

Monday 21st October. Venue to be advised.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.40pm