

Minutes of a meeting of the CUP COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE held at Guildhall, London EC2P 2EJ on **Monday 20th May 2019**, commencing 7.20pm.

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

Apologies for absence: D. Hooker (Youth), G. J. Etchell (Vice President), G. Harknett (Youth)

1724. Acting Chairman's Introduction

ILW congratulated Jamaal Horne on the efficient way that the 2019 Cup Finals was managed and the energetic and enthusiastic work of the office staff involved.

He explained that he would chair this meeting and then at the next one, the Members could elect Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary.

1725. Minutes of the Meeting held 21st March 2019

They were accepted as an accurate record.

1726. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

1727. Safeguarding

There were no safeguarding issues to discuss.

1728. Youth Cups Report

AB felt that the organisation of the Finals had been excellent, although DW was concerned by the inadequate floodlights at Fisher. JH felt that we should not arrange more than 2 Finals on the same day. IB countered that 3 Finals together had worked satisfactorily in the past. JH stated that Mile End was a disgusting venue and they had let the LFA down badly. Suggestions were made for Market Road in Camden or The Hive in Barnet.

A lengthy discussion followed concerning the rise in referees fees. JH contended that they made it easier to appoint referees while IB and others were concerned by the added financial burden being placed on clubs. JH will outline his reasoning in writing and the opinions sought from the Youth Division so that a decision can be made at the next meeting. DW stated it was for this Committee to set the level of fees for referees.

IB bemoaned the absence of the Player of the Game Trophies. JH confirmed that this has now been reinstated thanks to sponsorship from Munich Trophies. Now that matches are being recorded, he would like to have a vote from the 10 best goals with the winner receiving 2 Cup Final tickets. IB felt that there should be one guest of honour for each final and that they should be invited by letter and given plenty of notice.

1729. Senior Cup Report

It was agreed that the Senior Cup Final played at Wingate & Finchley was a success and we were impressed with the hospitality shown by the host club.

JH felt that the Senior Cup needs better marketing next season. ILW was concerned by the inadequacies of the website and everyone agreed that it needs a major overhaul. There are staff in the office awaiting website training. AIG asked and it was confirmed that the sponsorship money had been received. AIG will ensure that our Senior Cup results are submitted to the non-league paper next season. AIG queried why AFC Wimbledon had dropped out of our Senior Cup and JH confirmed that both Leyton Orient and Brentford have re-entered for 2019-20.

1730. **Adult Cups Report**

JH advised that the cost of hire for the 2018-19 venues was:-

Fisher Athletic	£135
Wingate & Finchley	£570 (£750 with food)
Haringey Borough	£580
Dulwich Hamlet	£500
Carshalton Athletic	£420

ILW stated that in future we should only support venues in London Boroughs. KW pointed out that Redbridge was currently available for £450. Decisions over future venues will be made at a future meeting.

1731. **Women's and Girls Cups**

ILW will check exactly what involvement this Committee is to have. JH reported that the competitions are currently being well run by Middlesex FA and Surrey FA. KW enquired whether we want to re-launch our own County Cups but it was felt that there is still too few teams and too uneven standard.

1732. **Correspondence**

An email has been received from the Chief Executive. It appears that for the last two seasons the sponsorship money has no longer been paid to the clubs as prize money. This was discussed at length and left that HG will find out how Kent, Essex, Surrey and Middlesex operate. KW suggested that we should be actively seeking alternative sponsorship.

1733. **Rule Changes**

IB had concerns that fixture dates were being changed and clubs were losing permits as they were unable to play League fixtures.

All Adult Cup matches before the Semi-Final stage will be played without extra time.

Proposed: KW Seconded: DW Carried (unanimous)

It is now compulsory for roll on/roll off substitutions in all Cup Competitions except the Senior Cup. It was agreed that we would work from the rules contained in the 2017-18 London FA Handbook and make amendments as necessary.

The Sin Bin will not operate in our Senior Cup for 2019-20.

Proposed: DW Seconded: KW Carried (unanimous)

For all Cup matches, but excluding the Senior Cup, the officials shall receive a flat fee, not enclosing expenses.

Proposed: GR Seconded: IB Carried (unanimous)

In all Adult Finals, the officials will receive either a memento or a fee, as decided by the Committee.

Proposed: GR

Seconded: DW

Carried (8-1)

A specific meeting will be set up to deal with rule changes as time did not permit further progress.

1734. Other Business

~~JW~~ agreed to chair the early part of the next meeting and oversee the election of officers. He asked that nominations for Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary be submitted to ILW.

AB gave thanks to whoever had cleaned all the trophies this season. GR requested that Leagues are consulted before the Cup Draws are made. JH has a number of proposed changes in mind for the Youth Cup rules, including the introduction of a new Champions Cup.

1735. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 15th July at Guildhall (Rule Changes)

Monday 19th August at Guildhall

It was agreed that a 7.15pm start would be preferable.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.43pm.