

Minutes of a virtual meeting of the CUP COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE on **Monday 28th October 2020**, commencing 6.36pm.

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), D. Hooker (Youth), A. Sanchez-Buitrago (Youth), L. Newham (South East), A. Brown (North East) J. Horne (Cups Officer), Ms L. Foster (Football Development Manager)

Absent: A.I. Gilbey (North East),

1809. Minutes of the meeting held on 21st September 2020.

They were accepted as an accurate record.

1810. Matters Arising

ILW confirmed that the Independent Panel would hear the charge against Wingate & Finchley arising from the U16 Champions Cup Final on 5th November.

DAW pointed out that we have still not been provided with a schedule for each Cup showing the expenditure and details of the sponsorship. JH promised that this would be done

1811. Safeguarding

There were no safeguarding issues to discuss.

1812. Chairman's Report

ILW welcomed Laura Foster who has been invited to attend the meeting and discuss the plans for womens and girls football in 2021-22.

He advised that this would be the final Cup Committee meeting of the present Council and thanked everyone for their hard work on behalf of the London FA. Special mention was made of Tony Gilbey and Ian Burke who are leaving Council after more than 20 years service and who have both been proposed as Hon Vice Presidents.

1813. Secretary's Report

IB reported problems at the following matches:-

West London Dynasty v AFC Bluebirds (Sunday Junior Cup)
WLD had no players registered when the match was played.
They are to be expelled from the Cup.

Proposed: GH Seconded: DAW (Unanimous)

Barking v AC United (U16 Sunday Cup)
This match was abandoned by the referee.
It is being investigated by a Disciplinary Commission.

1814. Cup Draws

GJE observed that there had been a very high number of walkovers already and requested that the reasons be shown on the website. DAW requested a list of the drop outs and the reasons for them.

GH pointed out that U12 to U14 draws were still not shown on the website and KW was concerned that Sunday teams were included in the Junior Cup. JH confirmed that he had closed the draws when divisible numbers had entered (16 or 32).

1815. Cup Rules

IB brought up the points raised by G. Dorling at the Council Meeting. Two amendments had been made to the published rules for 2020-21. ILW pointed out that these were merely corrections and not further rule changes. The published rules are now precisely what was approved by the Sanctions Committee.

1816. Womens and Girls Cups

Laura Foster made a presentation about the womens and girls cups and explained that the U12, U14 and U16 competitions will be the responsibility of this Committee from season 2021-22. The Adult womens team will not be changed from the present arrangement.

1817. Cup Final Venues

JH has made a verbal arrangement to play Youth Finals at Fisher at a cost of £150 per match. Other venues were considered – Haringey Borough, Meridian, Mile End and Barking.

KW suggested that we consider Dartford as a venue for the Senior Cup. Hanwell Town has proved satisfactory but JH felt the hire cost of £840 was expensive. DH had experienced problems at Dartford in the past.

It was agreed to defer any firm decisions about venues until the next meeting when, Covid permitting, the Cups will be at a more advanced stage.

1818. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

1819. Any Other Business

IB asked for guidance on matches being scheduled during the Covid Pandemic. ILW said that while Government ruled that matches may be played, we should proceed but only if both teams wanted to play. No clubs must be forced to play.

1820. Date of next Meeting

It was agreed to defer a decision on the date until the Covid situation was clearer.

The meeting closed at 8.47pm.