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MINUTES OF THE LONDON FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION CUP & COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 4 APRIL 2022 AT GUILDHALL, LONDON

Chairman Ian Wallis opened the meeting at 19.05 by greeting those present.

Members Present:-I Wallis, K Wilmot, M Burke, L Di Cesare, J Hind, L Newham,

Apologies. G Etchell, A Sanchez-Buitrago, H Tachoukraft and D Wolff.

Absent. G Harknett

LFA Office Staff. J Horne.

Chairman I Wallis informed the meeting that O Flynn has resigned from the LFA Cup Committee.

I Wallis – A request has been made that future meetings be set up so that members may attend by telephone link if they so wish. There was a prolonged discussion in which M Burke, L Newham and I Wallis expressed the view that this had proved disruptive in the past. It was pointed out that the start time has been put back to 19.00 this season at the request of G Harknett, so as to give everyone time to travel from work.

All meetings should be face to face.

This was proposed by L Newham and seconded by M Burke and the voting was unanimous.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting. They were accepted as an accurate record.

Matters arising from the minutes. There were no matters arising from the minutes

Safeguarding. There were no matters on safeguarding to discuss.

Cup Competitions. J Horne reported at present 16 cup finals have already been played. I Wallis asked if all cup final dates, venues and finalists when known to be sent out weekly to all Council Members. J Horne agreed to carry out this task. I Wallis to write to P Bickerton, LFA CEO, about this suggestion.

J Horne reported that all the cup finals played to date have been a tremendous success. This was spoilt by a player receiving a red card.

The LFA Senior Trophy is delayed because of an appeal of a quarter final match and an appeal of a semi-final match. This is the reason why Carshalton FC ground has been hired because we can play late into May.

GUEST PRESENTERS. The following was decided at this meeting:-

Competition O	fficer-in-Char	ge Date	Venue	KO Presenter
London Sun Jun Cup	l Wallis	Sun 10 April	Barking	13.00 J Taylor
Champions Cup .	l Wallis	Sun 10 April	Barking	15.00
London Sun Trophy	l Wallis	Sun 10 April	Barking	17.00 Y Harun
Capital Women's Inter	l Wallis	Sun 24 April	Beck Town	12.00
Saturday Jun Cup	L Newham	Fri 29 April	Haringey	19.45 K Wilmot
London U16 Girls Cup	J Hind	Sun 8 May	Haringey	14.00
Capital Women's Jun	M Burke	Sun 8 May	Haringey	16.15
London Sun Challen	M Burke	Sun 8 May	Haringey	19.45 C Oshodi
LFA Senior Trophy	TBC	Wed 18 May	Carshalton	19.30 B Archer
London Vets Cup	L Di-Cesare	TBC	TBC	TBC T Barnard

At a later date all the remaining cup finals will have delegated to them an Officer-in-Charge and a presenter.

It was the unanimous decision of the Committee that J Horne has done a magnificent job organising the cups right up to the final despite several adversities.

Rule Changes. G Etchell and K Wilmot have forwarded proposed rule changes. Unfortunately they arrived too late to be discussed at this meeting. I Wallis informed the meeting these rule changes will be discussed at the next Cups Committee meeting. In the mean time any other rule changes are to be with him by 15 April.

Correspondence. I Wallis gave a report on two abandoned LFA Cup ties. LFA Sunday Trophy Semi-Final NLO FC v Club Assyeria FC which was won by NLO. Club Assyeria lodged an appeal on the grounds that an NLO player had played for another club in this competition. NLO FC were found guilty by an LFA Disciplinary Commission and expelled from the competition. NLO FC Appeal

which was heard by three members of Council who dismissed their appeal and the original decision stands.

LFA Senior Trophy Semi-Final Lewisham Borough v Tooting Bec . Which Lewisham Borough won. Tooting Bec FC lodged an appeal citing that a Lewisham Borough player had played in a higher grade of football therefore contravening LFA Cup Rules. Lewisham Borough FC appeared before an LFA Disciplinary Commission and were found guilty of playing a player who had played in a higher grade of football and were expelled from the competition.

P Bickerton, LFA CEO, received correspondence from R Cavallini former Fixture Secretary of Corinthian Casuals. He is currently writing a three volume book on the LFA Senior cup. He has all the results from 1882 to the present day save for thirty matches that are missing and asked the LFA for help in obtaining the results. I Wallis reported that we are unable to help him. However, I Wallis has invited Mr Cavallini to attend the LFA Senior Cup as a guest.

Any Other Business. I Wallis reported the death of Council Member Mr Peter Barnes. P Barnes ran Rolls Park FC who won the LFA Sunday Junior Cup in 2007. The Barnes family has requested that the cup be given to the Barnes family in recognition of the work done by Peter Barnes. All the players in the wining team will be in attendance at the funeral. M Burke suggested that the cup is not presented to the family as this will create a precedent and open the flood gates for other club's winning LFA cups. Put the cup on display at the funeral and retain it after the ceremony. This was agreed.

Date of next meeting. The date of the next meeting is yet to be decided.

The Chairman thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 20.25.