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**MINUTES OF THE
LONDON FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION
CUP & COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE
HELD ON
MONDAY 5 JULY 2021**

Chairman Ian Wallis opened the meeting at 18:35 by greeting those present and congratulating D Wolff and G Etchell on their election as LFA Life Vice-Presidents at the recent LFA AGM.

Members Present:- I Wallis, K Wilmot, M Burke, G Etchell, L Newham, A Sanchez-Buitrago and D Wolff.

LFA Staff:- P Trivedi, J Horne, A Howden, C Murray and A Lewis.

Apologies:- G Harknett.

Absent:- O Flynn, I Gazi and H Tackoukraft

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic the meeting was conducted using Microsoft Teams, except for Michael Burke who attending the meeting via Conference Line.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting. Proposed D Wolff and Seconded by K Wilmot the minutes were unanimously approved.

Matters arising from the minutes. I Wallis reminded the meeting that as from next season the LFA Cup Committee will run the Girls Cups and welcomed Amanda Lewis, LFA Football Development Officer to the meeting.

Safeguarding. There were no matters on safeguarding to discuss. However, D Wolff drew to the attention of the meeting that he had recently attended a Safeguarding course. Although he deals with adult football he found the course refreshed his memory and advised other Members to take a course.

Cup Competitions 2020-21. I Wallis congratulated J Horne and his staff on the magnificent job they had done under very difficult circumstances, mainly getting

cup final grounds and always against the clock, to ensure all our seven adult male cup finals were played. I Wallis was rather perturbed by the lack of cup final programmes. He was aware that J Horne was only notified a week or so of the teams in finals but cup final programmes are a keep sake for players, spectators and match officials. I Wallis went on to say that guests of honour were not notified in time and we had to select a presenter on the hoof. Next season this task will be carried out by the Cups Committee.

M Burke notified the meeting that after the Senior Cup Final, AFC Wimbledon v Tooting & Mitcham, in the Hendon FC Board Room a member of Tooting & Mitcham informed Councillors of the LFA present that T&M had not played a match since 20 November 2020 and it was their intention to win the Senior Cup and had returned to training with this specifically in mind and went on to congratulate the LFA on their achievement of completing the cup. K Wilmot informed the meeting that the lady in question was formally the CEO of Surrey FA. I Wallis received the same message while standing on the terrace.

D Wolff thought Barking FC was an excellent venue but parking leaves much to be desired which should be taken into account for future cup finals. K Wilmot said the local council commandeered part of a car park for Covid-19 vaccinations.

Girls Cups:- A Lewis informed the meeting that the four girl's cups for next season will be for the age groups – 12-14-16-18. Should any cup fail to get sufficient support then the competition will not be played. Affiliations for next season already received are:- U12 53 teams, U14 77 teams U16 56 teams and U18 25 teams. For a cup to be viable the minimum number of teams is eight. The LFA has not run girl's cups for quite some time so we are having a massive promotion campaign. I Wallis explained that the youth rules need to be amended to now include the girls.

Correspondence:- No correspondence were received.

Rule Changes:- K Wilmot proposed the following rule amendments:-
Adult Rule 22(b) existing rule reads:- Where assistant referees are not appointed each Team shall provide a Club assistant referee.
Proposed new Rule: - Where assistant referees are not appointed each Team shall provide a Club assistant referee. **Named substitutes are not permitted to act as a Club assistant referee.** There was a lengthy discussion on this proposal. It was suggested that if the Club assistant referee was a substitute player and was called upon to play there could be a problem if the opponents blamed him for giving free kicks or off sides against them. The opponents may well take it out on him. It was also suggested that a team may only have one substitute therefore could not supply an assistant referee. A problem could arise if with the assistant referees if roll-on-roll-off was used. J Horne was asked, "How many times has the LFA fined Clubs for not supplying an assistant referee?" J Horne replied, "The LFA has never fined Clubs for not supplying an assistant referee. It was also suggested that a bad assistant referee was better than no

assistant referee. A seconder could not be found for the proposal. The same proposal for Youth Rule 20(c) was put forward by K Wilmot. As a seconder could not be found for Rule 20(b) it was obvious no seconder could be found for Rule 20(c) and therefore was not put to the vote.

G Harknett pointed out that there is a discrepancy in the fees we are currently paying assistant referees under LFA Rule 20. G Harknett proposed that the fee for assistant referees in all Youth Club matches shall be £30 making the fee the same for all cup matches. This was unanimously agreed.

Any Other Business. L Newham reminded the meeting that in bygone days the LFA used to present a wooden plaque to each ground which housed an LFA cup final and would like to see this resurrected. J Horne verified that the total cost would be minimal. D Wolff suggested that this would be fantastic public relations. A seconder could not be found for the proposed by L Newham. An amendment was proposed by D Wolff that a plaque to be given to all grounds that house an LFA cup final providing it has a club house and only one plaque per ground. Seconded M Burke. Voting For 5 Against Nil Abstention 1.

G Etchell proposed we give a plaque to the winners and runners-up of the Senior cup. The winners of the cup return the cup and have nothing to replace it with. The runners-up of course have nothing save for their medals. This way they will have something to keep and to display in their club house or the pub that sponsors the team. Seconded by D Wolff and the voting was unanimous.

Date of next meeting:- It was agreed the next meeting will be held on Monday 26 July 2021 commencing at 18:30 and will be conducted using Microsoft Teams.

The Chairman thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 19:58.

**LONDON FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION
CUPS AND COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE
AGENDA
FOR MEETING TO BE HELD ON
MONDAY 26 JULY 2021**

- 1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING ON 5 JULY 2021**
- 2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**
- 3 . SAFEGUARDING**
- 4. CUP COMPETITIONS 2020-21**
- 5. CORRESPONDENCE**
- 6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**
- 7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**MINUTES OF THE
LONDON FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION
DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION HEARING
HELD ON
THURSDAY 8 APRIL 2021**

Chairman Ian Wallis opened the meeting at 1840 by introducing the members of the Commission.

Members of the Commission were:-

Ian Wallis, Chairman, David Wolff, Kevin Wilmot and Michael Burke, Secretary.

Michael Burke took no part in the proceedings save for taking minutes.

London All Stars FC were appearing before the Commission and were represented by:-

Mr Jakir Hussain, Club Secretary, Mr Acea Kane Laurent, the player charged and Mr Nathan Ackie, Club Coach.

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic the meeting was conducted using Zoom except for the Secretary who attending the meeting via Conference Line.

Mr Wallis opened the meeting by apologizing to London All Stars FC for not holding this hearing last October or at least by November 2020.

The Club were charged under LFA rule 18(a) with playing an unregistered player, Mr Acea Kane Laurent, in the LFA Sunday Junior Cup 2nd round tie on 25 October 2020 beating East London Kings FC 4-1.

Mr Hussain informed the meeting that a club player recommended Mr Laurent and he joined the club shortly before the match in question. Completed the league normal registration form under the name Acer Kane, the name he is know by. The said player is also registered with Concorde FC and Billericay FC. However, he signed for Billericay FC under the name of Acea Kane Laurent. Last December the league contacted the club seeking verification of the correct name of the said player. A driving licence and passport were given in evidence to the league who were satisfied that the problem had arisen out of the middle name of the player. Mr Hussain also informed the Commission that he was once the Secretary of East London Kings FC.

Mr Wilmot asked the player if he was a contract player with Billericay FC. Mr Laurent confirmed he had signed as a player with Billericay FC but was non-contract.

Mr Wallis said the confusion had arisen because the said player had signed under two surnames.

Mr Ackie informed the meeting that he has only know the player under three names but he is commonly known as AK.

Mr Wilmot said Mr Laurent was suspended by your league in December 2020 after the LFA cup games was played. Mr Hussain replied that the suspension lasted only 4 days and was lifted by the league when a driving licence and passport both carried the name of Mr Laurent was produced.

Asked by the Chairman if he had any more to add Mr Hussain said the club should have been charged within 28 days of the alleged offence and the club would have had an opportunity to reply to the charge.

The Chairman asked Mr Hussain if he felt his club had a fair hearing. Mr Hussain replied in the positive.

The three members of London All Stars FC taking part in this hearing were all placed in the Zoom Waiting Room while the Committee discussed the case.

Discussion – Mr Wolff felt the whole case was about mixed up paperwork and no hint of playing an unregistered player. Mr Wilmot agreed but also added it was important that Mr Laurent was a non-contract player with Billericay. It was unanimously agreed that no further action be taken and London All Stars FC progress to the next round of the LFA Sunday Junior Cup.

Ian Wallis conveyed the decision to the club and thanked them for their attendance. He also went on to thank the Committee members for giving up their time.

The meeting closed at 1912.

1. ATTENDIES:- G Rodber (GR) Chairman, M Burke (MB) Secretary, J Athill (JA), Sir S Hughes (SH) G Manning (GM), L Foster (LF) (LFA)

2. APOLOGIES:- A Ahmed, E Hill and J Pettitt.
Absent:- J Badu.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING:- The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:- AOB SIN BINS – GM contacted Mr Mark Ives, FA Head of Governance, who told him that the International Football Association Board (iFAB) have decreed that teams that are under the umbrella of Clubs that are above Step 5 have their discipline carried out by the FA and are exempt from Sin Bins. This applies to the National League U19s Football Alliance but does not apply to the equivalent female league – National League Youth Football.

5. COUNCIL MEETING UPDATE:- GM informed the meeting that there is a paper released by the LFA office asking for questions which will be answered at a later date. GM has had no reply to the questions he has submitted. LF is to ascertain the name of the person who sent out the questionnaire and why questions submitted have to date not been answered.

GR asked 'How the Council connect with the last Council meeting?' He felt that a very large portion of the meeting was delegated to female football which he felt was almost forced upon Council.

SH is looking for a room that is amicable for all Council meetings that has excellent acoustics. The last Council meeting was held in the Passmore Room, Southbank University which is the best room in the University for our meetings. GR said during the 'breakout' sessions he could hear the other three groups which rather put him off and probably other Council members. SH informed the meeting that there are a number of side rooms on the same floor which we can use.

SH Content of the Council Agenda. The elements of the agenda should be from Divisions and the LFA office, ie How to bid for funding, Charter Standard, the process is now much simpler. Bringing Charter Standard to clubs who have never heard of it and there are many.

GR Referees. The connection between club and referees will help recruit referees but the problem is retaining them. A way to do this is to look after the referee on match day. Ensure the referee has water, give the referee the match fee before the game, ensure the referee has match card well before the allotted time and save the referee a car park space if need be. A crib sheet on the subject should be sent to all clubs.

SH Council meetings should be halted say after 45 minutes and the meeting handed over to SW Division for a discussion on the three subjects. The other three divisions to speak on their subjects at other Council meetings.

6. LFA UPDATE :- LF handed each member a list of NGS Overview. PLAYER PATHWAY – Under ‘Performance Monitoring’ all four elements of football are all in the green. However, it had been suggested those players playing on a Saturday and Sunday may have been double counted. The meeting felt this is nothing new. Under ‘Male Pathway’ currently we are capturing 16-19 year old players. It is anticipated that many of these players will be lost but the problem is how do we stop this exodus?

CHARTER STANDARD Southern Sunday Football League currently has around 60 clubs who have attained Charter Standard. The league has created a new Committee post of Charter Standards and the appointee will have voting rights. JA informed the meeting that clubs with two teams thought that it was not worth the effort to achieve Charter Standard.

LF has sent by email to all clubs volunteering to visit their club and speak on the subject. The KPI on the NGS Overview for Youth FA Charter Standard and Adult both show the performance is in the red. This is because they have not been completed but will show up on the next print out.

It was agreed that BAME referees is a nonsense. For instance 25 will never be achieved in Cornwall.

The Football Foundation has a 6 year funding plan to improve grass roots grass football pitches and keep them up to standard. Clubs and leagues may apply for a grant which can be spent for instance on seeding, aeration and scarifying. Local councils are banned from applying for the grant.

7. MAGIC MOMENTS – GM CEO is to reinstate awards for referees who have given 25 years active service. Awards will also be presented to voluntary groups.

JA The last Council meeting was positive about female football. Met two women who wanted to play football. I feel the LFA should fund clubs who take on players playing for the first time.

MB Received an LFA 2019- 2020 handbook.

SH The LFA handbook should have full first name and not initials.

LF Celebrated two years at the LFA. When I started there were 13 members of staff and today the number has increased to 23. The Board is focused on moving the office.

GR Our league has had enormous response to our rainbow football laces.

8. AOB There being no other business the meeting closed at 2007 with a vote of thanks to the Honorary Chairman.

Signed by Chairman

Date

Graham Rodber



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CHAIRMAN

MEMBERS OF THE LFA SOUTH WEST DIVISION

**You are requested to attend the SW Division Meeting
to be held on WEDNESDAY 22 APRIL 2020**

at LFA Offices

**11 Hurlingham Business Park, Sullivan Road, Fulham, SW6 3DU
commencing at 1830.**

1. Members Present

2. Apologies for absence

3. Minutes of previous SW meeting (Jan 2020)
4. Matters arising from the minutes
5. Divisional Secretary - MB
7. Council matters
8. LFA Update – London FA strategies and KPI's LF
9. Magic Moments ALL
10. London Council and Mayor Election 7 May 2020. List of candidates. SH
11. Any Other Business