



LFA League Sanctioning Committee Meeting

Date of Meeting: Thursday 1st October 2020, 5pm via Conference Call

Attendees: Simon Hughes (acting Chair), Becky Greaves (acting Secretary), Aroz Miah

1. Welcome

SH welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Minutes and Matters Arising

BG confirmed that having made enquiries there are no online systems currently being used by The FA or other CFA's for reviewing the SCOR and SCORY.

3. Report by Becky Greaves

Numbers of requests made, number completed and any outstanding matters

At the time of the meetings 25 leagues had had their rules approved and had completed the league sanctioning process for the 2020/21 season.

2 further leagues had had their rules approved but had not yet paid for their league sanction application.

1 league with rules approved has league sanction application still in progress.

1 league – rules had been returned to them with a couple of amendments to be made.

3 league rules currently waiting to be reviewed.

ACTION: BG to send over to Aroz and Simon after the meeting.

3 leagues which haven't started the sanction process and also haven't submitted their rules.

ACTION: When the rules come in, split between Aroz and Simon.

ACTION: BG to circulate a list of the leagues which have been sanctioned including a breakdown of youth/adult leagues/competitions

Feedback from leagues

BG confirmed that the only feedback from leagues had been a few grumbles around SH asking leagues to change their wording to gender neutral. It's important to highlight that the grumbles were around the fact The FA hadn't made the SCOR/SCORY gender-neutral so they felt this was taking up more volunteer time than was necessary.

There had been a much quicker turnaround this year in having league rules approved which resulted in far fewer leagues complaining about the process.

4. Feedback from Committee Members, including sharing our practice

ACTION: SH and AM to send an email to BG highlighting the most effective ways they found to review the rule rules, as it will be important to pass these recommendations on to the new committee members once the new council is appointed.

Document checklist BG had provided was helpful. Some sections need adding to the checklist i.e. wording in italics which can be localised or removed.

The committee agreed it would be useful for leagues to add any additional rules for their league at the end of the document rather than trying to fit it into the current SCOR/SCORY structure to make sure that the numbering does not go out of sync.

Important to inform the leagues not to alter the document, except for where league information is required.

The leagues also need to be reminded not to change the numbers and letters. The numbering should be as is in SCOR/SCORY. The committee felt that they would be able to turn the rules around a lot more quickly if the numbering remains the same.

The committee agreed that while they appreciated the leagues' desires to make the document 'their own', they should be reminded to leave it as it is except for adding the league logo if desired.

5. Suggestions about proposals to FA for changes to SCOR and SCORY for next season

The committee have suggested that a proposal should be drafted to send to The FA to recommend that the wording in the SCOR/SCORY to be made gender neutral.

ACTION: BG to draft a letter which SH will then sign. BG to send to the appropriate personnel at The FA

ACTION: BG to email committee members to get any further recommendations for changes to the SCOR/SCORY for the 2021/22 season

SH stated that he felt that leagues needed to consider carefully the % of clubs/management committee members they should require as a quorum at committee member meetings. AM pushed back as he felt we shouldn't be trying to fix something which isn't broken.

6. Date of Next Meeting

As the committee will come to an end on 31st December, there was discussion as to whether the date of the next meeting should be set.

ACTION: BG to prepare a handover note which can be given to the CEO ready for when the new committee has been appointed.



BG recommended that there should be a meeting scheduled for January as we will still be expecting to receive tournament rules which may need some discussion.

A provisional date of Thursday 28th January at 5pm has been scheduled to be held via conference call.

7. AOB

BG expressed concerns about what will happen to the committee when she leaves the company in December, particularly with the potential of there being no continuity with committee members following the new board, Council and committee appointments. SH agreed to raise this with the CEO.

SH thanked BG for her 'stellar' support, help and advice she had provided the committee over the course of the season.