


Minutes of the London FA Council Meeting	
Date:	Monday 25 th March 2019
Venue and time:	Keyworth Centre, London South Bank University - 7pm
Apologies:	Alan Clarke, Colin Barnes, Colin Wheeler, Clive Coleman, Cliff Seeley, Ken Baillie, Derek Harris, Karen Greene, Socrates Socratous, Ruth Holdaway, Harry Whipple, Bill Neicho, Lockie Bramzell



Item	Area and Discussion	Action
1	Football Report (<i>protected first hour</i>)	
1.1	James Middlehurst, the new Chair of the London FA, introduced himself and the agenda for the evening.	
1.2	The LFA Council stood for a minute's silence to honour the passing of Peter Cox.	
1.3	Michael Burke, the LFA Council's Wellbeing Officer, was invited to update the LFA Council on any members who are currently unwell.	Agreed that this would be a standard agenda item at all meetings
1.4	Paul Bickerton, CEO, provided an update covering the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monitoring and reporting back on progress - Communication and engagement - New London FA strategy – council involvement 	PB to circulate slides to LFA Council after the meeting
1.5	Paul Bickerton presented the headlines from the recent Youth Research, undertaken on behalf of the London FA by Physical Intelligence. It was noted that this research was not complete yet as some further qualitative work was to be carried out, but enough information had been provided to present some early findings to the Council.	PB to circulate summary of youth research to LFA Council once completed
1.6	Becky Greaves, Head of Governance, presented back the latest safeguarding update, focusing in particular on the outcome of the recent Safeguarding Operating Standard assessment on the 14 th and 15 th March 2019	PB to circulate slides to LFA Council after the meeting
1.7	Due to the amount of business to cover in the meeting, it was agreed that any questions on the above would be taken later in the meeting, whilst the votes for the Council-elected Directors were being counted.	
2	Disciplinary statistics , as presented on the agenda	'Disciplinary' to be changed to 'Statistics'

<p>3</p> <p>3.1</p>	<p>To receive apologies for absence</p> <p>Recorded above in meeting header</p>	
<p>4.</p> <p>4.1</p> <p>4.2</p>	<p>To receive and approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 26th November 2018</p> <p>Approved.</p> <p>George Dorling raised a query that the minutes should reflect the Council members vote on the sale of Wembley Stadium following his FA representative report.</p> <p><i>NOTE – CEO has followed this up and the vote was taken at the 24 September 2018 Council meeting, not the 26 November 2018 Council Meeting. This vote was accurately recorded in the Sept 2018 Council meeting minutes</i></p>	<p>CEO to follow up</p>
<p>5</p> <p>5.1</p>	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>None</p>	
<p>6</p> <p>6.1</p> <p>6.2</p>	<p>Reports</p> <p>A written report from the new London FA Chair James Middlehurst, was included in the pack distributed to LFA Council Members at the start of the meeting.</p> <p>A written report from the FA Representative had been circulated to LFA Council Members before the meeting</p>	<p>Chair’s report to be circulated with the minutes of Council meeting</p> <p>Report to be circulated again with minutes of Council meeting</p>
<p>7</p> <p>7.1</p> <p>7.2</p> <p>7.3</p>	<p>London FA Governance – elections to the LFA Board</p> <p>Simon Hughes, LFA Senior Independent Director, led the LFA Governance – Elections to the LFA Board item.</p> <p>Simon introduced Simon Murray from the Electoral Reform Services, to conduct proceedings to ensure that the process was overseen by a professional and independent representative.</p> <p>Simon explained that the rules for elections to the LFA Board had been set by the LFA Board on 25th February 2019, as per Article 57 (vi). These rules included the role of the Nominations & Remunerations Committee in confirming candidates to the Council for election, the decision that only the appointed and ‘ordinary’ Council members would be eligible to vote (i.e. not the ex-officio Council members - Chair, Board, Vice-Presidents, Life Members, Honorary Vice-Presidents, President and Past President and representatives of Professional Clubs) and that the list of candidates would only be disclosed at the start of the meeting, for confidentiality purposes.</p>	

7.4	David Wolff, Cyril Rebak and Tony Sharples responded expressing their disappointment that ex-officio members were unable to vote on this matter. Simon Hughes highlighted that further consultation would take place with the Council and these views would be considered.	
7.5	Six candidates were put forward by the Nominations & Remunerations Committee. They were: Beth Archer, Roger Fox, Yashmin Harun, Duncan Hart, Kevin Wilmot and Drew Patterson.	
7.6	Each Council member had been provided with a pack containing the expressions of interest of each candidate, and candidates gave a three minute speech to Council and answered five questions. Council members then followed a preferential voting system by secret ballot and the votes were counted.	
7.7	<p>The Electoral Reform Services confirmed that the following two candidates had been elected as directors onto the LFA Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Roger Fox 2. Beth Archer 	CEO to distribute formal confirmation from ERS with Council minutes
7.8	<p>Whilst votes were being counted the following points and questions from the Football Matters section were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - That the U18 transition leagues also take into account the financial barriers for young people - That the Council minutes should be circulated no later than 21 days following the meeting, as per the Standing Orders - The one red standard in the recent safeguarding assessment was queried. BG replied explaining this was related to a small number of tutors on the LFA register having out of date certifications. These tutors had immediately been suspended and been encouraged to renew their certification. 	<p>CEO confirmed this would be considered</p> <p>CEO confirmed this would be the case</p>
7.9	<p>A motion had been raised by George Dorling and seconded by Tony Sharples that all minutes of Board, Committee and Divisional meetings be circulated to Council members within three days of them being approved. An amendment was proposed by Cyril Rebak (mover) and David Wolff (seconder) that the three days be altered to seven days. Paul Bickerton responded by explaining that he would take responsibility for the Board minutes, but that Committee and Divisional Secretaries would be directly responsible for circulating their own minutes.</p> <p>Motion passed with Cyril Rebak / David Wolff amendment.</p>	
8	Date / Time / Place of next meeting	
8.1	Council meeting and AGM on 24 th June 2019, location tbc.	CEO to confirm venue to Council members once secured

	<p>Query raised by George Dorling that the 24th June 2019 may clash with a potential England Women's World Cup match.</p> <p><i>NOTE – CEO has followed this up and the game in question would take place on one of Saturday 22nd June, Sunday 23rd June or Tuesday 25th June, therefore there is no clash. AGM and Council meeting date to remain the same</i></p>	<p>CEO to follow up</p> <p>Meeting date confirmed as 24th June 2019</p>
<p>9</p> <p>9.1</p>	<p>Any other business</p> <p>None</p>	