

NORTH EAST DIVISIONAL COMMITTEE 2018-19

Minutes of the North East Divisional Committee Meeting of the London Football Association held at Hackney Marshes Centre on Monday 2nd September 2019 commencing 7:15 pm

Present: Alf Brown, Bobby Bernini, Jermaine Wright, Kevin Wilmot, Harry Whipple, James Middleton, Ian Yearwood

Apologies received: George Dorling, Yashmin Harun, Neil Twitchett, Dave Thomas, Tony Gilbey

Welcomes and introductions: James Middleton was welcomed to the North East division meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting: Minutes approved and nothing to point out

Matters Arising: Ian asked which council members were elected to the Board of Directors. He was informed that Yashmin Harun and Drew Patterson were elected.

Chairman's Report:

Kevin provided an update on the Football Forum at Leyton Orient FC on 21 November and invited suggestions from the Division for any people who may be suitable to sit on one of the panels. Once the panels are more or less confirmed, Kevin will start preparing advertising for the event, printing tickets and starting to get in touch with leagues and clubs around the Division. The evening will finish with a Q&A of the LFA Board and Kevin expects this panel to be made up of James, Paul, Simon and one or two other Board members. Kevin will continue to keep everyone posted as things progress. In the meantime, if you have any ideas for potential attendees, send them his way!

LFA Update:

James filled in for Neil Twitchett. The county had 27 applications of high quality for council membership. 16 were chosen – 8 female and 8 male. Those who were not selected can reapply in October 2020. We will meet the new Council Members on 30 September and James will offer them to each division and CV's will be sent to the Chair of each division to look at.

Kevin queried if there is a limit on numbers in each Division. James will get back to us on this.

Ian asked for the ratio of BAME. James didn't have the exact figures but it was almost a 50/50 split.

Correspondence and Secretaries report:

- 1) Jermaine reported that the Office has been busy so there is not much to update. Becky sent out emails regarding where correspondence from the Divisional Secretaries should be sent to.

Standing Committees and working groups:

- 1) Kevin to chase up Bobby's Request regarding Refs Comm.
- 2) The Cups Committee elected its senior officers as follows.
Ian Wallace - Chairman
Kevin Wilmot - Vice Chairman
Ian Burke - Secretary

- 3) Kevin reported that the cup draws have been delayed due to technical problems around cup affiliations.
- 4) The Cups Committee have agreed that, apart from the Senior Cup, the first-round draw of every cup competition will be regionalised.
- 5) A new “Champions Cup” has been introduced and will involve the Saturday Youth Cup winners playing the Sunday Youth Cup winners from the same age group in order to determine an overall champion. The first games, involving last season’s champions, will be played at the end of September and start of October. After this, they will be staged at the end of the same season as the Saturday & Sunday competitions.
- 6) Cup Rules have been sanctioned.

Any Other Business:

It was stated by James that the AFA had failed safeguarding procedures and all their youth teams will now affiliate with London.

Jermaine talked about the Hackney and Leyton League’s new website to help promote the London FA and grassroots football, with good support from the office:

website. <http://www.hackneyandleytonfootballleague.co.uk/home/4594661519>

Ian stated that more needed to be done regarding spreading the word with joining the Judicial Committee.

James agreed to provide dates of various committees to avoid our North East Division meeting from clashing with other meetings.

Kevin wished our Vice President, Harry, a happy 80th birthday.

Meeting finished at 8.20pm

Next Meeting: Monday 16th December , Bobby to organise venue for North East Christmas Special