

South East region Divisional meeting minutes 5/10/22

Opening:

Meeting was called to order by M Burke at 19.15 hours

Present:

Michael Burke, Ian Wallis, Serkan Poyraz, David Hooker, Libertatore Di Cesare, Abigail Ingram.

Apologies:

Mark Deveney, Lester Newham, William Neicho

Absent:

Nichuolus Bearham, Mandy Okeye, Martynas Stonkus, Kule Thomson

Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed but not distributed

Appointment of secretary:

Agreed by the group that Serkan Poyraz will be appointed as South East divisional Secretary

Topics of discussion-

Where do we sit within the London FA:

I.W explained the history of how regional divisions worked previously. It is apparent that we are no longer able to make any decisions as a committee. The understanding is that our purpose is to be the link between the directors/board and the leagues/clubs. A.I made enquires as to whether or not there was a map of where the leagues were located and which region they sit within. It was also discussed that clubs, leagues and even those present at the table found it difficult to contact London FA offices via phone and having emails responded to. A.I also mentioned that there was a issues with Cup banding last season in regard to the women's game.

It was agreed that as a committee our base point will be to link in with Leagues and invite ourselves to committee/club meetings in turn feedback any issues into the board. S.P will write to the WESFA league and ask if M.B and one other can attend league meeting on the 10th November 2022.

Referee updates-

D.H explained that due to the high cost of referee courses it becomes a deterrent for young people to participate. The group were also in agreement that Referee retention within the LFA is a issue, what are we doing or what can be done to support referee post training?. A question was posed as to what the current Mentor/Promotion schemes are. It also was highlighted that the lack of punishment was a major issue within the grassroots game.

Safeguarding –

No safeguarding issues or concerns to note or report. Agreed that as a committee we will re-iterate the importance in regard to safeguarding.

Any other business –

-Agreed that we will continue to meet between 2-3 months as a region.

-S.P highlighted the fact that new council members have not been issued with any LFA identification/uniform. In turn it makes it difficult to just turn up to games/meetings etc.

Next Meeting –

Agreed that the next meeting will be held on the 30th November 2022 at 19.30 hours at The Meridian Sports Centre agenda TBC.

Meeting closed – 20.35 hours

Minutes submitted by: Serkan Poyraz