



**SECRETARY SOUTH WEST DIVISION**

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**MINUTES OF THE  
LONDON FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION  
SOUTH WEST DIVISIONAL MEETING  
HELD AT  
LONDON FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION HEADQUARTERS  
11 HURLINGHAM BUSINESS PARK, SULIVAN ROAD, FULHAM, SW6 3DU  
ON WEDNESDAY 16 OCTOBER 2019**

Chairman Graham Rodber opened the meeting at 1830 by welcoming Members. Members introduced themselves.

1. ATTENDIES:- G Rodber (GR) Chairman, M Burke (MB) Secretary, A Ahmed (AA), G Manning (GM), Sir S Hughes (SH) who attended the meeting via a telephone link, Mr J Middlehurst (Chairman LFA), A Burgess (AB) (LFA) L Foster (LF) (LFA) and H Gilroy (HG) (LFA).

2. APOLOGIES:- J Pettitt.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING:- The minutes were approved. Item 4 second line President should read Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:- GR Board meeting dates have now being circulates to all members.

There was some discussion as to why we employed the Electoral Reform to oversee the election of two Council members to be elected to the Board of Directors. SH The Board wanted the election to be independent and the overall cost was £900. Next year four people are to be voted onto Council and it would be wise to employ the Electoral Reform who will produce a result that cannot be contested.

SH has contacted the Evening Standard and work is in the pipe line.

GR informed the meeting that the SW Division complement is short of two members. The two are currently suspended because they have not completed their safe guarding course. Currently the said two receive no correspondence

from the LFA.

The SW Division currently has a vacancy for Vice Chairman. A Ahmed was the only candidate for the post and was unanimously elected.

There was some discussion as to the distribution of minutes. MB said correspondence had been received from Mr Bickerton (LFA CEO) supplying the names and email addresses of the LFA President, VPs, Divisional Secretaries etc for them to receive verified minutes. LF is to seek clarification from Mr Bickerton.

5. COUNCIL MEETING UPDATE Of those seeking to become Council members the Board has selected 15 and the Council now has a full complement. JM informed the meeting all 15 new Council members will attend an Induction meeting to be held on 23 October. The SW members were rather taken a back when we were told that new Council members will not be compelled to join a Division because it is not right for an adult to be told what to do, despite the fact the SW Division is short of members. However, at the Induction meeting they will all be invited to join a Division.

It was agreed that during the presentation by the Football Foundation at the last Council meeting the poor state of football pitches nationwide was on their agenda. Something that the SW Division has been drawing to the attention of the Board and fellow Council members. The Division looks forward to seeing a rapid response to the improvement of pitches.

On Thursday 7 May 2020 voting for London Council Councillors and The Mayor of London will be held. SW Division agreed that all LFA members should lobby the candidates from all parties in their wards to seek improvement on their local pitches and amenities plus any other pressing items to improve grass roots football for all. SH said once the list of candidates is made public he will send them to all LFA members.

6. LFA UPDATE – GM suggested that the percentage figure of 50% for BAME referees is far too high bearing in mind we only have 700 referees of all descriptions in London. For the FA to set such a blanket target that will be impossible to achieve say in Cornwall. AA said the percentage figure set should reflect the population in each pacific area.

The subject for our 'Female Friendly Workshop' is how to attract girls into football clubs and retain them.

'Wildcats' is aimed at 5-11 year old girls to turn up at our 40 venues in London just to play football.

7. MAGIC MOMENTS GR the Southern Sunday Football League has 50 clubs out of a compliment of 90 who have attained Standard Charter. To encourage other club to attain the Charter the League has appointed a Standard Charter Secretary who has now becomes a member of the League Management Committee.

AB was appointed to his post at the LFA six weeks ago has met several clubs and spoken to them about attaining Standard Charter.

MB Indebted to GM for sending out SW minutes and other minutes to fellow SW members.

JM Was struck by the enthusiasm of all the new Council members the Board interviewed.

LF So many magic moments in this job that it would take hours to tell them all. Probably the outstanding one is so many females who are now playing football.

GM So many referees have passed their fitness tests. By next May we should have many more fitter referees which will help them get promoted.

8. AOB – GM refereed a game where he was informed by the club that under Step 5 they do not operate sin bins because their parent club is in a higher league ie Step 3. It was agreed that the said club is incorrect. Sin bins is national.

The meeting agreed that the next two SW Divisional meeting will be held on:-

Wednesday 8 January 2020  
Wednesday 22 April 2020

There being no other business the meeting closed at 2020 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 8 JANUARY 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 (Oct 2019)
4. Matters arising from the minutes
5. Council matters
6. LFA Update – London FA strategies and KPI's
7. Magic Moments
8. London Council and Mayor election 7 May 2020. List of candidates
9. Any Other Business