

Minutes from South West Divisional Meeting

26th September 2018 –London FA Office

1. Present

Michael Burke (MB), Jamaal Horne (JH), Gordon Manning(GM), Graham Rodber (GR), Hugh Gilroy (HG), Laura Foster (LF)

2. Apologies

Jeff Pettitt, Atik Ahmed

3. Welcome & introductions

Attendees gave a short intro to 'day' jobs current and historical and roles within football both paid and voluntary

4. Election of Chair, Vice-chair and Secretary

All agreed to defer to next meeting due to low attendance

5. Minutes of previous meeting

Approved minutes of last meeting; no matters arising but credit went to Mr Neil for his comprehensive note taking

6. Matter arising

None

7. Pitch conditions

GR raised the issue of sub-par pitches that are, in some cases, dangerous and should be deemed unplayable yet clubs are being charged full price. The long hot summer and minimal pitch maintenance has left grass pitches in a bad state. Boroughs highlighted were Wandsworth and Southwark. GR had photographic evidence of some dangerously bad pitches which he has since shared with the London FA.

LF advised that there are both short and long term solutions/strategies that we can utilise including the pitch improvement programme (PIP) and local football facility plans (LFFP) (details to follow with minutes).

LF suggested looking at the 3g register for all weather pitches in the South East/West that could potentially be used during really bad weather in order to prevent massive fixture back logs again.

8. LFA Update

LF provided an update on Luke Thomson's recent proposal to Board to appoint a Youth Council in order for the organisation to better engage with young people in football and to provide a voice for young people which will in turn influence London FA decision making. LF also gave an update on the recent growing grassroots funding which totalled £70k paid out to mostly new, with a small number of retain teams all of which received significant funding on the proviso of becoming Charter Standard by the end of the year (if not already).

9. Standing committees/working groups update

Cups Committee and Referees Committee both formed and due to meet next week, these committees will make recommendations and decisions in relation to their specified area.

10. London FA Strategies & KPI's

Deferred

11. Any other business

GM asked whether team sheets can be shared, can the opposition take a photo or a copy? In youth football this would not be seen as good practice particularly where sheets have first and surnames together and shirt numbers etc. but HG advised we would ask Yasmin our Designated Safeguarding Officer (DSO).

In adult football this could be a data breach should it be shared so the general consensus was that it was not a good idea.

GR made a suggestion to have protected positive time at the close of each meeting to share successes or good news stories to be branded "Magic Moments" (potentially!).

12. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 9th January 2019. 6.30pm – 8.00pm LFA offices

Actions:

HG – share Pitchfinder and mylocalpitch links

LF – share information on LFFP and PIP.

Tim - to share details of refs who have been appointed for cup games.