

## Minutes from South West Divisional Meeting

9 January 2019 – London FA Office

### **1. Present**

Michael Burke (MB), Gordon Manning (GM), Jeff Petit (JP), Atik Ahmed (AA), Graham Rodber (GR), Laura Foster (LF), Simon Hughes (SH)

### **2. Apologies**

Paul Mortimer

### **3. Welcome**

### **4. Minutes of previous meeting**

GM corrected the reference to “committees” pointing out that at present they are “working groups”. GR stated that the change from working groups to committees would be decided at the upcoming EGM.

JP and GM also highlighted that actions from the previous meeting had not been fully dealt with i.e. HG’s action to share web links and GM’s query around sharing and or publishing team sheets had not been addressed.

### **5. Election of Divisional Chair and Secretary**

GR voted in as Chair, MB as Secretary with immediate effect.

### **6. Matters arising**

GR raised an issue with the way in which his report of homophobic abuse on Twitter was handled internally and felt that a racist remark would have been dealt with more quickly and efficiently. GR also believes his escalation to CEO prompted further action which may otherwise not have materialised.

### **7. LFA Update**

LF provided an update on CEO’s key priorities and progress on KPI’s with an overview of campaigns/strategies in place to achieve them. JP requested that the number of overall coaches is included in KPI coach figure. The group discussed how to support the referee figures with a number of suggestions being made such as specific target groups (universities/sports unions), SH also suggested running ‘taster’ sessions at a venue such as Hackney Marshes or Clapham Common using press contacts at Evening Standard and others to raise the profile and help the wider recruitment piece.

### **8. Magic Moments**

GR was pleased to report that in spite of the social media incident, the league had received overwhelming support for the Rainbow Laces campaign both on and off the pitch.

JP shared a positive piece of news that of 4 referees recently appointed 2 are women and SH is very pleased to see Dulwich Hamlet back at their home ground in Southwark.

### **9. Any other business**

### **10. Date of next meeting**

SH proposed setting dates for the rest of the year. GR volunteered to propose dates on a round robin for the coming 4 meets.

**Actions:**

LF – to chase outstanding actions; to raise GR's concerns around reporting with SMT; include whole coach data on KPI in advance of next meet

SH/JP – To look into media links to raise profile on ref recruitment

TBC – Map a calendar of events to support national campaigns such as; BHM, LGBTM, IWD, Womens World Cup