

London Football Association Limited – Youth Division

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LONDON F.A. YOUTH DIVISION HELD ON MONDAY 9th MARCH 2020 AT THE GUILDHALL, BASINGHALL STREET, LONDON, EC2.

PRESENT: Ian Burke (IB) (Chair), Chris Conroy (CC) (Took minutes), Martynas Stonkus (MS), David Lando (DL), Louise Dorling (LD), John McCulloch (JMC), Aquilia Burgess-LFA (AB).

APOLOGIES: Karen Green (KG), Graham Harknett (GH), Dave Hooker (DH), Alex Sanchez-Buitrago (ASB)

MEETING OPENED AT: 19.15pm

The minutes of the previous meeting of 16th December 2019 was agreed, and signed by IB.

MATTERS ARISING:

None

Chairs Report: (IB)

Welcomed John McCulloch to the meeting and introduced the other members.

Explained that Council Members would need to apply from March or April 2020 for re-election, the process would be the same as last time.

Graham Harknett has resigned as Secretary of the Youth Division and we need to find a replacement, anybody interested should contact him.

The County Cup finals are to be played over 2 weekends and that in the 9 x 9 finals the pitch was marked out with flat circular discs, which he found unacceptable.

Expressed serious concerns regarding county cups, as follows:

That a team (Buckhurst Hill, Essex) were permitted to enter both the Saturday and Sunday competitions, when they play in a Sunday League so if they won both competitions, there would not be any champions of champions final and they could get the trophy without playing the final.

That clubs were permitted to enter from outside the LFA catchment area, one of them being Hitchin Town in the Saturday competition (which they won) as being trophy hunters and well outside the LFA catchment area. AB believed this to 12 miles (from Charing Cross?). IB felt that the home ground should be within the M25 catchment area so should be reintroduced into County Cup Rules and that clubs should only enter their parent county competition, to help prevent clubs entering to seek glory and give the youth teams of London a fairer chance.

LFA Update: (AB)

KPI's updated. Male referee's over target, work still needs to be done on female referees, but on target.

Confirmed that clubs need to be Charter Standard to be affiliated for next season.

AFA not allowed to affiliate Youth teams, therefore the Camden & Regents Park Youth league is now under the LFA.

There then was a discussion on coaching courses, with JMC raising that there seem to be no UEFA 'B' courses to help improve coaching standards for youth football. IB pointed out that he had telephone discussion with JMC and referred him to Neil Fowkes, coaching coordinator at the LFA office. He further pointed out that the Youth Division had no control over courses.

JMC also raised what funding does the division get from the LFA, IB replied that there no funding as it was all controlled by the office.

Safeguarding:

AB updated on new DSO, Jake Rosewell now in post.

CC informed that he attended the CWO CPD workshop at The Arsenal Hub, last week and met all the safeguarding team. It was a very interesting and informative evening with two people from The FA safeguard team giving a talk.

CC also offered invitation to the DSO's to attend a Youth Division meeting.

Any other business:

IB Reported that John Plummer has done his last season as Secretary of the Youth Representative Teams, due to poor health and that a replacement was required.

DL raised Youth Representative teams' payment, IB informed that the matter has been resolved.

Discussed the no hand shakes at Cup finals, due to the coronavirus situation.

Date of next meeting:

Monday 11th May 2020

There being no other business meeting closed; 20.25pm

Signed as a True ReadingCHAIR

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