

## **MINUTES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE STROUD AND DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE HELD AT FRAMPTON COMMUNITY CENTRE ON THURSDAY 10 OCTOBER 2019**

01/0193 OPENING OF THE MEETING: The Chairman, Bob Warren, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Prior to the start of the meeting there was a minutes silence to respect the recent passing of Vice President, Fred Gardiner. Fred served on the League Committee for a long period of years including Registration Secretary (1960-64 and 1995-2003) and as a Vice President (2004-2019). He was also the President of the Stroud Charity Cup from 2005 until its absorption into the Stroud League in 2018. Fred was a long-serving referee, a GFA Council member and a Life Member of the Stroud League. Fred was a long-term Leonard Stanley resident and actively supported football in the village throughout his life.

Fred's funeral is at 11:30 am on Thursday 17 October at St. Swithun's Church, Leonard Stanley. Afterwards, the wake will be at Stroud Cricket Club, Stroud, GL10 2LA. Donations are being made for Longfield Hospice in Minchinhampton. The League are to make a £100 donation.

02/0193 ATTENDEES: Bob Warren, Gary Chapman, Derek Freebury, Steve Marshall, Kenny Smith, Brian Stevens, Glynn Tandy, Colin Ward, Jeff Willerton.

03/0193 APOLOGIES: Mark Cox, Jason Harries, Mike Smith, Keith Sparrow, Jamie Thomas, Mike Wheatley

04/0193 MINUTES:

- The Chairman signed the minutes of the Management Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2019 as a true record.

05/0193 MATTERS ARISING:

- None

06/0193 HANDBOOK CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS:

- A document detailing all the updates since the handbook was printed in early July will accompany these minutes. They have also been added to the website.

07/0193 CORRESPONDENCE:

- Various correspondence has been included under Officer reports as below.
- Gary Chapman provided several issues reported by referees that will result in a few club fines.

08/0193 TREASURER:

- Nothing to report

09/0193 REFEREES SECRETARY:

- A couple of new referees onboard, which should mean that for most weeks we will have a near full set of referees.

10/0193 REGISTRATION SECRETARY:

- Keith is still in hospital but is still able to continue the registration of players. Transfers still need to be completed via Jeff.
- Tredworth Tigers played a player, Ellis Mann, on 12<sup>th</sup> September, having failed to submit his registration on WGS prior to the kick-off. The registration was subsequently submitted the following day. The League were content that this was an admin error on Tredworth's part, but nonetheless, they had played an ineligible player. Tredworth contested and were given 14 days to provide a written account of their protest, but failed to reply with a written account. Rodborough were given the opportunity to replay the game, which they accepted, and it was agreed that the original match, which Tredworth had won 1-2 would be void. Tredworth would be fined as per the Fines Tariff.
- Stonehouse Town played a player, Brendan Murray, in their 4ths team on 12<sup>th</sup> September, having failed to submit his registration on WGS prior to the kick-off. The registration was subsequently submitted later that evening. The League were content that this was an admin error on Stonehouse's part, but nonetheless, they had played an ineligible player. Stonehouse 4ths lost the match 6-0, so the original result stands. Stonehouse would be fined as per the Fines Tariff.

- Following the playing of the match, Old Richians v Hardwicke Reserves, the Chairman of Tredworth Tigers contacted the League to advise that a Tredworth registered player, Tom Wilshaw, had played for Hardwicke that day, without being transferred prior to the match. Hardwicke were invited to respond to the claim, and denied it. Following a request to the referee and Old Richians, the latter helped to corroborate Tredworth's claim and Hardwicke were found guilty of playing an unregistered player. Hardwicke Reserves lost the match 2-1, so the original result stands. Hardwicke were to be charged with the following:
  - Hardwicke Res transgressed Rule 18.N.(i) and therefore played an ineligible player. Hardwicke will be fined £25, as per the fines tariff.
  - under Rule 18.N.(iii).b, Hardwicke Res will be deducted 3 points from their team total.
  - under Rule 21.D, Hardwicke will be fined £25, as per the fines tariff, for submitting results information that was incorrect and intended to deceive.
- Regarding the above, the League Secretary was to write to the player, Tom Wilshaw, and caution him for playing for another team prior to a transfer, even though it is unclear as to whether the player believed that he had been transferred or not. On this occasion, it was agreed that it was not appropriate for the League to seek to cancel the player's registration this season.

#### 11/0193 RESULTS SECRETARY:

- Things ticking over well, and fortunately fines are being kept to the minimum.
- A reminder to make sure that sin-bin cautions are recorded on Full-Time. Most clubs are and this will help us feedback to all interested parties.

#### 12/0193 DISCIPLINARY OFFICER:

- Nothing to report

#### 13/0193 GENERAL & FIXTURES SECRETARY:

- There was confusion over the hosting of the Div-4 fixture, Saintbridge v Quedgeley Wanderers 3rds. Both teams turned up at the ground, only for Gloucester Academy to be all locked up. Unfortunately the venue had not been booked up due to a comms issue involving the clubs and the League. The League have volunteered to pay the referee, Gerry Wilkins, his match fee due to the confusion, and the fixture will be rearranged.
- Stroud Harriers are looking to rejoin the League next season after folding during last mid-season

#### 14/0193 LEAGUE CUP:

- The Presidents Cup match, Ramblers v Berkeley Town, was abandoned after around 70 minutes by referee Stephen Meredith. The GFA charged and found Berkeley guilty for causing the abandonment, and as a result under Rule 20.E.v, the match is awarded to Ramblers (who were leading 6-4 at the time anyway). No further action will be taken against Berkeley Town.
- The Harry Greening Cup semi-final draw was made; the line-up will be:  
Frampton Utd v Sharpness  
Chalford v Tuffley Rovers Reserves  
Both games will be played mid-week in March, under floodlights, available grounds willing.
- The Presidents Cup Quarter Final draw was made; the line-up will be:  
Ramblers v Kings Stanley  
Chalford Res v Frampton Utd Res  
Rodborough Old Boys v Charfield  
Dursley Town v Tetbury Town  
Matches will be played on 21<sup>st</sup> December.
- The draw for the Section A Plate competition (completed by Division One teams not playing in the Presidents Cup Q/F's), was also made. This competition will be renamed as the Fred Gardiner Memorial Shield, in Fred's honour, and to make up the Q/F line-up, Leonard Stanley have accepted an entry into the competition; the line-up will be:  
Minchinhampton v Kingswood  
Hardwicke Res v Leonard Stanley  
Quedgeley Wanderers Res v Tredworth Tigers  
Old Richians v Randwick  
Matches will be played on 21<sup>st</sup> December.

15/0193 CHAIRMAN & GFA REPORT:

- County Cup matches are in full swing, a reminder that players must be registered to play at least seven days before a County Cup match, so different to the League rule.

16/0193 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:48pm.

17/0193 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

- The next Management Committee Meeting is Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019.