

MINUTES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE STROUD AND DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE HELD AT FRAMPTON COMMUNITY CENTRE ON THURSDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2019

01/0194 OPENING OF THE MEETING: The Chairman, Bob Warren, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

02/0194 ATTENDEES: Bob Warren, Gary Chapman, Mark Cox, Derek Freebury, Jason Harries, Steve Marshall, Kenny Smith, Mike Smith, Brian Stevens, Glynn Tandy, Jamie Thomas, Colin Ward, Mike Wheatley, Jeff Willerton.

03/0194 APOLOGIES: Keith Sparrow

04/0194 MINUTES:

- The Chairman signed the minutes of the Management Meeting held on 10th October 2019 as a true record.

05/0194 MATTERS ARISING:

- Re: 10/0194 para 2; Tredworth Tigers appealed to the GFA against the League's decision in finding Tredworth guilty of playing an unregistered player. The GFA however dismissed Tredworth's appeal prior to any hearing having to be held.

06/0194 HANDBOOK CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS:

- There were no changes this month.

07/0194 CORRESPONDENCE:

- Gary Chapman provided several issues reported by referees that will result in a few club fines, including an instance of Cotswold Rangers team not being able to provide an Assistant Referee, on 12th October. Thank you and credit goes to Trident who ended up providing both AR's in that game.
- Charfield requested and were approved to postpone their Div-Three fixture on 1st February due to the majority of their players attending a stag weekend and therefore being unable to field a team. Charfield will be fined as per the Fines Tariff under Rule 20.E.(i). No loss of points due to at least 4 weeks' notice given.

08/0194 TREASURER:

- Mike will be sending out club invoices in the latter part of November, clubs need to pay these by the due dates, or will be fined.
- There have been three recent claims on the Benevolent fund, from Eastcombe, Longlevens (see below) and Tuffley Rovers. Payments of £100 have been made to all three. Kenny Smith also advised that Eastcombe have claimed through the GFA too, and have so far received over £700 for the player. This was helped by the fact that Eastcombe contributed around £30 per team at the time of GFA affiliation ... proof that the more you put in, the more you are likely to receive when claiming.
- Despite the payments made above, all clubs should advise players who are not covered by work sickness payments to arrange their own personal insurance schemes if appropriate to them individually.

09/0194 REFEREES SECRETARY:

- We have lost at least three referees to injury recently and there are currently refereeing pressures higher up the footballing pyramid locally, which have had, and will continue to have consequences on Colin's pool of referees for this League over the next couple of months at least.

10/0194 REGISTRATION SECRETARY:

- Keith is now back at home (in Dursley) and resumes his normal duties, incl the processing of transfers.
- Ahead of 1st December, a reminder for all Secretaries to read and digest Rule 18.M which has an impact upon the use of players between this date and 1st March. Any club who believes that their opposition transgresses this Rule during the period should provide details to the General Secretary under Rule 7.
- Ramblers played a player, Bryan Beresford, on 5th October, having failed to submit his registration on WGS prior to the kick-off. The registration was subsequently submitted. The League were content

that this was an admin error on Ramblers part, but nonetheless, they played an ineligible player. Longford were given the opportunity to replay the game, which they accepted, and therefore the original match, which Ramblers had won 2-6, would be void. Ramblers would be fined as per the Fines Tariff.

- Hardwicke played a player, Ben King, on 12th October, having failed to submit his registration on WGS prior to the kick-off. The registration was subsequently submitted. Hardwicke failed to inform the League that they could not add the player to their Full-Time listing and instead added the name of another player, Ben Clissold. Hardwicke were therefore charged with the playing of an unregistered player under Rule 18.N.i, and subsequently submitting results information that was incorrect and intended to deceive (under Rule 21.D). Having been shown a copy of the teamsheet, with Ben King listed on it, Hardwicke have accepted the charge. Tetbury won the match and so Hardwicke are to be fined as per the Fines Tariff under 18.N and 21.D.

11/0194 RESULTS SECRETARY:

- A few clubs forgetting to update their team details recently, must be due to the change in darkness times?

12/0194 DISCIPLINARY OFFICER:

- Jamie provided an update ... so far this season:
 - a) There have been 5 dismissals which have involved a second Sin-Bin offence
 - b) There have been 18 other dismissals
 - c) Just the one misconduct charge so far, this being:

Chris Earle - 9932040-M – 14/09/2019 - E3(c) - Improper Conduct against a Match Official
- A plea from Jamie to clubs to make sure he is provided with the information he requires. This has become very lax of late (possibly due to postponements etc). An email will be sent out in the near future to remind clubs of their responsibilities, which may help to cut down of the fines that he is having to make at present.
- Will Steward of Randwick was sent off on 12th October, but played for Renwick's 3rds team the week later, on 19th October. There was confusion surrounding this as the suspension paperwork was not issued by the GFA until 21st October (after the nominal suspension date). The League contacted the GFA for a definitive position as to whether the player should have not played on 19th October, despite not being advised by the GFA, but aware that there was an impending suspension. The GFA clarified that in all cases, a player must begin to serve any impending sentence 7 days after the offence, even if a referee has failed to do the paperwork on time. As a result of this, the GFA are to charge Randwick and the player with misconduct. Clubs therefore need to be aware of the consequences of not adhering to the disciplinary rules. It really is not worth a club getting into further trouble by ignoring the result of a sending off, so our advice would be to contact Jamie at the earliest if the paperwork does not come through within a few days, certainly before the next Saturday.
- Re the above, as Randwick 3rds lost the match, the result will stand. Randwick will not be fined by the League under the double-jeopardy rule as the GFA will issue them with a fine under their rules. Due to the confusion on the matter, and the fact that Randwick did not attempt to cover up or deceive the League on the playing of player, it was agreed that no extra points deduction would be appropriate, or necessary.

13/0194 GENERAL & FIXTURES SECRETARY:

- The Gloster Rovers v Longlevens 4ths match was abandoned after 20 minutes due to a severe injury following a freak accident, which then required an ambulance to attend. The Longlevens player, Rhys Lewis sustained a badly broken leg and has since had operations to reset it. The match is to be replayed.
- Ramblers had to postpone their Reserve team fixture on 26th October due to insufficient players and will be fined as per the Fines Tariff. Ramblers Reserves will also have three points deducted from their total. Rule 20.E.(i). Applies.

14/0194 LEAGUE CUP:

- The Chairmans, Dennis Mason and Bill Bick League Cups kicked off this month.
- Alkerton Rangers have already withdrawn from the Dennis Mason, but will be permitted to play in the Plate Competition. Alkerton will be fined as per the Fines Tariff.

15/0194 CHAIRMAN & GFA REPORT:

- The League is well represented in the last 16 of the four County Cup sections (with several postponed games awaiting to be played). We are guaranteed at least 3 of the 8 Quarter Finalists in the Junior Cup, and at least 4 in the Minor Cup.

16/0194 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:33pm.

17/0194 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

- The next Management Committee Meeting is Tuesday 10th December 2019 (moved from 12th December due to the General Election).