

MINUTES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE STROUD AND DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE HELD ON THURSDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2020

01/0197 OPENING OF THE MEETING: The Chairman, Bob Warren, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

02/0197 ATTENDEES: Bob Warren, Gary Chapman, Derek Freebury, Steve Marshall, Mike Smith, Brian Stevens, Glynn Tandy, Colin Ward, Mike Wheatley , Jeff Willerton

03/0197 APOLOGIES: Mark Cox, Jason Harries, Kenny Smith, Keith Sparrow, Jamie Thomas

04/0197 MINUTES:

- The Chairman signed the minutes of the Management Meeting held on 16th January 2020 as a true record.

05/0197 MATTERS ARISING:

- Rodborough have advised that the goal at Stratford Court is now upright and secure, so this will need to be inspected asap.
- We are waiting to hear from Tibberton as to the progress of repairs to their pitch ahead of their next fixture on 22nd February.
- Due to the slight improvement in the weather, it was not deemed necessary to pursue alternative end of season planning. Postscript to the meeting – the following Saturday was virtually wiped out due to Storm Dennis, raising tension levels at management level again ... fingers crossed ... again.

06/0197 HANDBOOK CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS:

- These are now on the League website, so please check there for the latest additions, including three ground changes.

07/0197 CORRESPONDENCE:

- Two clubs have now formally applied to the League, Stroud Harriers and an (un-named) club currently playing in another local District League.
- Gary fed in several items from referee reports, including a couple more reports of a referee not being paid (or indeed offered) prior to the match, these being Abbeymead Rovers and Tredworth Tigers.

08/0197 TREASURER:

- No Benevolent Fund claim has been forthcoming from Chalford regarding Dan Jeeves. Mike is still waiting for an acknowledgement from Rhys Lewis of Longlevens regarding a second payment.
- Mike was to lead a sub-committee meeting immediately after the meeting regarding a long overdue review of the structure of the League Officers fixed expenses, last reviewed in the previous century.

09/0197 REFEREES SECRETARY:

- We continue to run at around 95% coverage, although we were short of 9 referees on 25th January due to a number of factors.
- Callum Telford has now completed his 15 League and League Cup games, so will be paid £150 to cover his Referees Course fees.

10/0197 REGISTRATION SECRETARY:

- Keith continues to be in hospital, but is able to continue with registrations and non-urgent transfers.
- A reminder that the registration window closes after 1st March.

11/0197 RESULTS SECRETARY:

- Nothing to report

12/0197 DISCIPLINARY OFFICER:

- Nothing to report

13/0197 GENERAL & FIXTURES SECRETARY:

- Chalford 4ths played Harry Nibblett on 18th January, but the player, who recently turned 16, was not registered on WGS in time. It was agreed that this is an admin error. As Longford Reserves won the game 1-0, in line with other similar cases this season, the result will stand, there is no further loss of points, but a fine as per the Fines Tariff. Rule 18.A applies.
- Old Richians Reserves were unable to field a team on 25th January vs Frampton 3rds. They will have three points deducted and be fined as per the Fines Tariff. Rule 20.E.(i). applies.
- Stonehouse Town 4ths were unable to field a team on 1st February vs Dursley Town 3rds. They will have three points deducted and be fined as per the Fines Tariff. Rule 20.E.(i). applies.
- Cam were given permission to postpone their Div-6 fixture on 29th February vs Hillesley. More than eight weeks notice was given, so there is no loss of points, but fine as per the Fines Tariff. Rule 20.E.(i). applies.
- A low referees report has been received from Alkerton and Woodchester Rangers, this is currently being dealt with.
- A low sportsmanship mark has been received from Alkerton and Woodchester Rangers. This too is being investigated and will be reported back on.
- Following two referee reports, the clubs using Tuffley Park have been informed that the side door access to the changing rooms must be restored, so that other teams using the back changing rooms, plus referee(s) do not have to venture through the front changing rooms. Without this access, next season, no teams will be permitted to use Tuffley Park at all. The clubs were also reminded that next season there must be a separate referees changing room, as this will be a requirement of all Division One teams in future seasons.
- League fixtures are currently updated to the end of April, with several of the League Cup Finals to take place in early May. The season will not go past Friday 8th May.
- League and Cup medals have been ordered, along with two more new trophies/cups.
- A final reminder that any proposed Rule changes need to be submitted by 1st March.

14/0197 LEAGUE CUP:

- The search for Semi-Final and Final venues is underway. Shortwood United are happy for us to use their ground for a number of Finals again, and it is hoped that as Stonehouse Town starts to erect their floodlights, that they will be able to hold some of the matches in March/April.
- Referees have been selected for the Finals, all of whom have officiated in at least 10 SDFL matches this season, with one exception, this being the current holder of the Referee of the Season award, Gary Chapman. Colin will advise the other referees in due course.

15/0197 CHAIRMAN & GFA REPORT:

- Bob wanted to thank Jeff, Colin and the Clubs in particular, for all the extra work they have had to endure due to the bad weather over the past three months.

16/0197 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- We are keen to hear of anyone who is willing to join the Management Committee over the next couple of season as there are two Club Rep vacancies at the moment. Anyone who is keen to get involved in a longer term role at Officer level would also be welcomed to apply via the General Secretary, or any other League Officer.
- There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:05pm.

17/0197 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

- The next Management Committee Meeting is Thursday 12th March 2020.