

MINUTES OF THE (ONLINE) MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE STROUD AND DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE HELD ON THURSDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2022

OPENING OF THE MEETING: Due to the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic, the meeting was conducted "online" via MS Teams video, 6:30pm start time.

Before the start of the meeting there was a moments silence to respect the recent passing of Vice President, Colin Timbrell. Colin was the Secretary of this League between 1978 and 1988, and prior to this the League Treasurer between 1973 and 1978. He was later elected as a Life Member and a Vice-President, and remained as the single Vice-President this season. Colin was also the County Football Historian, and held league records and memorabilia going back to the start of the 1900's. Colin was a long-term Dursley resident, and actively played for and supported football in the town throughout his life.

01/0220 ATTENDEES: Bob Warren, Gary Chapman, Brian Cooper, Mark Cox, Jason Harries, Kenny Smith, Keith Sparrow, Brian Stevens, Glynn Tandy, Jeff Willerton.

02/0220 APOLOGIES: Steve Marshall, Mike Smith, Jamie Thomas, Colin Ward, Mike Wheatley.

03/0220 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS: The Management Committee meeting minutes from 6th January were agreed upon as a correct record.

04/0220 MATTERS ARISING:

- Re 09/0219 in last months minutes, neither of the two players involved were issued with a misconduct charge, and therefore we will not pursue the cancellation of the players registrations on this occasion.

05/0220 CHAIRMAN: Nothing significant to report

06/0220 TREASURER: Nothing significant to report

07/0220 CORRESPONDENCE RELEVANT TO THE MEETING:

- Four teams were charged and found guilty of failing to fulfil a fixture during January: Dursley 3rds (03-Jan), Avonvale United (22-Jan), Poulton (22-Jan), Brockworth Albion 3rds (22-Jan). All teams will have 3 points deducted from their team totals and be fined as per the Fines Tariff.
- Woodchester withdrew from the league on 19th January due to an exodus of players. Under Rule 11.B, Woodchester will be fined as per the Fines Tariff. They had completed 14 of their 20 Div-8 fixtures, ie 70 percent, and therefore, as per Rule 22.D their record will be expunged.
- Minchinhampton protested regarding their Div-1 match on 15th January, in that Tetbury Town played an ineligible player, Jonathan Aikenhead. The player was not registered and Tetbury admitted to the offence. The player was not listed on the matchday teamsheet, and Tetbury entered an alternative player on the Full-Time listing. The League Committee unanimously agreed that:
 - a) Tetbury played an ineligible player, and attempted to deceive the league in doing so, and they will be fined £25 as per Rule 18.M.(i)
 - b) Under Rule 21.D, Tetbury will be fined £25, as per the fines tariff, for submitting results information that was incorrect and intended to deceive.
 - c) The match as played is voided, and under Rule 18.M.(iii), the match will be awarded to Minchinhampton.
- Horsely United protested regarding their Div-8 match on 29th January, in that Stonehouse Town 4ths played an ineligible player, Ashley Gale. The player was not registered but was

listed on the matchday teamsheet as they believed he was registered at the time. However, Stonehouse entered an alternative player on the Full-Time listing and only admitted to the offence following Horsley's protest. The League Committee unanimously agreed that:

- a) Stonehouse played an ineligible player, although the League accept that the team manager and player were unaware that the player was not registered at the time, and they will be fined £10 as per Rule 18.M.(i)
 - b) Under Rule 21.D, Stonehouse will be fined £25, as per the fines tariff, for submitting results information that was incorrect and intended to deceive.
 - c) The match as played is voided, and under Rule 18.M.(iii), the match will be replayed.
- On 8th January, Randwick Reserves vs Poulton match was abandoned early in the match by the referee due to the pitch conditions. The match is to be replayed.
 - On 15th January, Tuffley Rovers had to postpone their Div-4 match at home to Frampton 3rds, but despite informing League Officers, they failed to contact Frampton, who were only alerted to the postponement when Full-Time was updated around 11:30. Tuffley are to be fined as per the Fines Tariff, Rule 20.E.(iii) applies.
 - On 22nd January, Avonvale had to postpone their Div-2 match at Longlevens 3rds due to insufficient players, but did this at 11:27. Avonvale are to be fined for the late call as per the Fines Tariff, Rule 20.E.(iii) applies.
 - A low referee mark and report was received from Stroud United. The matter involved a referee with strong associations to the opposition club. This is being addressed going forward, the referee will not be appointed to officiate any of that club's teams in the future.
 - A low referee mark and report was received from Charfield. This is the second time this season that a similar complaint has been levied at the referee, and indirectly at the same team, this being Barnwood United Res. A request to Charfield for a full set of witness statements regarding a number of allegations that were laid against individual Barnwood players was not forthcoming, instead, the Committee were only able to deal with the summary report as provided by the Charfield Reserves manager.

As all the allegations made were on-field ones, and therefore should have been dealt with by the referee and then the GFA, the Committee were not able to proceed with any formal investigation involving Barnwood. Rather, due to the lack of response and actions made by the referee in question (similar to a complaint earlier in the season), coupled with a number of previous complaints from this and previous seasons, it was agreed not to invite the referee to officiate on this league next season, a decision not made lightly due to the severe shortages of referees.

It was agreed that had Charfield provided the witness statements as requested, then the matter may have progressed with a possible outcome of seeking to exclude Barnwood from the League under Rule 12. Without the evidence, the League is unable to take matters further.

- On 5th February, the two matches involving Tredworth Tigers (Div-1), and Uley (Div-3) were postponed due to outbreaks of Covid in the teams involved. Both clubs provided the necessary information required to arrive at the decisions to postpone.
- Minety have now reverted to using their handbook listed ground at Minety.

08/0220 REFEREES SECRETARY:

- Two new referees have emerged from the recent Referees course. One is already refereeing in the league and the other is likely to begin in the near future.

09/0220 ASSISTANT SECRETARY, including REFEREES SUPPORT OFFICER

- Gary notified the League that he was witness to a player from Painswick urinating in the bushes at the side of the pitch at Quedgeley, in view of spectators and the general public. The referee did not witness this and so the player did not get sent off. Gary drew the matter to the attention of Painswick. All clubs should note the above and make sure that this is not

repeated elsewhere. A reminder will be sent out at the start of next season and if anyone is caught and sent off for this, then the League will seek to cancel their registration.

10/0220 REGISTRATION SECRETARY:

- Nothing significant to report

11/0220 RESULTS SECRETARY:

- Nothing significant to report

12/0220 DISCIPLINARY OFFICER:

- Nothing significant to report

13/0220 LEAGUE CUP:

- On 3rd January, Cam Bulldogs 1st team played an ineligible player in error, Nick Kendall. Cam lost the match. It was agreed that this was an admin error, and was brought to the attention of the league by Cam. Cam will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- On 15th January, Brockworth 3rds played an ineligible player in error, Darren Lowe. Brockworth lost the match. It was agreed that this was an admin error, and was brought to the attention of the league by Brockworth. Brockworth will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

14/0220 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- Nothing significant to report, the meeting ended at 7:20pm

15/0220 DATE OF NEXT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING – 10th March 2022