

MINUTES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE STROUD AND DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE HELD ON THURSDAY 12 MAY 2022

Prior to the start of the meeting, a minutes silence was observed following the untimely passing of Keith Sparrow. This came as a complete shock to us all, especially as Keith had been in attendance at several of the League Cup Finals in late April and was in good spirit.

Keith had taken over as the Referees Assistant Secretary mid-season and was enjoying his return to a League Officer role, having been the League's Registration Secretary 2016-2020, only to have to cease then due to a long bout of ill health. Keith was associated with several local clubs, in particular Quedgeley Wanderers and Slimbridge, where he held Secretary and Chairman roles, and in his playing days notable at Cam Bulldogs and Slimbridge.

We will pass on the the funeral service details when we know them.

OPENING OF THE MEETING: The meeting was held at Kings Stanley Village Hall, 7:30pm start time. Bob Warren in the Chair.

01/0223 **ATTENDEES:** Bob Warren, Gary Chapman, Mark Cox, Mike Smith, Kenny Smith, Brian Stevens, Glynn Tandy, Colin Ward, Jeff Willerton.

02/0223 **APOLOGIES:** Brian Cooper, Jason Harries, Steve Marshall, Jamie Thomas, Mike Wheatley.

03/0223 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS:** The Management Committee meeting minutes from 14th April were agreed upon as a correct record.

04/0223 **MATTERS ARISING:** Re 07/0222, item 6. In reviewing the available evidence it was decided not to pursue the matter due to the time factors and possible further investigation not having a material effect upon the League positions of the affected teams. Whilst this is not a satisfactory way to conclude the matter, sometimes a pragmatic approach to resolving the issue in this way is necessary to avoid unnecessary time and effort, with little or no benefit.

05/0223 **CHAIR:** Bob expressed his relief that the season had been completed and thanked the League Officers and the Clubs for achieving this, with relative smoothness and comfort.

06/0223 **TREASURER:**

- The proposed Fees and Fines list for next season has been largely agreed (waiting for the Referee's fees to be confirmed by the GFA). The majority remain the same, an updated version will be sent with these minutes highlighting those that are to change.
- With a current healthy League Accounts balance, Mike has provisionally approved a proposal to supply all Div-1 and Div-2 teams with a Respect-type pitch rope barrier for next season to be used in all SDFL Div-1&2 matches where a club currently does not have fixed barriers. This will be further explained at the AGM.

07/0223 **CORRESPONDENCE RELEVANT TO THE MEETING:**

- Three teams were charged and found guilty of failing to fulfil a fixture during late April: Barnwood United Reserves (16-Apr), Trident (23-Apr) and Kings Stanley Reserves (30-Apr).
- Glynn Tandy has stepped down as Secretary of Ramblers, and has ended a 25+ year reign in that role, and a 44 year association with the club. Glynn was thanked for all his years service. Glynn is not leaving the League however as he will now take on a role with new club Mavericks.
- Poulton withdrew from the League on 19th April. They had completed at least 75% of their league fixtures, and therefore their results stand, as per Rule 22.D. Walkover wins were awarded to the three teams that Poulton had not played to that date. Poulton will be fined as per the Fines Tariff under Rule 11.B.

- In light of Poulton's withdrawal, Brian Cooper has stepped down from the Management Committee.
- SB Galacticos and North Nibley have advised that they will not be participating in the 2022-23 season, and will therefore withdraw at the AGM. There is no fine to be applied as both teams completed their season and gave notice prior to the deadline.
- An email received from Robinswood Athletic in relation to another team playing possible ineligible players and general unsportsmanlike behaviour is to be investigated. Similar to the paragraph above in Matters Arising, this will have no material effect upon promotion or relegation matters, so will be looked at in due course.
- Referee Joe Riley attended the League Cup fixture, Painswick 3rds v Ramblers Reserves on 12th April, but the match had been postponed the previous evening. This is a League error and Joe is to be paid his full match fee and travel expenses of £30 by the League.

08/0223 REFEREES SECRETARY:

- As previously advised, the Referees match fee and travel expenses have been reviewed by the GFA and their proposals to the GFA board will see the fees in our league rise to £32 match fee + 40p per mile travel costs. Although this has not been officially adopted yet, if these are the new rates, then we will need to increase our maximum fee that can be claimed from £40 to £45 (32.5 miles) or £50 (45 miles). It was agreed that to allow Colin Ward the flexibility to appoint referees to matches in all parts of our geographical area, that the £50 option should be set as the limit. This will permit a referee to travel up to a total of 45 miles, although, a majority of referees will still be appointed on a local basis if possible.

09/0223 ASSISTANT SECRETARY, including REFEREES SUPPORT OFFICER

- Nothing significant to report

10/0223 REGISTRATION SECRETARY:

- Now that the season has completed, the league will seek to refuse the 2022-23 player registration of Samuel Evans through the GFA process.

11/0223 RESULTS SECRETARY:

- A few clubs have been updating details using the Matchday app. The process when using this appears to not permit the adding of Referee marks. This is an issue that clubs may need to be aware of, and will therefore require clubs to enter these marks using the normal Full-Time access.

12/0223 DISCIPLINARY OFFICER:

- Nothing significant to report

13/0223 LEAGUE CUP:

- A huge thank you to Chalford, Gala Wilton, Sharpness, Shortwood United, Stonehouse Town and Tuffley Rovers for hosting the Finals, and to each of the teams that participated in all eleven of them. All were well supported, and apart from one of the Finals, all were either decided by a single goal, or on penalties, showing that the formats and teams involved were highly competitive and well matched.
- The League President, Brian Stevens, and the League Secretary attended all eleven, and the majority of Committee members were able to attend and assist across the Finals.
- Also, a sincere thank you to the 22 separate match officials who gave up their time to officiate across the Finals. All 22 were match officials who regular referee in this league which was good to see, and thanks to Colin Ward for arranging the appointments.
- A charity donation from the League Cup profits from this season is to be carried over to next season due to an outstanding issue with the one from 2019-20.

14/0223 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- The league has arranged to set up a County Cups style cup competition in alliance with the Cheltenham League for next season. Further details will be advised at the AGM.
- The proposed constitution for next season has been sent out to all clubs. Any requests for changes will be heard by the Constitution meeting sub-committee prior to the AGM for a league response, and the requests will be submitted as amendments to the original proposal at the AGM and voted upon.
- There are up to a maximum of three (club rep) positions available for next season. We would welcome nominations for these roles ahead of the AGM if anyone is interested in contributing to the decision making process of the league, through our monthly committee meetings. Please contact Jeff Willerton to apply, propose or for more information.
- Other matters relating to the AGM were also discussed and will be raised at the AGM.
- With nothing further to discuss, the meeting ended at 20:50pm.

15/0223 DATE OF NEXT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING – 4th August 2022