

**MINUTES OF THE AMATEUR FOOTBALL COMBINATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 27th June 2019 AT THE ABBEY CENTRE SW1P 3BU**

Present

Representatives from the following Clubs:

Albanian FC, Bealonians FC, Blackheath Wanderers FC, Brent FC, Clapham Old Xaverians FC, Clissold Park Rangers FC, Dorkinians FC, Economicals FC, Enfield Old Grammarians FC, Fitzwilliam OB FC, Fulham Compton FC, Globe Rangers FC, Glyn OB FC, Hale End Athletic FC, Honourable Artillery Company FC, IB Albion FC, John Fisher Old Boys FC, Kings Old Boys FC, Latymer OB FC, Lea Valley FC, Leyton County Old Boys FC, London Hospital OB FC, London Welsh FC, National Westminster Bank FC, New-Magdalen AFC, Old Aloysians FC, Old Crosbeians, Old Grantonians FC, Old Guildfordians, Old Hamptonians FC, Old Ignatian FC, Old Kingsburians FC, Old Magdalenians FC, Old Manorians FC, Old Meadonians FC, O.Minchendenians FC, Old Parmiterians FC, Old Paulines FC, Old Pegasonians FC, Old Salvatorians FC, Old Sedcopians FC, Old St Mary's FC, Old Strand Academicals, Old Suttonians, Old Tenisonians FC, Old Thorntonians FC, Old Tiffinians FC, Old Tollingtonians FC, Old Vaughanians FC, Old Whitgiftians FC, Old Wokingians FC, Old Woodhouseians FC, Parkfield FC, Queen Mary College Old Boys FC, Ravenscroft Old Boys FC, Reigatians AFC, Rob Roy Reds FC, Royal Sun Alliance FC, Shene Old Grammarians FC, Sinjuns Grammarians FC, Somerville OB FC, Southgate Olympic, Southgate County, Spaniards FC, Tilburg Regents FC, UCL Academicals FC, Wandsworth Borough FC, Witan FC, Wood Green Old Boys FC & Worcester College Old Boys FC.

The following clubs were not represented – Mickleham OB, Mill Hill Village & RBS (all three clubs fined £50 Rule 6h).

League Officers and Vice Presidents:

Ian Andrews (IA), Bart O'Toole, Martin Armstrong (MA), John Maskell (JMa), Alan Robinson (AR), Ray Holmes, Tony Julien, Simon Goldring, Steve Lovejoy, Norman MacDoanld (NMc), James Whitmarsh, Mike Sainsbury, Danny McConnell. In addition the following referee attended:- Chris Beament

The League Chairman John Maskell welcomed all to the meeting & introduced himself and the League officers seated at the top table:- Norman MacDonald (President 2018-20) and Ian Andrews (Secretary). Jma conveyed his thanks to all of the people who help with the running of the league, especially those that had been instrumental in ensuring the season was completed . He also introduced Danny McConnell from the Football Association who was to give a briefing on the upcoming Player Registration implementation & changes in WGS for season 2019/20 and beyond.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from:- RBS plus Kevin Dunn, Robin Gibbs, Eddy Murphy Ken Scott and Brian W
atts.

2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 27th June 2018.

2.1 The minutes of the AGM held as above were agreed as being accurate.

3 Matters Arising

3.1 Ray Holmes raised a question as to whether the AFA had provided help in the data cleansing required for the player registration move to WGS. IA replied that as WGS PR was not implemented in season 18/19 that assistance was never asked for as it wasn't in the end required..

4. To receive and adopt the Annual Report Season 2018/19

- 4.1 The Annual Report had been distributed with the papers prior to the AGM and the Chairman asked if there were any questions.. A question was raised regarding the paragraph – Player Registration and the word “may” be adopted was now amended to read “will” be adopted. There being no other points raised the report was accepted with a unanimous show of hands.

5. To receive and adopt the Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet for year ending 31st May 2019

- 5.1 The Treasurer Steve Lovejoy presented the *draft* financial statements for the year ended 31st May 2019 including the income and expenditure account, the balance sheet and notes to the accounts. The meeting was advised that the accounts had yet to be audited or approved. It was felt that there would be no major changes to the draft accounts as a result of the audit being completed.

The draft financial statements for year ending 31st May 2019 were proposed and accepted subject to any changes required by the Auditor.

Annual subscriptions 2019/20 - The Executive Committee proposed that there would not need to be an increase in Club fees in season 2019/20

- 5.2 **Referees and Assistant Referees Fees 2019/20** - The Executive Committee, (based on the instruction of the AFA Council and CEO), proposed an increase in the Referees fee to £37 per match and that the Ass't Referees fee to £30. These increases were those agreed by the AFA and the ones to be adopted in all AFA affiliated Leagues. The League Secretary explained that the AFC had proposed to increase the referees fee to £40, in line with all other home counties, but had been advised by the AFA CEO that the League would not be affiliated if we increased our fees and the AFA Board had agreed the fees at the rate set.. The fees were proposed and accepted by the meeting (2 clubs voted against the rise)

6 Rules Revisions

- 6.1 The Chairman stated that there were a number of rule changes that was proposed by the Executive & these had been circulated ahead of the meeting. It was requested that all rule changes be voted on en-bloc and it was agreed that this would be done.
- 6.2 The main discussion was on the rules for the LOB cups which were to be appended to the AFC Rules in this season before being merged in the next season. Andy Macrae of Bealonians had emailed all clubs and key Officers with a number of changes his club wished to see made both in the creation of play offs in League competitions and the agreement that only one team from each club would play in the Intermediate LOB Cup. As his final email had been sent only 24 hours before the AGM the Secretary stated that they could not be voted on as the required time to both submit and discuss potential changes had not been met. There followed a protracted debate from many clubs regarding Andy's Cup proposal and following these exchanges a vote was made.
- 6.3 The Chairman asked for a show of hands on the rule amendments as published and these were agreed with just one club voting against (Old Bealonians).

7 Election of Officers

- 7.1 A list showing the Executive Committee's proposal for League Officers had been circulated in advance of the meeting (see Appendix 1) and these officers were proposed and approved with just one club voting against (Old Bealonians). The Chairman made special reference to

the number of club representative positions that were currently vacant and urged members present to nominate themselves into these roles. Unfortunately nobody came forward on the night.

8 Appointment of Auditors

- 8.1 The League Executive Committee proposed that Gareth Jones be appointed as the Auditor and this was agreed unopposed.

9 Membership of Clubs

- 9.1 **Old Vaughnanians** – The Secretary advised that Old Vaughnanians had improved both their admin, arrival time at games and despite their fines total still being too high the Executive were happy to remove the sanctions with immediate effect. The Secretary confirmed that for the first time in the past 10 years no club was under League sanction and all clubs should be congratulated on their progress.
- 9.2 The Chairman explained that despite a number of clubs making contact to join the AFC none had actually completed a registration document to formally apply

10 Constitution of the League for 2019-20

- 10.1 A document outlining the proposed league constitution for the 2019-20 season had been circulated in advance of the meeting. It was advised that further changes would undoubtedly be made before the season gets underway.
- 10.2 NMC explained that in order to help clubs with travelling that Senior 1 would be split to create a new Senior 1 North & Senior 1 South. Promotion from those two divisions would be the winners of each plus a play off between the two second placed teams, the winner of that match getting promoted to the Premier. This would increase the Premier to 11 teams in season 2020/21. However there are a number of reserve teams in Senior 1 South and should one of those finish as runners up, then there would be no play off and the 2nd placed team in Senior 1 North would be automatically promoted (Constraints of Rule 1f).
- 10.3 As there had been a number of clubs concerned by the number of teams in each division an alternative constitution had been drawn up of divisions of mainly 10 teams. NMc explained the rationale concerning adopting either option, but ultimately it would be the clubs that decide.
- 10.4 There followed some debate from clubs on the pros and cons of both options. Points raised including:-
- The cost of additional pitch hire if all teams in a club were in 12 team divisions (Old Woods)
 - The clarification of adopting play offs in divisions and how many were promoted / relegated (Bealonians)
 - The ten team option is better for clubs and reduces likelihood of needing double header and midweek matches (Witan)

Following much debate a separate vote of northern based teams concluded that the divisions of 11/12 teams be adopted by a vote of 20 in favour and 8 against. A separate vote of the southern based teams also concluded that the divisions of 11/12 teams be adopted by a vote of 22 in favour and 10 against.

- 10.5 Following the two votes detailed in point 10.3 a vote on accepting the constitution was made, it was adopted unanimously.

11 AOB

11.1 Danny McConnell ex League & UCL Secretary now part of the FA team delivery WGS change then gave a brief summary of the key processes that clubs need to undertake in the change to Player Registration using the WGS.

11.2 A vote of thanks was proposed by Martin Armstrong (Old Suttonians) to all League Officers and the work they all did on behalf of the clubs. Following this vote the Chairman closed the meeting by thanking all present for their attendance

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

Appendix 1 - Election of Officers

President	Norman MacDonald	Amenities Officer	John Maskell
Chairman	John Maskell	Dev & Comms Chairman	James Whitmarsh
Vice-Chairman	Martin Armstrong	Dinner Chairman Dinner Acting Chairman	VACANT Andrew Cashmore-Till
Secretary & Rep Team Secretary	Ian Andrews	Emergency Chairman	Not required
Treasurer	Steve Lovejoy	Executive Chairman	John Maskell
Fines Co-ordinator	Ian Andrews	Finance Chairman	Steve Lovejoy
League Welfare Officer	Danny McConnell	Fixtures Chairman	Norman MacDonald
Representative Managers	Luke Graham & Ali McCombe	Referees Chairman	Sean Smith
AFA Representatives (4)	Jim Davies	Representative Chairman	Tony Julien
	Ian Andrews	Rules Revision Chairman	Bart O'Toole
	Mike Sainsbury	Spirit of Football Chairman	Mike Sainsbury
	Sean Smith	SOF Co-Ordinators	Robin Gibbs
Auditor	Gareth Jones		Danny Goldman
League Match Secretary Premier/Senior/Inter	Jamie Brunton		Martin Armstrong
League Match Secretary 1-7 South	James Whitmarsh	Chairman of Club Support Committee	Martin Armstrong
League Match Secretary 1-7 North	Ian Andrews	Chairman of Club Representatives Committee	Simon Goldring
Results Secretary	Mike Sainsbury	Club Representatives (1 of which to serve on Executive)	Neil Johnstone (Exec Support), Derek Randall, Aaron Shah, Sean Smith, Jim Davies plus 7 vacancies
Referee Appointments & Changes South	Harry Hutchings	Vice Presidents Elected to Executive (4)	Alan Robinson, Alan Meyer, Robin Gibbs, Andrew Cashmore- Till
Referee Appointments North	John Fowler	Changes Refs North	Chad Chaudhuri