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MINUTES OF A YEOVIL & DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE MEETING HELD ON 16 SEPT 2020 VIA ZOOM AT 19:00 PM

Attendance:		
YDFL Officers:	YDFL Committee:	Apologies:
John Shearing, Chairman (JS)	Graham Baker (GB)	Ian Cheney (IC)
Carrie-Anne Morgan, General Secretary (CAM)	Ron Hodgson (RH)	Nick Hulland, Referees' Representative
Ashley Bussell, Vice Chair Youth League (AB)	Peter Hockley (PH)	Ian Kellett (IK)
Monica Hayden, Youth League Secretary (MH)	Terry Langdon (TL)	Pete Diffey (PD)
Steve Brabbs, Youth League Asst Secretary (SBr)	Neil Mapletoft (NM)	Colin Pippard (CP)
Ian Harley, Referees Appointment Secretary (IH)		Alan Simpson (AS)
Terry Harris, Welfare & Respect Officer (TH)		Nick Clarke, Registrations & Fixture Sec (NC)
Simon Bachrach, Minutes Secretary (SBa)		
Paul Murley, Treasurer (PM) (joined by phone to give treasurers report)		

	Detail:	
1	Chairman's Welcome The Chairman welcomed all to the first remote Zoom Meeting. Due to continuing Covid-19 regulations (Rule of 6) Zoom Meetings would be conducted remotely for the foreseeable future.	
2	Apologies for Absence As per register above.	
3	Minutes of Previous Meeting The Minutes of the Meeting of 19 August 2020 were accepted unanimously and signed by the Chair as a true and accurate reflection of the Meeting.	
4	Matters Arising 4.1 Noyce Wells Trophy – JS advised that the match due to be played 22 March 2020 had been postponed. He is in contact with Mid-Somerset League to rearrange the match. 4.2 Presentation of 2019-20 season Trophies – It was noted that all finals for the season had been played and these, as well as League Trophies had been presented. 4.3 Linesman of the Year – awarded to Zeals FC, however this is yet to be presented. 4.4 AB asked about charity presentations to Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance and Yeovil Hospital. PM advised that he is organising the presentation of the donations. 4.5 Langport & Huish FC – all correspondence, invoices and other documentation has been	PM

	collated for sharing with Mrs J Gregory at SFA for debt recovery. There was a question on whether this action is time limited; CAM to investigate.	CAM
4.6	TH reported that Team Gryphon have moved their home pitch to The Terraces in Sherborne. Risk Assessments have been submitted or both venues by Team Gryphon.	
5	Secretary Reports	
5.1	General Secretary – CAM reported <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There were ongoing problems with the Whole Game system. This has a knock-on effect to registrations; however NC has advised that Clubs and players may play if a paper registration has been submitted. - 10 Youth and 3 Junior Clubs have not yet submitted their Covid risk assessments and a third reminder has been sent. The details of the Covid officer for those Clubs to be shared with TH. - All details for the App have been sent to Robin Road for updating. An advert will be produced for social media to launch the 'new' App. 	CAM
5.2	Junior Fixtures Secretary – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No report has been provided but the League is now moving to its third Saturday of games and all appears to be progressing well. <p><i>[Addendum – email report received - Fixtures for first two weeks have gone ahead with no problems, all games played. Player registrations are at 860 although Wholegame has been problematic with some people, including myself, not being able to log on or having to wait in queues of up to an hour. This has eased a little in the past week with average waits of about five Minutes. The system is more responsive once in there.]</i></p>	
5.3	Referees Appointments – <p>Junior League</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Referees coverage 30 of 30 matches (100%) covered by appointed Referees. - This coverage is likely to drop as County and higher League games are set. - YDFL weekly requirement for Referees is 15. <p>Youth League</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Referees coverage 23 of 26 matches (92%) covered by appointed Referees. 	
5.4	Youth Fixtures Secretary – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 26 fixtures played last weekend, but one fixture cancelled due to Covid testing for one player who presented symptoms while being in the same school class as many of the players; result of test awaited. Another test for different Club came back negative so game was played. - After the withdrawal of Martock and Crewkerne U16, there are 6 Teams in Division 1 and 5 Teams in Division 2. It was suggested that it may be prudent to move to one League with 11 Teams. This was discussed at length and NM proposed that we stay with two divisions, who could play each other three times. This was agreed; the fixtures will be set. This was seconded and motion passed with zero against, one abstention. - Player Registrations 963 on paper however only 873 on Whole Game. 844 approved, with 29 pending paperwork. 	
5.5	Sponsorship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There has been no drop of sponsors and invoices to the new sponsors will be sent shortly. - Strode College have requested to sponsor the U16 League Cup; Chalmers & Co have agreed to accommodate and amend their sponsorship to the U15 League Cup. - Dean & Henry Porter have kindly agreed to sponsor the Youth Shield. 	
6	Yeovil & District Mini League - update AB & GB reported that a Meeting had been held 09 Sept. The U11 and U12 Leagues will	

	<p>start their fixtures weekend comm 19 Sept. Matters raised at the Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Some Clubs have been unable to register players on Whole Game System. They can play provided paper registrations have been submitted to MH. - All Clubs have submitted their Covid risk assessments. - Street has asked to join the League; however, they have not yet submitted an affiliation form. - The 19/20 St John's Plate final has been played. - The High Holborn Cup is due to be played 26 September 2020, kick off 19:00, under lights, between East Coker and East Chinnock. Changing rooms are unavailable for use at Huish Park, and spectators are not permitted. A decision is required from the Clubs to determine if they wish to play at this venue, however an alternative venue has been offered by Ilchester FC. 	AB
7	<p>Treasurers Report</p> <p>PM advised the Leagues funds currently stand at £16,352; a full financial report had been circulated.</p> <p>He confirmed that charity donations from 2019/20 season had not yet been presented.</p> <p>Annual App and Insurance costs remain outstanding.</p> <p>There are no outstanding fines.</p> <p>MH raised the question about insurance not covering the over 75's. PM to raise this with the insurers and report back.</p>	PM
8	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>TL queried the length of the Junior season, as it may be possible to complete League fixtures by 5 December. He was advised that the Plate Competitions and League Cup matches would be played after Christmas.</p> <p>IH said the Covid-19 safety set-up at Keinton Mandeville, is excellent. He suggested other Clubs might learn from them. He was asked to express congratulations from the League.</p> <p>AB said there had been enquiries from Mini-League Officers about YDFL emblem garments. He was advised to speak with PM to source the garments required.</p> <p>TH queried how closely Referees and Clubs have to adhere to and monitor the Covid-19 procedures. JS advised that as a Minimum the main matters to ensure are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Each Club must provide their own assistant with a flag - There is to be no sharing of water bottles - Crowds must be socially distanced - Track and Trace details must be recorded - Any spitting or rinsing mouth and spitting must be stopped <p>Temperature checks are not mandatory.</p> <p>IH said that the Covid procedures are only guidance but any problems were to be reported to him so that he can bring it to Council for action. IH will send out ruling on assistant's flags to all Clubs so they are aware.</p>	AB
14	<p>Date of next Meeting</p> <p>Date of next Meeting 21 October 2020, 7:00pm, remotely via Zoom.</p>	IH
	<p>There being no other business the Meeting closed at 20:16.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Chairman</p> <p>Date</p>	