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**MINUTES OF A YEOVIL & DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE MEETING HELD ON  
21 OCTOBER 2020 VIA ZOOM COMMENCING AT 19:00 PM**

<b>Attendance:</b>		
<b>YDFL Officers:</b>	<b>YDFL Committee:</b>	<b>Apologies:</b>
John Shearing, Chairman (JS)	Graham Baker (GB)	Terry Sainsbury
Carrie-Anne Morgan, General Secretary (CAM)	Ron Hodgson (RH)	Nick Hulland, Referees' Representative
Ashley Bussell, Vice Chair Youth League (AB)	Peter Hockley (PH)	Pete Diffey (PD)
Nick Clarke, Registrations & Fixture Sec (NC)	Neil Mapletoft	
Monica Hayden, Youth League Secretary (MH)	Terry Langdon (TL)	
Steve Brabbs, Youth League Asst Secretary (SBr)	Rob Lockey	
Ian Harley, Referees Appointment Secretary (IH)	Ian Cheney (IC)	
Terry Harris, Welfare & Respect Officer (TH)	Ian Kellett (IK)	
Simon Bachrach, Minutes Secretary (SBa)		
Paul Murley, Treasurer (PM)		

	<b>Detail:</b>	
1	<b>Chairman's Welcome</b>  The Chairman welcomed all to the Meeting.	
2	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>  Apologies were taken as noted above.	
3	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>  The Minutes of the Meeting of 20 September  2020 were accepted unanimously and signed by the Chair as a true and accurate reflection of the Meeting.	
4	<b>Matters Arising</b>  4.1 CAM advised that the details of the debt due from Huish & Langport FC has been forwarded to SFA and they will contact the Club/players to recover the debt.  4.2 4.1 Noyce Wells Trophy – JS advised that the match will not be played because of the Covid crisis. It has been agreed that the 2019/20 record will show the competition was not played. It is hoped the 2020/21 competition will be played in the spring.  4.3 4.3 Linesman of the Year – will be presented to Zeals FC in due course.  4.4 AB asked about the charity presentations to Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance and Yeovil Hospital. These are yet to be made; PM will organise.	
5	<b>Secretaries Reports</b>  5.1 <b>General Secretary</b> – CAM reported - Updated Covid-19 guidance has been issued by SFA, which has been issued to all Clubs.	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- She has completed the first stage of FA Discipline training and awaits details of the next stage.</li> <li>- A recent League Forum discussed Covid-19 issues including postponements due to outstanding test results. It was agreed that postponements should be accepted to allow test results to be received and no sanctions should be levied on Junior, Youth and Mini Teams.</li> <li>- All Clubs need to be reminded that they must follow their Covid-19 Risk assessments. Several Clubs have been reported for not following guidance. There are no sanctions for non-compliance, however the health of all concerned, including players, officials, and spectators, is paramount.</li> <li>- Somerset Junior Football Alliance (5 Junior Leagues) Meeting is on 28 October 2020. Council Members were asked if there were any issues they wish discussed to notify CAM, JS or PM.</li> </ul>	
5.2	<p><b>Junior Fixtures Secretary –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The season is going well and it is intended for Cup Competitions to be played after the Divisions are complete.</li> <li>- Currently there are 953 players registered.</li> <li>- One transfer – Miles Ward from Ilchester to Wyndham Athletic</li> </ul>	
5.3	<p><b>Referees Appointments –</b></p> <p>Junior League</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Games played 97; games covered 94 = 96.91%.</li> <li>- October will see a decline in coverage due of matters beyond our control.</li> </ul> <p>Youth League</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Games played 121; games covered 108 = 89.26%.</li> </ul> <p>Other matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Currently chasing Teams for the Referees' marks. Will produce a list of those outstanding at the end of the week.</li> <li>- Contact by Clubs with Referees has been lacking in both Youth &amp; Junior Leagues. Referees have been reminded that if they have not received confirmation of a fixture from the Club, it is their responsibility to confirm. He further reported that in the current Covid-19 pandemic, all match matters need to be clarified with the Home Club before arrival at the ground.</li> <li>- It was agreed that Clubs are to be asked to review and update their Covid-19 risk assessments, as it has been noted that some Clubs are using changing rooms when their risk assessment says they will not. IH to summarise and provide separate guidance given to Clubs and Referees to all Clubs.</li> <li>- It has been noted that the goal posts at Griffin School are not being sanitised as required and are in a dangerous state. JS has spoken with PD; PD has confirmed that during half term the goal posts will be repaired and repainted. If the repair is unacceptable fixtures may have to be rearranged.</li> </ul>	IH
5.4	<p><b>Youth Fixtures Secretary –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Games have been re-arranged due to Covid-19 and waterlogged pitches.</li> <li>- Currently 1064 players registered on paper (1015 on whole game – 976 approved, 39 pending paperwork).</li> <li>- The Constitution of the Leagues had not been provided to the Clubs at the AGM and fixtures on Full Time provided the first indication of the League. Concern has been expressed by some Clubs.</li> <li>- As the Leagues are finding it difficult to play games in the current circumstances, it was recommended</li> <li>- that the U14 League be divided into smaller Divisions with the results of fixtures played against other Teams in the new Division carried forward. Proposed Constitution of the Divisions would be: Div.1 – Aller park Rovers, Perry Street, Castle Cary, East Coker, Pen Mill, West Chinnock, Wessex Hawks. Div. 2 – Aller Park Rangers, Westland Whirlwinds, Merriott Sharks, Wincanton Warriors, Ilchester Wildcats, Milborne Port, Ashcott. Div. 3 – Somerton Town, Ilchester Piranhas, Sherborne Saints, Ilminster Youth, Pen Mill lionesses, Stoke Youth.</li> </ul> <p>After discussion, the new Constitution was agreed in principal. All Clubs are to be consulted and asked to vote on the proposal no later than 31 Oct 20.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- RL thanked the Council on behalf of Milborne Port but, whilst he was in favour of the change, wondered if it was all constitutional. JS advised that although there are special circumstances the proposal needs consultation of all Clubs involved. If (a majority) agreement is received SFA will be informed of the immediate change.</li> <li>- U13 League - there are 5 games to go in the playoffs before the Divisions are decided. It was discussed and agreed that the League would be constituted as 3 Divisions of 6, starting on 6 November 2020. They will play two games (home and away).</li> </ul>	CAM MH MH

5.5	<p><b>Sponsorship</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The App is available to download and will be promoted to all Clubs via email and social media.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Cancelled Fixtures (cancelled by Team in bold)</b></p> <p>Junior League 26 September 2020 <b>Zeals V Martock Reserves</b> (Div. 2) (1<sup>st</sup> cancellation - £15 fine) 10 October 2020 <b>Queen Camel V Milborne Port</b> (Premier) (1<sup>st</sup> cancellation - £15 fine)</p> <p>Youth League 4 October 2020 Aller Park Rovers v <b>Martock Reserves</b> (U13) (1<sup>st</sup> cancellation - £15 fine) 11 October 2020 <u>Somerton Town v Ilminster Youth</u> (U16) (1<sup>st</sup> cancellation - £15 fine)</p>
6	<p><b>Yeovil &amp; District Mini League - update</b></p> <p>AB &amp; GB reported that the season is progressing well despite a few cancellations through positive Covid-19 tests.</p> <p>A possible welfare issue has arisen however, if taken any further it will be forwarded to SFA to for their attention.</p>
7	<p><b>Treasurers Report</b></p> <p>PM presented the financial summary and advised a balance in hand of £14,973. This was an excellent position bearing in mind the income reductions this season i.e. League and Cups fees reduced/subsidised.</p> <p>Points of note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Payments to the charities will be sent by post.</li> <li>- Changes to the Youth Leagues are likely to cost £600 to £700 for trophies etc.</li> <li>- Trophy cost so far this year includes £690 for 2019/20 trophies for the Charity Cup, Les King Cup &amp; Hayward Cup.</li> <li>- Mini League costs have been £144 for the App and £200 for use of the Barn Club.</li> </ul>
8	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>MH has received a letter from Perry Street regarding their upcoming match against Castle Cary. There had been a welfare issue at the previous fixture, and Perry Street had requested the forthcoming game be postponed; this was agreed. It was also decided that the allocated Referee would be kept the same and TH would attend the match to observe.</p> <p>TL advised that Referees are not asking for Team sheets before the game, so he is presenting them at the game. As this is a Covid-19 concern, it was noted that Referees should advise how they wish to receive the Team sheets prior to the game (e.g. by email, by text, etc.). IH to remind Referees.</p> <p>JS had two items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Charles Goddard Cup, played against Blackmore Vale League, has yet to be arranged. He will contact PD and IK to assess the appetite for play. IK said it would be best to speak with PD.</li> <li>- Abbey 104 is running a feature each week for YDFL Team of the week. They are picking 4 Teams each week and asking for votes as to which Team should be featured. So far Zeals and Ilchester have been featured. Abbey 104 were thanked for their support of YDFL.</li> </ul>
9	<p><b>Date of next Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 18 November 2020, 7:00PM remotely via Zoom.</li> </ul> <p>There being no other business the Meeting closed at 20:46.</p> <p>.....</p>