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

Attendance:		
YDFL Officers:	YDFL Committee:	Apologies:
John Shearing, Chairman (JS)	Ian Kellett (IK)	Terry Sainsbury
Carrie-Anne Morgan, General Secretary (CAM)	Ron Hodgson (RH)	Nick Hulland
Ashley Bussell, Vice Chair Youth League (AB)	Peter Hockley (PH)	Pete Diffey
Nick Clarke, Registrations & Fixture Sec (NC)	Rob Lockey	Ian Harley
Monica Hayden, Youth League Secretary (MH)	Graham Baker (GB)	Neil Mapletoft
Steve Brabbs, Youth League Asst Sec (SBr)		Terry Harris
Paul Murley, Treasurer (PM)		Simon Bachrach
Colin Pippard, President (CP)		Ian Cheney
		Terry Langdon
		Alan Simpson

	Detail:	
1	<p>Chairman's Welcome</p> <p>The Chairman opened the Meeting reporting games restarted on the weekend of 5 Dec 2020.</p>	
2	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>Apologies were taken as noted above.</p>	
3	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting</p> <p>Amendment: 5.3 U16 Division 3 should read U16 Division 2.</p> <p>With this one correction the Minutes of the Meeting of 18 November 2020 were accepted unanimously and will be signed by the Chair as a true and accurate reflection of the Meeting, once Covid-19 restrictions are lifted.</p>	
4	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>4.1 No matters</p>	
5	<p>Secretaries Reports</p> <p>5.1 General Secretary – CAM reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FA guidance has been received regarding grass roots football which has been disseminated via Somerset County FA (SFA) to all Clubs. - YDFL App recently experienced a technical issue causing minor difficulties however, the matter has been corrected. Users should click the refresh button when the App is opened to re-boot. - Trophy return – Trophies due to be returned for cleaning and engraving will be recalled by the end of January 2021. - Cancelled fixtures approved at the Nov Meeting will receive the fine following this Meeting, as it was deemed unfair to issue a fine when football was in lockdown and Clubs would have little income. <p>Sponsorship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meetings are to be arranged for Sponsors whose Cup Competitions were played for Season 2019/20. 	

<p>5.2</p>	<p>Junior Fixtures Secretary –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Teams cancelling matches due to Covid-19 are being requested to present evidence of test results. - With the increased delays to fixtures, it is still intended for the Premier League to be completed by the end of January 2021 and the other Divisions by mid-March 2021, to allow Cup Competitions to be played. - Approximately 50% of fixtures have been completed. <p>Covid-19 Some Teams and Referees are isolating due to positive Covid-19 testing. The Meeting discussed the option to cancel all matches until the weekend of Jan 02, 21 to prevent Christmas isolations.</p> <p>Concern was expressed for the number of schools around the district, in which whole year groups are isolating due to suspected/confirmed Covid-19.</p> <p>It was decided that in the best interests of all our Clubs, players and officials, all matches throughout the Yeovil & District League scheduled for this coming weekend would be postponed. We recognise that there is currently a local spike in the SARS-Cov2 virus causing a number of positive test results for COVID-19. A number of players in the Junior League, and more principally in the Youth and Mini Leagues, as well as two referees, have all tested positive in the last week.</p> <p>We realise this may be a disappointment and inconvenience for some, which is regrettable, but the implications of any players being in contact with someone who subsequently tests positive would be self-isolation for all players and officials involved in the game, as well as their families, over the Christmas period. This is a risk we do not feel can be justified.</p> <p>The General Secretary to email all Clubs.</p> <p>Dorset County Cup Competitions Concern was expressed for the lack of regard Dorset County FA has shown to Football Leagues in scheduling weekly Cup fixtures, causing disruption to domestic fixtures.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Chairman would contact the Perry Street League to request any concern that might be affecting their Fixtures, and that a letter would be written to the Dorset CEO referencing our disappointment with Fixture schedule etc.</p>	<p>CAM</p> <p>JDS</p>
<p>5.3</p>	<p>Youth Fixtures Secretary –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fixtures commenced after the second lock down on December 6th with 12 Covid-19 related cancellations and 10 Covid-19 related cancellations on December 13th. - 8 schools have closed whole year groups. - Player Registrations: there are 1092 in paper copy, with 1042 on Whole Game. 1036 approved and 6 pending (2 Somerton, 2 Milborne Port and 2 Wells City). - The outstanding 50 (not entered on Whole Game) have paperwork missing; therefore, these players, being unregistered, are not covered by insurance. A notification will go to the Clubs concerned. 	<p>MH</p>
<p>5.4</p>	<p>Referees Appointments –</p> <p>Junior League</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Games played 141; games covered 135 = 95.74%. <p>Youth League</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Games played 177; games covered 156 = 88.14%. <p>Other matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Teams and Referees that have reported presenting Covid-19 symptoms have provide notifications accordingly and all are self-isolating within Government guidelines. 	
<p>6</p>	<p>Yeovil & District Mini League - update</p> <p>AB & GB reported a large increase in school closures around the district.</p> <p>AB made the executive decision for Mini League matches to be postponed until the weekend of 02 Jan 21 to align with YDFL Junior and Youth Leagues.</p>	
<p>7</p>	<p>Treasurers Report</p> <p>PM advised our current balance is approx. £14,000. Annual insurance fees to pay of approximately £434.</p> <p>He advised that research continues to source appropriate Officers insurance cover and will report back at the next Meeting.</p>	

8	Welfare & Respect Officer Report No report.	
9	Referee Representative's Report No report.	
10	Somerset Junior Football Alliance - update YDFL Chairman reported that the Alliance Group expressed disappointment that the annual County Liaison Meeting to discuss the Pyramid System had not been held for approx. 5 years. It has been agreed that the Chairman will discuss with the Somerset County League Officers.	JDS
11	Player & Club Conduct No matters to report.	
11.1	Cancelled Fixtures Junior League; No cancellations Youth League; No cancellations	
12	Correspondence There was no other correspondence.	
13	Any Other Business No other business was reported.	
14	Date of next Meeting Date of next Meeting was reported as 20 January 2021, 7:00pm via Zoom.	
	<p>There being no other business the Chairman thanked all Members for their attendance and wished everyone a safe and Merry Christmas. The Meeting closed at 20:00.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Chairman Date</p>	