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**MINUTES OF A YEOVIL & DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE MEETING HELD ON
17 MARCH 2021 VIA ZOOM COMMENCING AT 19:00 PM**

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

	Detail:	
1	Chairman's Welcome The Chairman welcomed all to the Meeting, stating that the easing of lockdown on the horizon it is hoped that we can return to "physical" Meetings soon.	
2	Apologies for Absence As registered above.	
3	Minutes of Previous Meeting The Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 February 2021 were accepted unanimously with two amendments* and will be signed by the Chair as a true and accurate reflection of the Meeting.	
4	Matters Arising 4.1 Item 5.3 – MH advised that all registrations had now been completed. 4.2 Item 4.2 – JS advised that Wyndham Athletic had held a Meeting to discuss possible withdrawal from the Dorset Cup however, the outcome had not been reported. 4.3 Item 4.3 – Promotion to Senior League – to be discussed at Item 10.	

5	<h3>Secretaries Reports</h3>	
5.1	<p>General Secretary – CAM advised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There was nothing from SFA to report. - JS advised that the SFA League Forum had taken place. GB advised this was a useful Meeting and would make his notes available. 	GB
5.2	<p>Junior Fixtures Secretary – NC advised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The aspiration is to progress Leagues as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Premier – nearly completed. To play the KO Cup in May, although Teams will have the option to not enter. ○ Division 1 – should be completed by end of May. ○ Division 2 – scheduled to complete by end of May with mid-week games. - JS confirmed that the early start to the season should result in concluding the season. We are one of a few Leagues that are continuing, early communication of intentions has kept the interest and engagement of Clubs. - It was noted that Castle Cary Reserves have taken the option to withdraw from the League. - NC advised that SFA appear to have acted contrary to their Transfer Rule. The Rule states that in a 28-day period a Club may only transfer 1 player from another Club. SFA advised Ashcott FC, that as long as the other Club agrees to the multiple transfers the Rule could be waived. - A question was raised regarding travel under covid restrictions – what is considered local, for example would Martock to Zeals, a distance of 25 miles, be considered local? JS advised that YDFL is a regulated Competition therefore providing the fixture was arranged by the League, travel would be permitted. 	
5.3	<p>Youth Fixtures Secretary – MH advised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fixtures for all Divisions had been rearranged for play between 31 March 2021 and 23 May 2021. - Withdrawals from the League: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wessex Rockets, Wessex Jets (U15), Wessex (U13) and Castle Cary (U14) - The new FA registration portal works well. 	
5.4	<p>Referees Appointments</p> <p>Junior League coverage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No games played since last report. <p>Youth League coverage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No games played since last report <p>Other matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IH had contacted local referees regarding the recommencement of football (Junior/Youth/Mini). He had received over 40 positive responses. There may be a clash of Junior and Youth fixtures – IH will discuss with NC & MH to clarify fixtures. <p>Use of changing rooms –SFA had provided information regarding cleaning of changing rooms. TL reported the changing rooms at Mudford Rec are not in use. It was agreed that match participants should arrive ready changed for the match.</p>	IH NC/MH
6	<p>Treasurers Report</p> <p>PM presented the balance sheet indicating the Year End position, reporting the Year End balance as £13,999 compared with £17,125 at the end of the previous season. These figures would be submitted for audit.</p> <p>Other matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SFA had not responded regarding the recent Youth Grant application. - Trophies not yet returned by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Strode – Div 1 runners up – PM cannot get response. He will contact Mike Dear. ○ South Cheriton – Div 2 runners up – trophy is in the pub which is currently closed. PM to follow up again. 	PM PM

	<p>Honorarium JS recommended all Honorariums remain as last season – total cost £4,250 (list attached). He advised that he and TS would be gifting their Honorariums to the League. It was agreed to review Honorarium payments as there had been no increase for many years and were much lower than other Leagues.</p> <p>Season 21/22 JS reported the reduction in income had been due to the reduction of affiliation entry fees. Proposed CAM seconded by RL that Season 2021/2022 affiliation fees remain at £60 Junior and £40 Youth, and the KO Cups fee increase to £10 for Junior and £5 for Youth. Vote: unanimous.</p>	RES 1
7	<p>Yeovil & District Mini League - update</p> <p>AB reported that the Mini League season would be concluded if possible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Playing the Champions League and Plate Competitions for the Development Teams. - U12 Divisions to be decided on a 1 game basis (not home and away); and - The High Holborn Cup and St John's Plate would be played. 	
8	<p>Welfare and Respect Officer</p> <p>TH reported that he and IH had met to resolve the complaint from 1 November 2020 (item 8 last Meeting) and the respective Clubs have been advised of the conclusion reached. There had been a positive response from both Clubs and the matter is now closed.</p>	
9	<p>Referees' Representative report</p> <p>NH had no matters to report.</p>	
10	<p>Somerset Junior Football Alliance – update</p> <p>SFA have reviewed the Rule regarding promotion and relegation from the County League. There would be two relegations from the County League, if the League is at full capacity, with an equivalent 2 promotions. However, this had been done by amending the wording of the Rule such that SFA had the ability to flex the relegations/promotions to suit their needs at the time. It was agreed that further discussion with the Alliance League Members was required.</p> <p>Season conclusion: Mid-Somerset League and Perry Street League had taken the decision to void the 20/21 season. Weston Super Mare to play to a conclusion. Taunton would play a Champions League.</p>	
11	<p>Player & Club Conduct Nothing to report.</p>	
11.1	<p>Cancelled Fixtures Nothing to report.</p>	
12	<p>Correspondence None.</p>	
13	<p>Rules Revision All Council Members were asked to review the Handbook and forward proposed changes, in writing, to CAM by 10 April 2021.</p>	All

14	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>It was agreed that, due to current Covid restriction, the AGMs would be rescheduled:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Youth League - 18 June 2021 - Junior League - 25 June 2021 - Mini League - week commencing 14 June 2021. <p>TH reported the sad passing of Jimmy Quinn, who had played in YDFL and Managed the Representative Team during the 1980s. Condolences were expressed to his family.</p> <p>PD advised that Team Gryphon would be playing at the Terraces in Sherborne from April 2021.</p>	
15	<p>Date of next Meeting</p> <p>Date of next Meeting 21 April 2021, 7:00pm, via Zoom.</p> <p>NB – proposed dates for AGMs to be held via Zoom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Youth League – Friday 18 June 2021 - Junior League – Friday 25 June 2021 	
	<p>There being no other business the Meeting was closed at 20:41.</p> <p>.....</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chairman</p> <p>.....</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Date</p>	