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MINUTES OF A YEOVIL & DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE MEETING HELD ON 21 APRIL 2021 VIA ZOOM COMMENCING AT 19:00 PM

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

	Detail:	
	Some technical issues were encountered. GB & TH were unable to join the meeting. After the issues were resolved (and following entertainment from PM) the meeting was able to commence at 19:11.	
1	Chairman's Welcome CAM opened the meeting until the Chairman was able to join. The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.	
2	Apologies for Absence Apologies were reported as register above.	
3	Minutes of Previous Meeting The Minutes of the meetings held on 15 April 2021 were accepted unanimously as a true and accurate reflection of the Meeting held. The Chairman will sign the Minutes out of Meeting.	
4	Matters Arising 4.1 Item 5.4 – MH reported that the Teams recorded should be Wessex Rockets U15, Wessex Wanderers U15 and Wessex Jets U13. 4.2 Item 6 – Following a question regarding Trophy return, PM confirmed all trophies had been returned.	
5	Secretaries Reports 5.1 General Secretary – CAM advised: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Since games had resumed following the recent lock-down, many Clubs had communicated various matters of discontent. It was noted that SFA had also received similar communications.Affiliation Forms for 21/22 season were being prepared and would be issued to Clubs in due course. Any forms incorrectly completed would be returned for correction; this would apply where the Club has only provided one contact number. A separate emergency number must be provided.SFA affiliation opens on 1 June 2021 and it was noted fees may be discounted. It was also noted that Clubs using Bluefin insurance via the SFA affiliation process would receive a discount.	

5.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Gen Sec had recently completed an FA "Adults in Football" Safeguarding Course. - Junior Clubs were to be reminded that if U18s are registered, the Club should have a Welfare Officer and Managers with DBS clearance. As a minimum the Club should have one DBS approved responsible person. - Sponsors will be contact to confirm they would be willing to continue their support of the League for the 21/22 season. <p>Junior Fixtures Secretary – NC advised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In his absence, the submitted report advised fixtures were progressing well and the season should complete by the end of May. 	NC
5.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Following a question regarding the Premier Division Cup, JS reported that NC would seek expressions of interest from the Teams to ascertain if there would be a viable Competition. 	
5.4	<p>Youth Fixtures Secretary – MH advised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All League fixtures were going well. - Two further Teams have withdrawn – Ashcott U16 and Cheddon U15. These were discussed and noted that all Teams had the opportunity to withdraw at no penalty before fixtures resumed. PH proposed, AB seconded, that the two Clubs be fined as per rule (14(A) - £15 plus loss of deposit) for the withdrawals. This was carried unanimously. - There had been several enquiries as to whether the Cup Competitions would be played this season. It was confirmed that there would be no time in this season. MH to advise Clubs. - A complaint had been received from Sherborne Town U16s regarding aggressive play by Wincanton U16s. The reverse fixture was due 16 May 2021 at which a League representative would be present. IH would Referee the fixture. - JS advised he had received an email from NM (Pen Mill U16) regarding the lack of games this season. It was noted that, due to limited U16 Teams, the U16s would play each other three times. However, this was reduced to twice due to Covid lockdowns, with insufficient time to play additional games. - AB advised he had received an email from a Referee regarding Ash U13s playing in black (v Aller Park U13). It was noted Ash had registered to play in Blue & Yellow and as the away Team would not have had to change for a colour clash. Proposed by PM, seconded RL, that a fine per rule (9A £10) be levied. This was carried unanimously. 	MH/CAM
5.4	<p>Referees Appointments</p> <p>Junior League coverage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 118/196 games – 95.92%. <p>Youth League coverage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 231/259 games – 89.19%. 	MH
6	<p>Treasurers Report</p> <p>Financial position</p> <p>There had been no update to the finances since the books were closed for audit. The accounts were with Clive Chant for audit.</p> <p>Other matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PM asked if there were any amendments to make to the match record books; with no amendments, it was agreed to order 50 books. - The Old Barn Club had been reserved from 15 September 2021 to 15 June 2022, in the hope that face to face meetings would resume. - The YDFL Annual Dinner had been reserved for 28 January 2022. - It was agreed to issue all fines that had been postponed due to Covid and football restrictions. - PM advised that internet banking would be arranged for the League, to monitor finances. PM & JS would remain signatories for this service. SBa suggested an individual payment limit of £1,000 any amount over that requiring two "signatories". CAM proposed, PH seconded, that PM arrange internet banking. This was agreed unanimously. 	
7	<p>Yeovil & District Mini League - update</p> <p>AB reported that the Mini League:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Had restarted fixtures and is progressing well, with few cancellations. - The High Holborne Shield would be played at Huish Park on 19 May 2021. - Following a question regarding Honoraria for Mini League officials, it was agreed that AB would discuss with PM and report at the next scheduled Mini League Meeting. 	AB
8	<p>Welfare and Respect Officer</p> <p>No matters to report.</p>	
9	<p>Referees' Representative report</p> <p>NH had sent an email advising that a Premier League Team had not provided an Assistants flag as required by Referee Covid procedures. It was agreed that IH would remind Referees to contact Clubs prior to fixtures to ensure Teams would be aware of their responsibilities.</p>	IH

10	Somerset Junior Football Alliance – update JS had spoken to other Leagues regarding SFA's Rule change on promotions/relegations from the Senior League. It was noted, if at any time the Rule change affected the Junior Leagues, further debate would be had.	
11	Player & Club Conduct Nothing to report.	
11.1	Cancelled Fixtures (Team in bold cancelled) Junior League Details awaited – may be presented to the next meeting. Youth League Perry Street v Ashcott (U16 Div1) (1 st cancellation - £20 fine)	
12	Correspondence None.	
13	Rules Revision Council members had not raised any matters since the last meeting. It was agreed for YDFL Rules to remain, subject to Standard Code amendments. Following a question regarding commencement of the 2021/22 season, JS advised it is the League's aspiration to play. Should the season not go ahead for any reason, refunds to Clubs would be considered.	
14	Any Other Business RL asked if the League had considered an U17 League? He was advised this possibility had been explored however, not many Clubs expressed an interest. JS advised that end of the season presentations would take place over the coming weeks. Council members were requested to make themselves available with social distancing guidelines prevalent.	
15	Date of next meeting Date of next meeting 19 May 2021 via Zoom. NB – proposed dates for AGMs to be held via Zoom if public Meetings were not possible. - Youth League – Friday 18 June 2021 - Junior League – Friday 25 June 2021	
	There being no other business the meeting closed at 20:39. 	