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

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

	Detail:	
1	Chairman's Welcome JS welcomed all to the Meeting, reporting he was pleased that we may be moving towards "normality" after Covid-19. He further reported that the Mini League High Holborn Shield was being held and other important fixtures at the same time as the Meeting.	
2	Apologies for Absence Apologies as registered above.	
3	Minutes of Previous Meeting The Minutes of the Meeting held 21 April 2021 were accepted unanimously as a true and accurate reflection of the Meeting held. The Chairman to sign the Minutes out of Meeting.	
4	Matters Arising	
4.1	Item 5.3 – following a question from MH, CAM confirmed an email had been issued to Ash FC for wearing a black kit however, Ash FC had been reported as playing twice more in the same kit. It was agreed a fine as per rule would be levied.	CAM
4.2	Item 11.1 – following a question from SBr., the cancelled fixture, Perry Street v Ashcott U16 fine should have been £20, and the minutes were amended. CAM advised she had levied the fine as £20.	
5	Secretaries Reports	
5.1	General Secretary & Sponsorship Secretary – CAM advised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - League AGMs had been set. Youth would be conducted via Zoom and Junior at The Old Barn Club, Yeovil, if Covid-19 restrictions permit. All documentation would be provided to Clubs and Council Members by electronically. - Youth & Junior affiliation forms had been uplifted with new fees. - Sponsorship invoices would be issued in due course. - The Youth Registration Secretary was asked to extend an invitation to affiliate to U12 Teams. - New Club interviews would be conducted as necessary, by JS & CAM. 	MH

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The 21-22 season would see mandatory Player email address with registration. YDFL are 70% complete with this task. CAM had Meetings with SFA regarding this where it was noted that if Clubs do not comply, they cannot affiliate with County, and by association, neither can the League. Youth affiliations could use a 'family email' for up to 3 siblings. - Jen Gregory had resigned and is due to leave the FA next month; interviews were taking place for a replacement Head of Governance and Football Services. - All sponsors had received an email inviting them to discuss next season. One sponsor had asked to postpone his support for next season; most others had confirmed they are happy to proceed. A few had not yet responded. Individual Meetings would be arranged, as necessary. - The League App had been updated with Government and FA guidance throughout the year and would continue to do so while restrictions remain in place for grassroots football. 	
5.2	<p>Junior Fixtures Secretary – NC advised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fixtures were progressing well despite some problems with the number of games to be played. - All Divisions should be completed by end of May, although there was one game set for June. - We had been advised of several Clubs that wish to field a reserve Team next season. There are two potential problems: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Strobe wish to enter a third Team. After discussion it was agreed this would not be possible unless they use the grass pitch as well as the AstroTurf. NC to advise Club. o Pen Mill wish to enter a third Team. Again, this was discussed at length – as the Club's Reserve Team are in Division 2 it would not be possible to play a third Team in the same Division. Neither the first nor reserve Teams could be promoted. Two options were put forward: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The new Team is entered under a different affiliation (in the past - Pen Mill Athletic) ▪ Players sign for one Team and cannot swap to another Team without proper transfer. <p>JS to advise Club.</p> <p>JS gave credit to all Clubs for their efforts this season in helping to complete the fixtures.</p> 	<p>NC</p> <p>JS</p>
5.3	<p>Youth Fixtures Secretary – MH advised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - She had requesting to extend the Youth season to Wednesday 26 May 2021, with one fixture to complete (Somerton V Wincanton). The extension was agreed. - Three new Teams had expressed an interest for next season and the U12 Clubs had been invited to join the U13 League. - There were some results sheets outstanding (Milborne Port 2 and Perry Street 2). MH would chase. 	MH
5.4	<p>Referees Appointments</p> <p>Junior League coverage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 253/262 games – 96.56%. - <p>Youth League coverage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 288/324 games – 88.89%. 	
6	<p>Treasurers Report</p> <p>Financial position</p> <p>The audit had not been completed however, PM would allow a further two weeks before withdrawal of the books for alternative auditing services.</p> <p>Other matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 100 new match books had been ordered. - All outstanding fines were with CAM to follow up. - PM requested an email be issued to all Clubs regarding additional medals. CAM & MH to do this and pass responses to PM. - PM asked the Committee for permission to acquire two new presentation tables to provide adequate cover for Cup Final events. This was agreed. - Honoraria had not been paid. PM would deal with this as soon as the cheque book is returned from the auditor. 	<p>CAM</p> <p>CAM/MH</p> <p>PM</p> <p>PM</p>
7	<p>Yeovil & District Mini League - update</p> <p>AB reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The High Holborn Shield final was played at Yeovil Town's Huish Park – Axminster Town Youth U12 v Ilchester Youth U12 Trojans. Ilchester Trojans won 5 – 0. - Fixtures were going well with all Leagues completed and Cup finals due to be played 13 June 2021. 	
8	<p>Welfare and Respect Officer</p> <p>TH reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two outstanding issues were being managed by SFA, the other with DFA. - Clubs continue to send welfare reports to MH, which she passes on unread. Clubs are to be reminded at the AGMs that all welfare reports are to be emailed to TH. - He had attended an U16 match between Wincanton and Sherborne because of concerns expressed at the previous fixture of these Teams. The game was refereed by IH who dealt with all on field matters well. A Wincanton Manager in the technical area was issued with a yellow card. As the referee turned back to the game the Managers actions were very disrespectful to the referee. These 	

	<p>actions were in full view of the players but unseen by the referee who was moving in the opposite direction. It was agreed that this was a disciplinary matter and as a League representative, TH could report the matter to IH to append to his match report to SFA.</p> <p>CAM advised she had received an email from Jody Winter of FC Lantokay, expressing his disgust at the action of some Members of Martock FC. It was agreed that further information was required before the matter could be investigated fully. CAM to write to Jody Winter.</p>	<p>TH IH</p> <p>CAM</p>
9	<p>Referees' Representative report</p> <p>No matters to report.</p>	
10	<p>Somerset Junior Football Alliance – update</p> <p>No matters to report.</p>	
11	<p>Player & Club Conduct Nothing to report.</p>	
11.1	<p>Cancelled Fixtures (Team in bold cancelled) Junior League 17th April 2021 Odcombe Reserves v Zeals (Div 2) (1st cancellation - £20 fine) 22nd April 2021 Pen Mill Athletic Reserves v Ilchester Reserves (Div 2) (1st cancellation - £20 fine) 24th April 2021 Ashcott Reserves v AFC Strode (Div 1) (1st cancellation - £20 fine) 29th April 2021 Zeals v Ilchester Reserves (Div 2) (1st cancellation - £20 fine) 1st May 2021 Bruton United v Barwick (Div 1) (1st cancellation - £20 fine) 8th May 2021 Wyndham Athletic v Ilchester (Div 1) (1st cancellation - £20 fine) 15th May 2021 Keinton Park Rangers Reserves v Pen Mill Athletic Reserves (Div 2) (1st cancellation - £20 fine) Barwick Reserves v Zeals (Div 2) (1st cancellation - £20 fine)</p> <p>Youth League Sunday 18th April 2021 Wells City v Cheddon Youth (U15 Div 1) (1st cancellation - £20 fine) Perry Street v Merriott Eagles (U15 Div 2) (1st cancellation - £20 fine) Pen Mill Pumas v Stoke Youth (U16 Div 2) (1st cancellation - £20 fine) Wednesday 21st April 2021 Perry Street v Milborne Port (U15 Div 2) (2nd cancellation - £20 fine, 1 pt deducted, game awarded) Sunday 25th April 2021 Ash Rovers v Pen Mill Predators (U13 Div 2) (1st cancellation - £20 fine) Wells City v Sherborne Town (U15 Div 1) (1st cancellation - £20 fine) Ilminster Youth v Pen Mill Pumas (U16 Div 2) (2nd cancellation - £20 fine, 1 pt deducted, game awarded) Merriott Vipers v Somerton Town (U16 Div 2) (1st cancellation - £20 fine) Sunday 2nd May 2021 Sherborne Town v Somerton Town (U15 Div 1) (2nd cancellation - £20 fine, 1 pt deducted, game awarded) Bruton Bulls v Pen Mill (U15 Div 2) (Cancelled on day - £30 fine, 3 pts deducted, game awarded) Perry Street v Westland Puma (U15 Div 2) (3rd cancellation - £30 fine, 2 pts deducted, game awarded) Somerton Rangers v Wincanton Town (U16 Div 1) (1st cancellation - £20 fine) Sunday 9th May 2021 Merriott Vipers v Pen Mill Pumas (U16 Div 2) (2nd cancellation - £20 fine, 1 pt deducted, game awarded) Somerton Town v Ilminster Youth (U16 Div 2) (3rd cancellation - £30 fine, 2 pts deducted, game awarded)</p>	
12	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>SFA had advised that the Charter Standard Scheme is being replaced by an England Football accreditation scheme. There would be a webinar provided to detail the changes.</p> <p>JS advised that he had received an email from IC to say that, due to changed work commitments, he would not be able to continue as a YDFL Committee Member. Gratitude was expressed for the support and dedication provided throughout his time with the League.</p> <p>AB reported he had attended a SFA webinar regarding a project to redevelop facilities at Wadham School with an estimated cost of £700k. The project would provide an adult full size Astroturf facility usable by SFA from 5:00pm each day and at weekends at a proposed cost of £60 for 2 hours. Further details would be forthcoming.</p>	
13	<p>Rules Revision</p> <p>No changes have been advised.</p>	

14	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>AB advised that due to previous problems with these two Teams, IH would referee and provide two assistants for the forthcoming Wincanton v Sherborne U16 fixture.</p>	
15	<p>Date of next Meeting</p> <p>Date of next Meeting 25 June 2021, after Junior League AGM.</p> <p>NB – dates for AGMs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Youth League – Friday 18 June 2021, via Zoom. - Mini League – Wednesday 23 June 2021, via Zoom - Junior League – Friday 25 June 2021, in person if permitted, otherwise via Zoom. 	
	<p>There being no other business the Meeting closed at 20:46.</p> <p>.....</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chairman</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Date</p>	