dfSTOCKTON SUNDAY LEAGUE

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F.A & Durham County F.A Charter Standard League

GENERAL MEETING 22 SEPTEMBER 2022

At

**MALLEABLE SOCIAL CLUB**

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, Steve Gibson took the chair for the meeting and opened the meeting at 7-30 and welcomed all present. He then handed over to the League Secretary.

Apologies – Peter Livingstone and Derek Overton

Minutes of last meeting the main points were added to the website on the 6 August 2022, and the minutes were added 3 September 2022, members present agreed they were a true record.

Matters Arising – Dismissals – more in Secretaries report

Teams to stay behind: None

##### Secretaries Report & Correspondence

Secretaries Report – Matters Arising

It seems Clubs did not take notice of this last meeting therefore I have included again in this meeting: Teams have complained about being fined for this when they were advised at the last meeting as per notes below:

One area of concern is that teams are not including the games when issued with a suspension notice in WGS this causes major problems and is one of the reasons the report is 11 pages long. There are several players who have been registered this season that are showing as suspended in WGS, it is a Clubs responsibility to ensure that these players are ok to play. When a player is dismissed, you must show on the form from the County FA the games he is suspended for, these can normally be found on the website, if not then please contact League Secretary who should be able to advise of games missed. No excuses going forward, if not completed then further action may well be taken against the club.

**Charter Standard**

I was supposed to attend a meeting on Tuesday 20 September 2022 at DFA for Charter Standard however it was cancelled due to people not being available. I was hoping to have information regarding Club Accreditation however I have spoken with Andy Brown at DFA and he has advised that everything is now done online. Foe existing Clubs this can be found on the Club Portal in WGS and you need to validate the Club Portal adopting the policies and ensuring you have a first aider in place. For new clubs you need to start the process and check out what is required if you have any problems then for DFA clubs please speak to Andy Brown at DFA and for North Riding clubs contact Donna Crowther who will help and advise. If you don’t have a first aider then you need to have someone do an online course to complete your validation but this person must be then linked to your team in WGS as your first aider. First Aid courses are now online therefore please ensure that you have at least one person complete the course.

I can add that if you don’t do this then your place within the league will be placed in a dangerous position as league rules state that clubs shall complete what was Charter Standard but is now the England Club Accreditation as part of your league membership.

Durham FA are holding a webinar on 19 October 2022 for new and existing clubs in order for you to complete your application for accreditation, this is your chance to find out what is required and what you need to do.

If you have any player under 18 then your Club must have someone qualified with an FA DBS, again this can be done online. I would suggest teams do this so that if they sign an under 18 player they will be covered for the player to be signed. No more under 18 players will be registered within the league unless the Club has an FA DBS in place and I have been notified who this is.

The revalidation window for existing clubs opens on the 1 November 2022.

Correspondence

League Statement – from FA received on a weekly basis.

**Secretaries Report**

One area of concern is with teams not confirming games within the timescale, please note that when at HOME you must contact opponents advising them of the ground, time of kick off and colours also the referee need to be advised of ground and time of kick off, failure to do this by a Wednesday will result in your club being fined and could even lead to referee being moved if we are short elsewhere. Teams who fail to contact opponents and if I am advised then a fine will be issued for failing to confirm the fixture. My advice is not to leave until the last minute (ie a Wednesday) confirm in plenty of time. It is also the AWAY teams responsibility to acknowledge any message to let home team know it has been received.

You need to ensure that you check WGS for any player cautioned or dismissed as any fine due will be listed here and is your responsibility to sort out and pay on time. If you are not the secretary then you need to pass this information on to them so they are aware of what to do.

One area of concern is that teams are not contacting opponents and/or referee as per league rules, when at home it is your responsibility to advise opponents and referee of the fixture, advise of the time of kick off and with opponents your colours so there is no clash.

Player registrations, when signing a player you must advise League Secretary when you add a player to WGS to be registered if you do not advise then the player will not be registered and you could end up playing an unregistered player.

Also teams are very lax in paying fines, the following teams have outstanding fines, Beckfields (£6), and The Griffin (£6) all need to paid otherwise additional fines will be added.

Player registration fees were due to be paid by tonight as yet 2 teams are still to pay, reminder was sent yesterday. Thanks to those teams who have paid the fees.

Up to date Conduct Table available to view as you came in, only one team to date no penalty points.

For easy viewing the Premier division teams are in RED and the First division in BLACK.

**Team of the Month** – August / September winner will be announced at the next meeting.

**Cup Draws**  None as Cup games were cancelled and have been re-arranged

**Referees:**  (Jes Lambert / Jack Arrowsmith) Welcome Jack to meeting

**Roll Call** – four teams missing, Beckfields, Middleton Rangers, Yarm Albion and Yarm Athletic.

**Any Other Business** - None

Chairman’s Closing Remarks – Steve Gibson thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 7-48 pm.