GOALS STOCKTON SUNDAY LEAGUE

**(Founded 1968)**

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING 28 March 2018**

**Held at Elm Tree Social Club**

Present: Peter Mack (Chairman), P Livingstone (Vice Chairman), L Golightly,

M Blackburn, Peter Irish, M Sowerby, J Lambert, G Hewitson, D Overton,

Matthew Smith (Stockton RA), K D Clark (Secretary)

Apologies: Alan Close,

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19:32 and welcomed all to the meeting, he then handed over to the League Secretary who advised the minutes of the last meeting 21 February 2018 had been posted on the website (1 March) and the members agreed they were a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

##### Secretaries Report & Correspondence

Secretaries Report – Matters Arising

Massive congratulations to Hardwick Social Club who have progressed to the final All England Sunday Cup following a 2-1 win against New Salamis on Sunday 25 March 2018 at Alfreton Town F.C they now face Gym United F.C of Bury St Edmunds on the 29 April with the venue to be decided. I have to add that I was disappointed that I could not attend and also no members of the Management Committee were able to attend this fixture.

Still having problems with fines being paid on time, again two teams to appear before the Management Committee following this meeting, two teams have been suspended by the League Billingham Cowpen Club and Norton Unicorn. There are a number of fines overdue by Clubs I have emailed Clubs about these and these need to be paid tonight otherwise additional fines will be administered.

A reminder about the cup rules for semi-finals.

(iv) Any player shall be qualified to play in the rounds (except the semi-final and final) of the competition that, at the date when the round is played, would be qualified to play in the Stockton Sunday Football League. In the semi-final and final, a player MUST have played at least three league games before the time of the match unless the player has played in the previous rounds of the competition in any one season. Offending Clubs will be dismissed from the competition and be dealt with as the Management Committee may decide.

**Charter Standard**

The Charter Standard Health Check for 2017-2018 closes on Saturday 31 March 2018 any team who has not completed faces further sanctions from the league.

It is pleasing to note that all North Riding County Football Association have completed their Health Check only Riverside and Eston & Normanby Social Club haven’t submitted their applications as yet.

Correspondence

League Statement – from FA received on a weekly basis.

Various E-Mails requesting fixture postponements already

Correspondence from DFA regarding GDPR (more in Secretaries Report)

Correspondence from DFA regarding Senior League Meeting 5 April 2018

Secretaries Report

One of the most important point tonight is the fixtures for April and into May, you will notice that some teams have not got a game especially on the 8 April as this depends on the cup games played that week, fixtures may be arranged at a moment’s notice for that date, other factors to bear in mind that there are still some outstanding cup games in the Steven Wells Memorial Trophy to be arranged which means some league games may be moved to midweek to allow the cup games to go ahead on a Sunday. Also we lose two pitches at the beginning of next month, the Acorn Centre (Marton Rovers and Thornaby Roundel) as well as Conyers School (Thornaby Oddfellows and Nifco) therefore please bear with me while pitches are sorted out for these games. When a fixture changes I will send out an email to advise of the change but please keep an eye on the website for any changes of fixture or referee. Also in some instances teams may find they have two midweek games in the same week, this cannot be avoided and may happen again once the cup fixture for the Steven Wells Memorial Trophy are played. Part of the reason with the fixtures is where teams share a pitch and you may find that your pitch has two games a week on it as well so please bear this in mind.

There is a change to the Premier Division fixtures for the 22 April 2018 whereby the fixture Hardwick Social Club v Village Park Rangers has been cancelled and replaced by Hardwick Social Club v Norton George & Dragon referee Jamie Cann brought forward from 29 April when Hardwick Social Club are in the final of the FA Sunday Cup. The Hardwick Social Club v Village Park Rangers fixture will move to a date in May.

This also puts a doubt on the John Jackson Memorial Trophy semi-final scheduled for 29 April 2018.

With regards to fixtures one point I must bring to your attention is in relation to league rule 10 (J) which deals with request for a postponement:

(J) Any Club requiring a postponement for non-footballing activities MUST submit the reason(s) in writing to the Secretary at least 14 days prior to the event for approval to be considered, Clubs failing to do so will not be granted a postponement. No applications will be accepted for any weeks after March 1st, unless teams are well advanced in their fixtures.

The last date for Registrations and Transfers is Saturday 31 March 2018, these need to be submitted to Jes on or before this date to be eligible, any submitted after the deadline will not be processed.

Al League trophies need to be returned by 31 March 2018 otherwise fines will be imposed, they also need to have been engraved if not you will be charged for the engraving when they are done.

Also 31 March 2018 is the deadline for any team who are wishing to resign from the League, we already have four such submissions so this will affect next season as a couple of these are Premier division sides. This means there could be some serious reconstruction of divisions next season. If you are unsure about what is happening with your team next season then it is better to submit resignation (can be done by email) and it can always be withdrawn as long as before the Annual General Meeting in June.

There is a big change coming with regards to GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations) this comes into force as of the 25 May 2018 and as yet I do not know the full implications of this, Durham County Football Association have organised a meeting for the 5 April 2018 to which I will be attending. It applies to all data that we gather from Clubs and players, this also affects clubs and the data they collect from their players, (I have included a copy of the information I was sent for clubs in your envelope). Hopefully at our next meeting I will have more information about this and will be able to advise on what is required by the League and by Clubs. This is not something we can ignore as it carries massive fines, I sometimes think they don’t take into consideration that we are in the main volunteers and are making things much more difficult.

Another change for next season is with the Standard Code of Rules for 2018-2019 these have yet to be approved by the FA Council but basically the rules are being split into two different sections, Governance and Match Related rules, once approved and any changes noted I will issue these to teams.

As far as Durham County Football Association the league fees and public liability insurance remain the same for next season also there will be a £50 grant towards player insurance again for next season. I have not had information from North Riding County Football Association but that is nothing new.

**Cup Draws**  None tonight all have been completed

**Team of the Month** –February 2018 - Stockton Sun Inn F.C (Division Two) had four league wins, goals 17F and 5A, only blemish was one caution during the month. League President Derek Overton presented match ball to Stockton Sun Inn secretary Mick Jackson.

March 2018 – No winner due to two weeks of postponements plus only 20 games in total played this month.

Once again I will put these notes on the website so you can check out anything you have missed or to use as a reminder.

**Referees:**  Jes Lambert / Matthew Smith

Two of our Durham County Football Association referees were recently promoted, Jack Arrowsmith from Level 7 to 6 and Matthew Smith from Level 6 to 5.

Also some of our referees have been appointed to County Cup finals by Durham County Football Association, these are as follows:

Sunday Cup: Referee Jamie Cann

Challenge Cup: Assistant Referee James Bancroft

Under 18 (Saturday): Fourth Official Matthew Smith

Under 14 Cup: Assistant Referee Jack Arrowsmith

Well done to all of these.

Had no details from North Riding County Football Association about any of our referee’s being promoted or appointed to their cup finals.

Any Other Business

The Roll Call was taken and three Teams were not present: Norton George & Dragon F.C, Thornaby Sports & Leisure F.C and TS1 Tees Valley F.C

There being no further business the Chairman advised next meeting is scheduled for 25 April 2018 and he then closed the meeting at 19-48.

Signed: ………………………………………………….. Date: 25 April 2018