STOCKTON SUNDAY LEAGUE

**(Founded 1968)**





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

FIXTURES MEETING 3 AUGUST 2023

In the absence of the Chairman the meeting was opened by the President Derek Overton at 19:33 and he welcomed both old and new members to the first meeting of the new season. He then handed over to the League Secretary.

The League Secretary advised that apologies had been received from Jes Lambert and Lee Golightly.

The minutes of last meeting’s – April 2023 - Main points added 10 April 2023, minutes added 28 April 2023.

Matters Arising – None as the minutes are regarding last season and not concerning this season.

**England Accreditation replacing Charter Standard**

A number of clubs need to sort out their accreditation for Durham clubs you need to contact Andy Brown at Durham FA and for North Riding clubs it is Donna Crowther at NRCFA. (Donna is no longer at NRCFA therefore unsure who the new contact is.

Secretaries Report & Correspondence

Correspondence

League Statement – from FA received on a weekly basis.

Correspondence re Under 18 players (more in Secretaries report)

County Cup dates from Durham FA

Team Agreement Form – this should have been returned by tonight, to date I have received 6 forms. Remember there is a £10 fine for non return of the Team Agreement Form. I will give teams until Sunday to return the form after that the fine will be issued.

**Secretaries Report**

First of all I would like to welcome the new teams we have with us for this season, I wish you well for the coming season and hope you enjoy your time in the league.

We have a number of teams who have joined us since the AGM and I am pleased they have joined us. I did receive an email about this asking why they were accepted into the league without an AGM, it has always been the practice to keep the door open for teams after the AGM if there are vacancies which was the case this season and I am pleased teams choose our league to be a part of.

I have only found out that Darlington Slaters Arms have not signed any players and when I contacted them, they advised that they had pulled out of the league leaving Division One with ten teams. Therefore, the first two games against Stockton The Station and Fox Covert have had to be postponed and I cannot organise anything for those two dates. The website will be updated to reflect this as soon as possible.

Fixtures for August and September are in your envelope tonight, no fixtures for 10 September yet as this is the first round of the Ian Gorman Memorial Trophy (will be drawn later), also 3 September is liable to change due to the Durham Sunday Cup, fixtures will be added and modified once I get the draw. There could also be changes on the 17 September as this is the first round of the Heart Foundation cup and there are a couple of teams who have entered this competition as well.

Two changes on the fixtures for Division One 20 August 2023 first change is that Penny Black v Beckfields will now be reversed to Harold Wilson as Penny Blacks ground not available therefore it is now Beckfields home fixture. Also 17 September Penny Black have requested a postponement therefore new fixture is Rimswell v Beckfields.

The Divisional cups the John Jackson and Alan Close Memorial Trophies will also be drawn tonight and will be fitted in around other fixtures as and when.

Whilst on about postponements: If a team requires a postponement, they must give at least 14 days’ notice to postpone a game if not then the request will be turned down, if you cannot play then you will be liable to a fine and possible points deduction. Any postponement request MUST be submitted in writing (email is acceptable) otherwise it will not be considered.

There is a handout for the new teams regarding the login and passwords (previously sent) and details for completing the match return following your fixture, any problems then please contact myself.

The match sheets come in three parts, white copy (top one) goes to the match referee, the pink copy goes to opponents and you keep the blue copy for a while in case of any problems.

The match return needs to be completed after the game but must be submitted before 6pm on a Tuesday, otherwise a fine will be issued. Most teams complete after the game on a Sunday but ensure you fill in correctly otherwise you could well be fined. It is easy to check if this has been completed by going to the Results tab and selecting your game and checking if the return is visible. Any information that is missing (ie Yellow or Red cards) will result in a fine being issued, please note that I get a report from the referee regarding the fixture and he will advise of any cards issued. If you miss anything off the match return and realise after submitting either send me a text, email or phone call advising of the mistake as once submitted you cannot change anything and I will amend.

If unsure your team had been issued any cards by the referee, then please check with the referee at the end of the game in a polite manner. If you have any problem with the match return then please let me know, it is better than getting a fine from me.

As a reminder when registering a player under the age of 18 the registration must be added with the players photo this is an FA rule not a league rule. Also if you have players under the age of 18 then you must follow the FA rules for these players (see handout in your envelope). You must also have somebody registered as a Welfare Officer for the Club and needs to be added to your Club Portal.

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

In order to play on the 20 August, the players registration must be submitted on the Club Portal by the 6 August 2023 and then I will add to your team. To date there are only 2 teams that have not registered any players as yet, these need to be added by Sunday to be eligible for the first game.

Registration can be submitted any time after 21 August, as a reminder and for new teams when you sign a player on the day you must advise the league secretary by text before kick-off of the players full name, date of birth and address otherwise if not advised then you may well be charged with an unregistered player. The players details then need to be added to the Club Portal and league secretary advised when done so he can be added to website and be added to your match return. As long as you advise the League Secretary of the new registration then the player or players are covered by the insurance.

Just to advise that players from Malleable and Billingham Cowpen from last season have all been suspended due to monies owed by those two teams. A number of players have paid (mainly Cowpen) and are eligible to play however those who have not paid will remain suspended unless they pay what is owed. It is best to check with League Secretary about these players if signing any on.

There are a number of players who are suspended from the first game of the season, these are a carry over from last season, once I have been advised I will update the website for players that are suspended however it is your Clubs responsibility to check these and advise the player accordingly.

The fixtures will be added to the website later and Jes will update with the referee’s, please remember that you must contact the match referee before 9pm on a Wednesday evening (do not leave until last minute) if the referee is not contacted then if we are short for any match then Jes will remove the referee from your game.

Whilst on about website this is the first port of call for any fixtures, referee appointments and match returns. Website is maintained on a regular basis by league secretary and referee appointment secretary. All information should be on the website, team details are in some cases hidden from general view and a password is required to find team details. (Whistle90 is the password for referee information)

No transfer can take place until after the first game has been played, ie the 21 August 2023. In order for a transfer to take place the team requesting the transfer must approach the players current club and ask if 7 day’s notice is required. If the players current club agree to the transfer then 7 days can be waived and then the transfer can be submitted via the Club Portal and the fee of £15 must be sent to the league’s bank account. If the team objects to the transfer, then 7 day’s notice must be submitted to the club in writing requesting the transfer of the said player. There will be no need for a transfer form to be completed this can be done through the Club Portal and submitted to the league. Any transfer must be submitted through the Club Portal by a Friday evening in order for the transfer to be completed in order for the player to play on the Sunday. If not submitted correctly and payment not received then transfer will not be completed.

There is an updated list for the Good Conduct Scheme, (copy in your envelope) for the benefit of the new teams this is basically a reward for teams who do things correctly, there are penalty points for various offences and the most serious carry the most points.

Last season teams were very lax in paying any fines to the league therefore I am advising all teams I will be tidying things up this season, you will get one reminder and 48 hours to pay if not paid then additional fine will be added.

**Team of the Month** – We will be continuing with the Team of the Month next season. For the benefit of new teams, this award is based on results but also takes into account, referee’s report, yellow and red cards also attendance at meetings is important. There is a monthly prize for the team adjudged to have the best record that month, the first award will be for August & September.

Handbook Changes – As teams can now amend their details themselves on the website, they can keep the details up to date but please advise League Secretary of any changes you make.

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**Cup Draws:** Draws will be carried out tonight for the following competitions:

Ian Gorman Memorial Trophy Round 1 & 2

John Jackson Memorial Trophy Round 1 & 2

Alan Close Memorial Trophy Round 1 & 2.

Total mess up by the League Secretary therefore only the first round was drawn.

**Referees:**  (Jes Lambert / Jack Arrowsmith)

Unfortunately, Jes is away at present however can I on his behalf advise that if you wish to contact him (not always easy) either ring and leave a message or send him an email or text, contact Jes re any referee appointments (not me). Please do not try and contact after 9pm at night this also applies to me.

As there is a lot of information tonight I will 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.

**Any Other Business**

Date of the next League Meeting (21st September 2023) teams will be advised accordingly.

The Roll Call was taken and one team missing The Wynyard F.C

The Chairman’s closing remarks he thanked the members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8-10pm.