GOALS STOCKTON SUNDAY LEAGUE

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING 23 March 2016**

**Held at Elm Tree Social Club**

Present: P Mack (Chairman), D Overton, L Golightly, M Blackburn, P Irish

P Livingstone (Vice Chairman), G Hewitson, M Sowerby, J Lambert

K D Clark (Secretary)

Apologies: J K Johnson, A Close, Jean Johnson, G Mann (Referee Rep),

The Chairman Peter Mack opened the meeting at 7-31, he advised there was not a lot to discuss tonight and he then handed over to the League Secretary advised the members that the minutes of the previous meeting 24 February 2016 had been posted on the League website the members agreed with this and they were signed by the Chairman.

##### Secretaries Report & Correspondence

Secretaries Report – Matters Arising

Nothing

**Charter Standard**

You only have about a couple of days left to complete your Charter Standard Health Check, the following Durham County Football Association Clubs still need to complete: I need to know where the following teams are at with their Charter Standard Health Check as I was unable to contact Andy Brown as he is on holiday this week, The Oxbridge, Jolly Farmers, Fairfield Sports & Social Club and Norton Unicorn.

Nominations are open for the FA Community Awards these can be accessed via the Durham or North Riding websites, this is an opportunity for you to nominate a Team or individual for an award, maybe somebody you think deserves some recognition. There are seven categories full details are on the websites of the County FA, closes 31 March 2016.

Correspondence

League Statement – from the FA received on a weekly basis.

Various E-Mails requesting fixture postponements

DFA re Season extension being granted

DFA Referee Promotions & County Cup Final dates

Secretaries Report

Fixtures are a nightmare for Premier Division re John Jackson Memorial Trophy and in Division Two, these are where night games will be required. Would like to discuss John Jackson Memorial Trophy with Premier Division teams at end of meeting, I did email all clubs advising them of this.

Just as a reminder and for new teams and secretaries regarding night games, the website defaults to a 6 pm kick off, teams need to agree kick off time no later than 6-30, the earlier the better and depending on the weather need to play a minimum of 35 minutes each way if weather not good. Results for night games need to be text in as normal or result put on website by 10 o’clock and match return to be completed for a Tuesday night by 6 o’clock Thursday evening and for a Thursday night by 6 on a Saturday evening. I have been advised that Middlesbrough have a couple of Tuesday fixtures therefore if agreeable can be switched to a Thursday.

Just as a reminder that the last date to sign or transfer players is the 31 March 2016, this is also the date for teams to tender resignation by if they are unsure what is happening the following season.

31 March is also the date that any trophies teams hold need returning by, can be returned at the March meeting.

Teams in semi-final need to be aware of league rules re player qualification, they need to have played three league games or taken part in a previous round of the competition, any breach of the rule will result in the team being eliminated from the competition. You can easily check on the website if a player is qualified by going to your team on the website, select the player and it shows how many games he has played, if you click on the players name it then brings up a list of games he has played in, make sure he has played 3 league games or has made an appearance in the competition.

The fees for cup games are Referee £25 (normal fee) and Assistant referee’s £15, fees are split between the two teams, can the Home secretary please organise with Away secretary to get their half of the fee (£27-50) and the Home secretary to pay the officials promptly.

I have to advise the Durham County Football Association Teams that the player Insurance scheme for next season is changing and it will now be paid per team (will save most money), the cost will be £105 per team however DFA are to give all teams £50 towards this Insurance. Also on the Public Liability Insurance – The Association is to cease with the player to player cover due to the increased premium and also the fact that the majority of other County’s do not have player to player as it was considered that this encourages claims.

The League has three teams in County Cup finals this season, Layfield Arms are in the final of the North Riding County Football Association Sunday Challenge Cup, and final is 21 April 2016 at Stokesley, Thornaby Village are in the final of North Riding County Football Association Sunday County Cup on 7 April 2016 again at Stokesley.

Finally Hardwick Social Club are in the final of the Durham County Football Association Sunday Cup on 15 May 2016 at the Hetton Centre, kick off 11-00 am. Huge congratulations to those teams concerned and I would hope that people go along and support them.

I am also advising Teams that I will be away from 3 April until the 8 April, not contactable, therefore for this period you need to text the results for this period to Jes Lambert or update website before the advised time. Also ensure match returns are done on time as well.

Date of the next League Meeting which is on Wednesday 27 April 2016.

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.

**Team of the Month** – February (No winner)

**Cup Draws** – None

**Referees:**  Jes Lambert / Geoff Mann - Nothing to report

Any Other Business

Peter Livingstone brought up about players owing money and he had 6 players who owed £10 each but in order for the North Riding County Football Association to suspend these players it will cost £25 per player meaning to recover £60 it would cost £150 this is absurd. He also mentioned that these players have gone to other Clubs in different leagues. He mentioned that players should only be allowed to sign for one Sunday League this would cease the problem. League Secretary reported not sure how this would work.

The Roll Call was taken and 2 Teams were missing: The Oxbridge F.C & Norton Red Lion F.C

There being no further business the Chairman reminded members that the clocks go forward this weekend and that the date of the next meeting is the 27 April 2016 and he closed the meeting at 19-50.

Signed: ………………………………………………….. Date: 27 April 2016