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**MINUTES OF THE  
LONDON FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION  
CUP & COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE  
HELD ON  
MONDAY 12 APRIL 2021**

Chairman Ian Wallis opened the meeting at 1837.

Members Present:- K Wilmot, M Burke, G Etchell, G Harknett, L Newham,  
A Sanchez-Buitrago, D Wolff, H Tachoukraft, J Hind and I Gazi.  
LFA Staff:- J Horne, A Howden and C Murray

Apologies:- P Trivedi and O Flynn.

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic the meeting was conducted using Microsoft Teams except for Michael Burke who attended the meeting via Conference Line.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting.** G Harknett voiced his disapproval that the minutes were not recorded which would eliminate any dispute over the minutes. J Horne placed this meeting on record. J Horne expressed his disappointment that the Committee decided that no LFA Youth Cup competitions shall be played this season. G Etchell said it is imperative that all cup competitions must come to a conclusion this season.

**Matters arising from the minutes.** There were no matters arising from the minutes.

**Safeguarding.** There were no matters on safeguarding to discuss.

**Election of Officers. Chairman.** Ian Wallis was the only nominee and was unanimously elected.

Michael Burke was the only nominee for the post of Secretary and was unanimously elected.

**Vice Chairman.** David Wolff and Kevin Wilmot were nominees for the post. Both gave a resume of their football background. Both candidates were placed in the Teams waiting room while the Committee discussed the nominees. After the discussion both candidates were welcomed back to the meeting. Chairman Wallis informed the candidates that the voting was indeed a very close run election. He declared that the Committee has elected Kevin Wilmot as the Cups & Competitions Vice President. Mr Wolff offered Mr Wilmot his congratulations.

**Cup Competitions 2020-21.** J Horne notified the meeting that 50 matches have already been played in all competitions. If by the 18 April clubs cannot come up with a venue they will be eliminated. A small minority of clubs have done precisely nothing to help the situation. D Wolff suggested a subcommittee be set up to discuss those clubs who we wish to eliminate. I Wallis suggested the proposal for a subcommittee is an excellent idea. G Harknett suggested we approach leagues to give us pitches which would otherwise be used for league games. J Horne advised that he has already approach leagues and receiving a positive response. G Etchell advised that although clubs are trying to get fixtures played we must not give them too much leeway because we may miss our cup final dates. J Horne notified the meeting that clubs were filled with joy when they heard we were going forward with the Senior Cup Competition. Needless to say the opposite was true for leagues.

Cup Final Venues. J Horne advised - I have approached several clubs who have given a negative response mainly because they are seeding their pitches. I Wallis suggested it may not be practical that cup final grounds should be close to where cup finalist play. K Wilmot suggested that as we only have to give two weeks' notice to cancel a date it would be wise to book a date either side of the proposed cup final date which would act as a back stop. Proposed that the Senior Cup final be played on Wednesday 2 June 2021 at Hanwell Town FC ground. J Horne reminded the meeting that Hanwell Town FC are still in the Senior Cup Competition. K Wilmot again suggested to J Horne that a booking on the Wednesday either side of 2 June at Hanwell Town should be made. J Horne agreed to do this.

In all six cup finals are to be played and clubs are prepared to play into mid-June. It should be borne in mind that on 11 June England play a Euro match.

The following clubs have responded in positive way:- Sporting Club Thamesmead, Haringey Borough, Hendon, Barking and Glebe FC. It was suggested that the Sunday Challenge Cup final be played at Thamesmead FC ground which has a grass surface. Other grounds suggested were:- Glebe FC, Redbridge, Dulwich and Tooting & Mitcham.

**Any Other Business.** I Wallis reported a sub committee was formed to hear two disciplinary cases.

LFA Sunday Trophy played on 25 October 2020 between Bogazili Dog Spor FC v Oakwood FC which was abandoned. Middlesex FA found both teams guilty of causing the match to be abandoned and both teams were expelled from the competition.

LFA Sunday Junior Cup 2<sup>nd</sup> round played on 25 October 2020 between London All Stars FC v East London Kings FC. London All Stars FC were charged with playing an unregistered player. It was ascertained that the player uses two names and the player proved so. Case was dismissed and London All Stars FC progress through to the next round.

D Wolff reported that The Bandits FC owe one of the clubs in his league the cost of a pitch and referee. To date they have not paid their debt. D Wolff suggested the club should be suspended. J Horne advised we are unable to suspend clubs over debts. Clubs can only be suspended over disciplinary matters, however he promised to look into the matter.

I Wallis – I must have all proposed rule change(s) in my possession before the next meeting so they can be circulated and be discussed.

Date of next meeting. It was agreed the next meeting will be held on Monday 17 May 2012 commencing at 1830.

The Chairman thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 1950.