

Minutes of a virtual meeting of the CUP COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020**, commencing 6.35pm.

Present: I. L. Wallis (Chairman), M. Burke (South West), K. Wilmot (North East), D. A. Wolff (Vice President), I. Burke (Youth), G. J. Etchell (Vice President), G. Harknett (Youth), D. Hooker (Youth), J. Horne (Cups Officer), H. Gilroy (Head of Engagement)

Apologies for Absence: A. Sanchez-Buitrago (Youth)

Absent: L. Newham (South East), A.I. Gilbey (North East), A. Brown (North East)

### **1798. Minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

They were accepted as an accurate record.

### **1799. Matters Arising**

One of our Cups to be renamed the Jermaine Wright Cup.

Proposed: DH                      Seconded: KW                      Defeated: (3-4)

It was made clear that the Committee must be advised when sponsorship for our Cup Competitions is found. JH confirmed that Coventry Scaffolding had again sponsored the Senior Cup in 2019-20. DAW requested an account for each Cup showing sponsorship and expenditure.

ILW had followed up on the subject of Girls and Women's Cups and will invite Laura Foster to attend our next meeting to discuss plans for 2021-22.

### **1800. Safeguarding**

There were no safeguarding issues to discuss.

### **1801. Chairman's Report**

ILW congratulated both the Committee and the office for the outstanding achievement in completing all of the 12 outstanding Cups in the three week period available and in the most difficult circumstances.

### **1802. 2019-20 Cups**

DH complained that the date for the Senior Cup Final had changed at short notice but the Committee were never advised.

There was concern that more than the permitted capacity of 400 attended the Senior Cup Final. ILW confirmed that only 12 were allowed to pay on the door and we were in fact 13 below the maximum. GJE queried the number of complimentary tickets but JH stated that he had followed the guidance from the FA.

GJE queried the fact that Brentford played triallists in the Final. JH confirmed that they were registered.

### **1803. Secretary's Report**

IB asked that the 2019-20 rules be removed from the website. JH stated that this had already been done.

#### **1804. Cup Rules**

ILW advised that both the Adult and Youth Cup rules have been passed to the Sanctions Committee.

GJE asked what action do we take if a player gets Covid. JH suggested that they should all self-isolate and the game be postponed. DH will send a copy of the Covid plan used by his League.

Our rules should allow for Covid.

Proposed: DAW                      Seconded: MB                      (Unanimous)

#### **1805. Cup Draws**

JH advised that five of the seven Adult Cup and three of the Youth Cup draws have been completed but that Full Time is not fully operational and is causing difficulties.

IB complained that he cannot read the list of clubs sent out to him and that the draw had been changed after publication. JH put this down to systems errors. ILW pointed out that the Committee would conduct the Senior Cup draw as always. JH will ensure that the referee appointments are circulated to the Leagues.

#### **1806. Correspondence**

A very critical letter has been received from the Southern Sunday League and was discussed at length. JH stated that he was very upset by the contents and felt victimised. ILW will reply to the letter on behalf of the Committee.

#### **1807. Any Other Business**

DAW having left the meeting, a lengthy discussion took place concerning the Champions Cup U16 Final, which was wrongly allowed to take place even though Wingate & Finchley were unable to produce identity cards. They have answered the charge brought against them under Rule 16(B) but it is unclear whether or not they are requesting a personal hearing. The game should never have been allowed to take place.

An independent panel to be set up to hear the case.

Proposed: DAW                      Seconded: DH                      (Unanimous)

#### **1808. Date of next Meeting**

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

The Meeting closed at 8.45pm.