GOALS STOCKTON SUNDAY LEAGUE

**(Founded 1968)**



  

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING 29 March 2017**

**Held at Elm Tree Social Club**

Present: Peter Mack (Chairman), P Livingstone (Vice Chairman), D Overton,

L Golightly, M Sowerby, Jean Johnson, K D Clark (Secretary)

Apologies: Geoff Mann, Alan Close, M Blackburn, J Lambert, G Hewitson, P Irish

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19:30, he welcomed all to the meeting, he then handed over to the League Secretary who advised the minutes of the last meeting 22 February 2017 had been posted on the website and the members agreed they were a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

##### Secretaries Report & Correspondence

Secretaries Report – Matters Arising

Update from last month in that Hardwick Social Club won both their semi-finals recently and will play in the Durham Sunday Cup Final on the 14 May 2017 at Billingham Synthonia kick off 11:00 against Newton Aycliffe Locomotion. The final of the All England Sunday Cup sees Hardwick Social Club face the favourites and holders New Salamis F.C from Surrey on the 7 May 2017 at Bramall Lane the home of Sheffield United kick off 14:00.

This is a massive achievement for a team no matter what level to reach these finals so all we can do as a League is give them our best wishes and bring the trophies back to Stockton.

Also last month I was asked if a Notice Board could be created for teams to advertise upon this has now been done and can be found on the website under the Information tab. However anything that needs to be added here must be sent to the League Secretary as he is the only person at present who can update this section.

**Charter Standard**

Charter Standard Health Check should now be completed, however still a number of teams not completed: Fairfield Sports & Social Club, Jolly Farmers, Norton Unicorn, Doctor McGonicles and Thornaby Roundel

Just to advise that the FA Community Awards are now open, so if you have anyone you wish to nominate then now is the time to do it, go to the Durham County Football Association or North Riding County Football Association websites for more details and to submit an application, closes end April.

Correspondence

League Statement – from FA received on a weekly basis.

Various E-Mails requesting fixture postponements.

Emails re DFA & NRCFA County Cup games

Email FA re All England Sunday Cup Final

Secretaries Report

Last Wednesday 22 March 2017 I attended a meeting at Durham County Football Association for all the Senior League’s in the County. The President Ian Shuttleworth opened the meeting and welcomed all he then handed over to Claire Davidson (from the FA) who gave a demonstration on the whole game system registration process which John Topping gave us recently.

There were a number of points raised by Leagues these included all cup ties being played over 90 minutes with no extra time; this is down to each league and in their own rules. There was a question raised about referee’s not closing dates and not turning up. John Topping advised that if they were regular offenders then the matter should be reported to the County FA

The matter of sin bins was discussed as this has been raised by other Counties and the matter is to go to IFAB for consideration.

We also discussed about Flexible football which sees games played over 50 minutes on a 3G pitch could use sin bins, also adult level could be mixed football.

SCOR (Standard Code of Rules) John Topping outlined the changes to Rules for next season that are mandatory for Leagues these included a change to debt recovery, 10b minimum playing time 2 x 30 minutes will constitute a game. In the case of an abandoned fixture the result may be allowed to stand as long as it doesn’t penalise a team. Coloured shirts for referee’s (needs sanctioning by DFA first) but leagues may be allowed to use black and one other colour (which would be decided by DFA), this change means teams will be allowed to wear black or very dark shirts. However if a referee only has a black shirt then black kits cannot be warn.

The biggest discussion of the night centred on the demise of 11-a-side football. Some of the problems highlighted included lack of volunteers, facilities, fees, flexible kick off times. This is only a brief outline as this was quite a lengthy discussion and we all felt the same as there is no one solution to the problem.

Congratulations must also go to Thornaby Aerodrome Club on reaching the final of the North Riding Sunday Challenge Cup which will be played on Thursday 20 April at Stokesley kick off 7-30.

The last day for signing players is 31 March as is the last day for Transfers.

A reminder that 31 March 2017 is the date for any teams intending to resign from the League; this must be done either by letter or email to the League Secretary.

Date of the next League Meeting which is the General Meeting on Wednesday 26 April 2017.

I have been advised that Middlesbrough are playing Sunderland that evening. This meeting was cancelled.

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 2017:** – February 2017: Slightly different this month as the winners have been decided over the last two months they had 6 wins in a row, 1 drawn game and one lost, there blemish was they had a number of cautions over the 2 months, however as there was no other clear winner for February the award goes to Norton Unicorn F.C of Division Two. The League President Derek Overton presented Norton Unicorn with a Goals voucher and a first aid kit.

**Referees:**  Jes Lambert / Geoff Mann

It is pleasing to note that a number of our referees have once again been promoted by their respective County FA, these are as follows:

Matthew Smith, Declan Paice & Vinnie Ray from Level 7 to Level 6.

James Bancroft, Steven Lawson, Matthew Carroll & Tim Craig have been recommended to the FA for level 4.

I have sent an email to all of the above offering the League’s congratulations.

Any Other Business

Peter Livingstone advised that the North Riding County FA were taking over the running of Saturday football in the County, Peter had sent details to League Secretary.

The Roll Call was taken and 5 Team was missing: Portrack F.C, St Marys College F.C, The George Pub & Grill, Thornaby Sports & Leisure F.C and The Oxbridge F.C

There being no further business the Chairman advised next meeting is scheduled for 26 April 2017 but advised Teams would be notified if meeting cancelled, he then closed the meeting at 19-57.

Signed: ………………………………………………….. Date: