GOALS STOCKTON SUNDAY LEAGUE

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING 21 February 2018**

**Held at Elm Tree Social Club**

Present: Peter Mack (Chairman), P Livingstone (Vice Chairman), L Golightly,

M Blackburn, Peter Irish, M Sowerby, J Lambert,

Matthew Smith (Stockton RA), K D Clark (Secretary)

Apologies: Alan Close, G Hewitson, D Overton

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19:30 and welcomed all to the meeting, he then handed over to the League Secretary who advised the minutes of the last meeting 24 January 2018 had been posted on the website (12 February) and the members agreed they were a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

##### Secretaries Report & Correspondence

Secretaries Report – Matters Arising

Fines, as mentioned last meeting (January) about teams getting lax in paying fines, this is still a problem and two teams have been asked to appear before the Management Committee later tonight following this meeting regarding unpaid fines, Doctor McGonigles and Eston & Normanby Social Club both were sent emails on the 15 February advising these needed to be paid before Sunday, neither paid.

**Charter Standard**

You are now able to complete your Charter Standard Health Check for 2017-2018; let’s get it done

Still a number of teams who have not renewed their Charter Standard as yet, I have been on about this since October so Teams have no excuse as to why it is not done.

This is the last meeting I will be mentioning Charter Standard as this needs to be completed by 31 March any team that doesn’t complete may be removed from the league. This includes the new teams who haven’t completed as yet so needs doing in order to protect your league position.

If you have completed since last meeting and you need me to collect footballs from DFA then please let me know as I am at DFA next Tuesday for a meeting.

Correspondence

League Statement – from FA received on a weekly basis.

Various E-Mails requesting fixture postponements already

Secretaries Report

The most important point tonight is the fixtures, you will notice from the list supplied for March that a number of teams don’t appear to have games after the 11 March this is due in the main to outstanding cup games especially the Steven Wells Memorial Trophy for which some first round ties have still not been played. So therefore to keep up to date please check the website as new fixtures will be added as and when these outstanding cup games are played. Once the fixtures are sorted hopefully I will send out an email advising the fixtures have been updated, then Jes will appoint a referee to the fixture.

A number of teams have been complaining about the state of the pitches and I have spoken to the Council who have advised they are doing the best they can as at times they have been unable to do anything due to the recent wet weather, two pitches Littleboy and Grangefield Park are the biggest problems and the Council are looking if we can use Mandale Linear Park in Thornaby and Darlington Back Lane to allow these pitches to recover. Stillington The Royal have also had problems with their pitch causing a number of games to be postponed.

I did send out an email recently about Easter Sunday and midweek fixtures and a number of you have already replied stating you want a free weekend or whether prepared to play, therefore I have included in your envelope tonight a form to complete and return to me about Easter Sunday and preferred midweek day either a Tuesday or Thursday or if it doesn’t matter just put either.

Cup Draws - the rest of the draws will be carried out tonight even though there are a number of games outstanding but cannot leave until the March meeting.

Whilst on about cup games now is probably the right time to remind teams of the rules regarding qualification of players for a semi-final or final of the league’s cup competitions:

(iv) Any player shall be qualified to play in the rounds (except the semi-final and final) of the competition that, at the date when the round is played, would be qualified to play in the Stockton Sunday Football League. In the semi-final and final, a player MUST have played at least three league games before the time of the match unless the player has played in the previous rounds of the competition in any one season. Offending Clubs will be dismissed from the competition and be dealt with as the Management Committee may decide.

This can easily be checked on the League website by going to the Clubs tab and select your division and your Club select the player you are checking by clicking on him it will bring up another page and will show details of his appearances he has made.

As yet there are no dates or venues for the cup finals although I have been approached by Thornaby asking if they can host any cup finals. Dates and venues will be sorted once the finalists are known.

A number of teams have been asking about the last date for registrations and transfers it is 31 March.

Council Pitch Fees: The second half payment due tonight if not already paid?

I am getting a few complaints recently from referee’s with regards to teams not having their captain wearing an arm band those teams have been duly fined. This is a reminder to all teams that the captain must be wearing an armband as per league rules.

Match Return: Certain Teams are slacking when it comes to match return and not completing within the timescale (Tuesday 6pm), if for any reason you have a problem submitting you should get in touch with myself asap and advise of the problem. Also you check to make sure your return is completed on the website by selecting the Results tab then find your fixture and then click on the Team Sheet, you should be able to see your team details here if not then go back and try again. If it is completed you should not be able to access the match return, this is another way of checking.

Hardwick Social Club have progressed to the semi-final of the All England Sunday Cup and will play New Salamis on Sunday 11 March 2018 at Alfreton Town F.C with a 2pm kick off.

**Team of the Month** – January 2018 Billingham The Lion (Division Two) three wins 22 goals for and 1 against, no cautions however did have two minor penalty point marks, they were presented with a match ball by League Chairman Peter Mack.

**Cup Draws**  The following cup draws were carried out by the League Chairman Peter Mack, the Ian Gorman Memorial Trophy, John Jackson Memorial Trophy & Steven Wells Memorial Trophy Semi-Finals. As a number of games are still outstanding the draws were completed to allow League Secretary to fit fixtures in where possible.

Date of the next League Meeting which is the General Meeting on Wednesday 28 March 2018.

Please note that this is a week later than normal.

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.

**Referees:**  Jes Lambert / Matthew Smith

Nothing to report this month

Any Other Business

The Roll Call was taken and four Teams were not present: Eston & Normanby Social Club F.C, Riverside F.C, Norton Red Lion and Marton Rovers F.C.

There being no further business the Chairman advised next meeting is scheduled for 28 March 2018 which is a week later than normal and he then closed the meeting at 19-50.

Signed: ………………………………………………….. Date: 28 March 2018