

"Taylors Service Garages" Boston & District Saturday Football League Competition
Minutes of September Management Committee meeting
Wyberton Sports & Social Club, The Causeway, Wyberton
Wednesday, September 8th 2010.
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In attendance: Messrs Roger Gell, Chairman (in the Chair), David Ely, Vice-Chairman, Terry Knott, Referee Selector, Ian Cant, Fixture Secretary, Stephen Morrison, Secretary and Management Committee Members Messrs Dale Atkinson, Stuart Eyre and Allan Gray. Also in attendance was Mr Derek Andrew, LFA Representative for the Boston & Skegness District.

Apologies for absence had been received from League Treasurer, Miss Elaine Wilson, League Registration Secretary, Mr Neil Johnson and Management Committee Member Mr Derek Hodgson.

Minutes of last meeting held Wednesday, August 18th 2010. The Chairman reported that the Treasurer sought more clarification of the entry in the minutes relating to the new computerised accounts system being established, with the help of Willoughby Cup & Shield Competition Vice-President Mr Dave Peatling and it was agreed to add the following after "The system is to be trialled throughout the forthcoming season after which the cost of the system will be £400, which was agreed." The Fixture Secretary pointed out that the fixtures postponed by **Woodhall Spa United F.C.** on the opening day of the season 28/08/10 had both been re-arranged and the new dates appeared in the Handbook and not as recorded in the minutes. With these two amendments the minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Matters arising, to include: -

- The Chairman gave a report of a conversation he had with Mr Paul Hamnett, LFA Football Development Officer at the LFA Senior Cup Final when Mr Hamnett outlined a method to promote Charter Standard Club status within the League, which could subsequently lead to the League attaining Charter Standard League status. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed more information needed to be available and it was agreed to defer any decision until the information was available to the Committee.
- The Secretary reported a letter had been sent to The Peterborough & District League advising them of a number of players, ex-**Sportsman F.C.** now suspended by The LFA who lived in the Peterborough area.
- The Secretary reported a letter had been sent to The Boston Referees Association confirming the decisions made at the League AGM about Match Fees and Team Sheets. The Secretary apologised for forgetting to send the letter earlier. The Chairman advised that correspondence between The RA and the League would revert back to the previously held method, namely Chairman to Chairman.
- The Chairman reported the League website was now well worth visiting and he wished to place on record his thanks to Mr Matt Smith, Secretary, **Spalding Harriers F.C.** for his continuing hard work.
- The LFA Delegate advised that an appointment as County Welfare Officer had not yet been made and as a result training for League Welfare Officer was still not arranged.
- The Chairman reported he and the Vice-Chairman had been asked to attend the LFA Disciplinary Hearing on Tuesday, August 24th to hear the charge against The Lincolnshire League for breaching FA Regulation 22 (f) when having contact with **Swineshead Institute F.C.** to join their league. The Chairman reported that the charge was proven and The Lincolnshire League had been fined £50.
- The LFA Delegate advised that no new date had been fixed for The LFA Conference, previously scheduled for Saturday, September 4th but a new date could be fixed at the next LFA Council meeting, to be held tomorrow 09/09/10.
- The LFA Delegate reported that he had attended the fixture on 28/08/10 **Wainfleet United** v Spalding Harriers at the newly refurbished Memorial Playing Fields, Wainfleet Road, Skegness and he was pleased to report the pitch was in good condition and the dressing rooms were excellent.

- The Secretary asked about The LFA Strategy Plan for 2008-12. The Secretary thought the priority to improve facilities within the County had “slipped down the pecking-order” but The LFA Delegate assured that this was not the case and a further meeting of the Strategy team would be held next week.

Management Committee decisions since last meeting – Rule 5 (A) - none to report.

Chairman’s report – Mr Roger Gell advised he had visited Rosebery Avenue on 04/09/10 and he had been asked by one of the Referees in attendance to look at the state of the Referees Dressing Room and he was disappointed to report it was in a very poor state. The Secretary was instructed to contact Boston Borough Council on the Monday morning and in the absence of any reply from the Council the Secretary was instructed to contact the Council again, especially since four fixtures were scheduled for the following Saturday. The Chairman advised an invoice had been received from the Handbook printers. It was proposed by the Vice-Chairman and seconded by the Referee Selector that, in light of the League’s current good financial position, the cost per Handbook should be maintained at the current £4.50 and this was agreed.

Treasurer’s report – the Chairman advised the Treasurer had nothing further to report.

Referee Selector’s report – Mr Terry Knott reported there had been a good increase in the number of Referees advising if they were available for a particular fixture, which had been a problem in the past. The Chairman thanked Terry for resolving this long-standing problem.

Registration Secretary’s Report – on behalf of Mr Neil Johnson

- **Player signing two or more Registration Forms** – Rule 8 (F) - none to report.
- **Transfers** – Rule 8 (H)

Player	From	To	Date eligible from
Gavin Bell	Westside Rangers	Benington	10/09/10
Ryan McMeechan	Boston United Community	Fosdyke	11/09/10
Lee Hoff	Boston Town Old Boys	Freiston	14/09/10

- **Ineligible Player** – Rule 8 (N) – Mr Dale Atkinson asked about a player who had played for **Coningsby F.C.** in their fixture v Wyberton on 04/09/10, who was suspended according to the Suspension List attached to the Agenda. The Secretary advised the Registration Secretary was making enquiries.
- **Late Match Reports** – Rule 11 (A) - none to report.
- **Late Match Result** – Rule 11 (B) - none to report

Fixture Secretary’s report – Mr Ian Cant asked the LFA Delegate if he knew which team from **Swineshead Institute F.C.** would be entering The LFA Junior Cup. Derek thought it likely the team playing in The Lincolnshire League would be playing in the Junior Cup. It was agreed to keep dates clear for **Swineshead Institute F.C.** on the scheduled dates of The LFA Junior Cup.

- **Change of fixtures** – Rule 10 (C) - none to report.
- **Draw for Swineshead Cup Competition**
 - F.C. Kirton v Swineshead Institute
 - Fishtoft v Mareham United
 - Kirton Town v Freiston
 - Old Doningtonians v Spilsby Town

Ian would be happy to assist all Clubs in the Competition to find a date for their tie to be played.

Secretary's report – Mr Stephen Morrison

- **Handbook amendments**
 - Page 1, add League Website – www.bostonanddistrictfootball.co.uk
 - **Benington F.C.** – change of ground to Wrangle Playing Field, Main Road (A52), Wrangle PE20
 - **Spalding Town F.C.** – Secretary's home phone number should read 01775 768329
 - **Tavern Colts F.C.** – change Secretary's mobile phone number to 07501 431601
- **Late kick-offs** – Rule 10 (B) - none to report.
- **Matches not played** – Rule 10 (E) - none to report.
- **Suspension List:** - presented in alphabetical order of players surname instead of by Club. Jon McLeod, suspended by the League since 14/11/07 had paid his fine of £25 on Friday 03/09/10 and the players' suspension had been lifted with immediate effect. It was also agreed to remove Jake Akers from League suspension.
- **Newspaper coverage** – the Secretary advised which newspapers and press agencies to which the fixtures, results and reports are sent to and asked if any further additions needed to be made.

Correspondence

- 25/08/10 – letter from **Wainfleet United F.C.** seeking Rule 1 (A) consent to enter The Fishtoft Cup Competition. Consent was agreed.
- 27/08/10 – letter from **F.C. Kirton** seeking Rule 1 (A) consent to enter The Swineshead Cup Competition. Consent was given.
- 31/08/10 – e-mail, via League's *FA Full Time* site, from Referee Mr Allan Richardson, from Holbeach, expressing an interest in officiating in the League. The Referee Selector advised that despite repeated e-mails and phone calls he had had difficulty raising Mr Richardson and when he did, he found that he would be officiating mainly in The Peterborough & District League.
- 31/08/10 – e-mail from Boston Borough Council proposing a change to the pitch booking method for Rosebery Avenue. Clubs would be asked to book the pitch at the Council's Fen Road depot instead of the offices in West Street. **Since meeting:** the proposal was now "on hold" and Clubs would still be asked to book at West Street.
- 03/09/10 – A copy of the Handbook had been sent to Mr Paul White, Bramcote who annually asks for a copy as he collects League Handbooks.
- 04/09/10 – 3 copies of an LFA Development Programme wall chart were made available. The Secretary asked the LFA Delegate for further information on the *Administrators' workshops*, shown on the Chart, to be held in December at three different sites in the County.
- 07/09/10 – e-mail from **Westside Rangers F.C.** seeking Rule 1 (A) consent to enter The Fishtoft Cup Competition. Consent was agreed.

LFA District Representative – Mr Derek Andrew gave details of the first disciplinary statistics for the season. Cautions were down 15% from 236, at this time last season, to 205 but Charge Sheets raised were up 26% from 38 to 48.

Any other business – There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20 p.m.

Date of next meeting - Wednesday, October 13th 2010, 7.00 p.m.