

HORSHAM & DISTRICT YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE

COMMITTEE MEETING

For the meeting on 21st March 2019 @ the Broadbridge Heath at 7.30pm

MINUTES

Those Present:

Dave Owen, Mark Taylor, Hilary Kidd, Dave Wellbelove, Brian Stevens, Mick Paine, Steve Dedman, Debbie Lancaster, Richard Smallwood, Andy Guy, Marc Oratis & Ian Palser.
Guest Ollie Powell Sussex County FA.

**Submitted
By:**

Apologies: Fixtures, Jim ~Barnes

Acceptance of Minutes of Last Meeting –

Chairman

Dave Owen

Welcomed Ollie from Sussex FA who is here to observe and answer any queries.

We had a meeting with new venue for finals in 2019 as opinion was to hold in Horsham and on grass.

Draft wording for an email to all about entering field of play following high profile incidents recently.

Room hire increasing at BBH thoughts of Changing Venue from April.

New league shirts and hoodies ordered .

League equality policy

On going following league being approved

Respect Programme

On going following league approval

Standard Charter Status

League now sanctioned

Vice Chair

Nothing to report

Richard
Smallwood

League Secretary

Paul Saunders has advised clubs can apply for grants for goals. Nets not at present.

Mark Taylor

Need to discuss the Nets at Millais school (or lack of them)

Mick Paine

Treasurer

Brian
Stevens

Horsham & District Youth Football League
Income and Expenditure between Feb/ Mar 2019 meetings

	£	p		£	p
Registration Forms	924.00		Meeting Room	45.00	
Cup Final Programs	20.00		Premier Sports	84.82	
Fines	260.00				
Council Pitches	1,202.72				
FA Grant	1,500.00		Excess Income	3,776.90	
	<u>3,906.72</u>			<u>3,906.72</u>	
Opening Balance	16,613.66		Lloyds	20,390.56	
Excess Income	<u>3,776.90</u>		Cheques to bank	<u>0.00</u>	
Closing Balance	<u>20,390.56</u>			<u>20,390.56</u>	

Registration Secretary

Dave Owen

No new requests

Undertaking checks on cup finalists re age group – ID sought

2 requests for player eligibility regarding having played for other clubs in season – both cup tied .

Meeting with Pass Sport re next season to be arranged.

Horsham Pitches

Boxing club pitch taken out of action following vandalised goals

One club query to council re Hills farm pitches – council to see if any budget left for this season and advise within 2 weeks but likely they will look at improving for next season with new topsoil. They also enquired regarding new pitches at Highwood but no movement until next season earliest.

League Welfare Officer

Ian Palser

I spoke to a club's Manager and coach on Saturday 16th March 2019, regarding smoking on the pitch and during half time team talk.

Issues with teams consistently and frequently playing players over the 60 minute maximum time and concerns with how some teams managed. Are committee available to help and to volunteer to attend some of these games to monitor the situation over the next couple of weekends.

Dave Owen has spoken to a club representative of an under 10 team following a complaint about refereeing by a Manager and photo's being taken without permission and will update.

Referee SecretaryHilary
Kidd/Steve
Dedman

One club are coming in before the meeting to discuss their U12, U16's & general communication.

Various reports from an Under 15 game by the teams on a referee and by the referee on the teams.

Ref report on another Under 15 game.

The away team linesman refused to continue as linesman because an offside decision for which he flagged was not given. The ball ran harmlessly out of play and I awarded a goal kick. He was insistent that I was wrong and laid the flag down and left the field of play. The game was delayed by 4 minutes until a new linesman took his place.

A visiting team coach approached me at half time to ask why I had sin binned one of his players. He disagreed with my decision making when I explained the sequence of events. We spoke again at the end of the game when he agreed that maybe his knowledge of the laws of the game may not be as current as mine.

His Club are being charged - E20(a) - Failed to ensure Players and/or Officials and/or Spectators conducted themselves in an orderly fashion.

Fulltime

A Club is on suspension from 25/3/19 for non-payment of fines. I have emailed them to get them to rectify.

Hilary Kidd

It is alleged that an Under 15 team manager team official, shouted expletives towards opposition management and/or players after the match had finished. He has been charged by Sussex FA with Improper Conduct (including threatening and/or

abusive language / behaviour), which if found proven, carries a fine, ban and/or other sanction, as deemed appropriate by an Independent Commission as per the FA Sanction Guidelines.

UPDATE Case proved and he is banned for 3 matches from 12/03/2019(Playing, Refereeing (non-safeguarding), Ground/Venue) from CFA Only - All Football They have 2 games this season and the first game of next season.

Question for Ollie do we know what will happen to WGS and Fulltime during the closed season? Little info at this time.

Fixtures

Everything's run pretty smoothly really. Certainly, a lot easier than last season!

Fixture
secretary

In the U12B we have 2 teams playing each other 2 weeks running. It is unfortunate and due to postponements but as they are currently 1st & 3rd in the divisions the games will affect top 3 places.

A player who is on a 3-match suspension from 19/1/19 but has played on 2/3/19. I have informed Sussex and the club.

U11

We have an issue as some teams have no dates left to play rearranged games so what do we do? If any more postponements it will get even worse? No re-arrangement they just do not get played.

Marc Oratis

Mini Soccer

All mini cups and plates are progressing nicely even though the weather is doing its best to hinder us. The finals will be ready for Ashington on 27th April.

All mini leagues are running ok beside the cups.

One problem is that managers are claiming not to receive emails and the same managers don't seem to be able to look at Full time or the HDYFL website.

Andy Guy

Competition Secretary

Jim Barnes

We did agree last year to have a Will Hallett trophy, it was for under 16 Sportsmanship.

Email sent to Sussex FA. By unknown person.

Sent: 17 March 2019 17:10

To: Sussex FA Info

Subject: Cup final day youth level

To whom it may concern.

Can this email please be passed on to the relevant department.

I would like to raise a concern, and yes it may only be at youth level, but many parents I have spoken to from different clubs, are disgusted at the decision of the youth level Cup finals to be played at the Holbrook club horsham, home to chesworth youth.

Not only does this give an unfair advantage to any chesworth teams in the final, but there is no way the pitches at the Holbrook club are suitable for several cup finals spread across the 27/28 April.

Surely there is a more suitable location, or ground that doesn't cut up under foot after just the one match?

This is hardly suitable for grassroots Cup finals, and for the boys/girls to showcase their talents? Surely the meadowbank stadium in Dorking is a more suitable location, not only would the pitch be more suitable, but also no team in any of the finals would have an unfair advantage.

Email from a club.

Hi Hilary

Thank you for the information.

By way of feedback to the organising committee, my parents and players are totally underwhelmed by the location of the finals day and I have said I would pass on their feelings to you.

“It’s not even a proper football ground”and “this does not make the occasion or the achievement special” are the polite remarks they have raised. Some of these boys will never get to play in a final again and they won’t look back on the day playing at a social club with appalling pitches as special. “With all the money the league collect in fines and the like could they not have played it at Steyning” and finally there is a general feeling that the league have let the boys down.

I do not require a response to this email, just letting you know the feeling of my parents that this is such a missed opportunity for them.I am aware the HDYL committee will have considered and expected such thoughts on this and will say their hands are tied etc but I also know first-hand other clubs feel the same.

I shall of course ensure all paperwork will be completed in time for the game.

Finals.

Teams in final are:

U16 Cup – Steyning V Chesworth

U16 Plate –Lower Beeding & Handcross V Hurstpierpoint

U15 Cup – Henfield V Billingshurst Black

U15 Plate – Horsham Sparrows V Southwater

U14 Cup - EG Meads AC V Ashurst Wood

U14 Plate – Lower Beeding & Handcross V Copthorne

U13 Cup –Cranleigh V Southwater Royals

U13 Plate – Lingfield V EG Meads Inter

U12 Cup - Crawley Utd Blue V Billingshurst Black

U12 Plate – Ashington V Chesworth Rovers

U11 Cup –Upper Beeding V Faygate United Youth

U11 Plate - Heron Way V Hurstpierpoint Inter

The committee reiterate that the decision was a tough one this year but was made to ensure the Finals are in Horsham and on a grass pitch. The venue chosen has adequate changing for 4 teams, match officials and female participants.

League Website

Wee need to review after finals.

Martin
Mitchell

Match Return

Nothing to report

Debbie
Lancastle

Rules Secretary

Nothing to report

Richard
Smallwood

Fines

Two appeals were heard discussed, the results were subsequently issued to the respective clubs.

Committee

SCFA

Nothing to report

Dave
Wellbelove

PRESS SECRETARY

I will be writing to Trophy presenters by the end of March, inviting them to present again. They will be as follows:

- U11s, Ian Morris, Vice President, HDYFL
- U12s, John and Kay Price, obo the Geiss Family
- U13s, Margaret and Dean Laker
- U16s, Simon King and Family
- U15s, Simon King, Club Secretary, Horsham Sparrows
- U14s, John Price, President, HDYFL

Does anyone have any alternate suggestions?

I suggest we develop guidelines to deal with the safeguarding / publication anomaly:

Here is the advice given by Ian last March

Dear

There are guidelines that cover putting names with photographs in media. Most papers want to include both first name and surname but this isn't a recommended practice. First names can be used with the consent of every parent as long as individuals are not identified in the photograph.

The FA guidelines state: -

Don't:

1. publish photographs with the full name(s) of the individual(s) featured unless you have written consent to do so and you have informed the parents as to how the image will be used
2. use player profiles with pictures and detailed personal information on websites
3. use an image for something other than that which it was initially agreed, e.g. published in local press when initially produced for a clubhouse commemorative picture
4. allow images to be recorded in changing rooms, showers or toilets – this includes the use of mobile phones that record images.

You will also need to ensure that you: -

Inform them of your club's commitment to safeguarding children and young people and establish who will hold the recorded images and what they intend to do with them, e.g. place on a website for sale, distribute thumb nails to the club to co-ordinate sales.

You also need to ensure that the content of the report is appropriate and does not cause any offence, remembering that other teams cannot be identified without their consent and as scores are not reported on the Horsham and District Youth Football League website, they should not be included in the report.

I would recommend that you forward a copy onto us before it goes to the local media so that we can have a look as you have mentioned that you feel uncomfortable about the copy of his planned report. We can then give you a more informed response.

I suggest the following addition.

It is suggested that, if clubs wish to have their reports included in the County Times, it is a matter for them, but they should bear in mind the above guidelines and ensure that parents agree to accept the publishing industry standard, which will only accept reports with full names. The league does not feel that it can make a hard and fast rule on this.

DEVELOPMENT

Futsal on agenda for next season 2019/2020

If we continue Decide how we expand it the key is do we subsidise as a league or aim for break even as last 2 years. Yes, to subsidise if required.

Steve
Dedman

Venue options limited but essential we book quickly

Option 1 - As per last year x 2 Saturday's but struggled to meet demand and limbo as to if Holbrook still available

Option 2 - grow by finding bigger venue but this would require subsidising approx. £300-£400 (Dorking or Broadbridge)

Option 3 - operate a split venue now this could be Holbrook and Collyers or Broadbridge.

Looking for viewing for parents which I feel is important limits options along with venues regular bookings

Items for the Bulletin

No card no Play

Debbie
Lancastle

Any Other Business

Meeting ended at 21:30 hrs

Next meeting: 18th April 2019

Acting Minutes Secretary – Richard Smallwood

