

Minutes of the Referees Committee Meeting held on Thursday, 6 April 2017

1. Welcome & Introductions
 - 1.1. Notice of Meeting had been circulated to all Members
 - 1.2. MPn welcomed the NP (Chair) back after his absence from previous meetings
 - 1.3. The Chair welcomed Lois Jefferies (Customer Support Officer) to her first Referees Committee meeting

2. In Attendance
 - A Cartwright
 - C Hewitt
 - K Barratt
 - K Carroll
 - L Chick
 - M Bland
 - M Parr
 - N Genner
 - N Peck – Chair
 - M Penn
 - D Nixon
 - R Watson
 - L Jefferies

Apologies

 - A Hall
 - R Faunch
 - 2.1. The meeting was advised on the position of A Stickley and a decision of the Board of Directors. The meeting agreed that the position of Vice-chair would remain vacant until the composition of the next Referees Committee was agreed.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 1 December 2017
 - 3.1. These were signed as a true record

4. Matters Arising
 - 4.1. There were no matters arising

5. National Game Strategy 2015-2019
 - 5.1. Coverage
 - 5.1.1. RW presented the Saturday, Sunday and overall match coverage data up to and including March 2017
 - 5.2. Diversity
 - 5.2.1. RW presented the current Referee Diversity data as compiled by Whole Game/CRM
 - 5.3. Referee Registrations
 - 5.3.1. RW presented the Referee Registration data as at 4 April 2017 – the closing 2016-2017 registration period showed 1530 referees
 - 5.3.2. RW advised on the opening of the Referee Registration Portal for 2017-2018 period
 - 5.3.3. DN advised on the new Referee Levels of Youth, Trainee and Developer
 - 5.4. FA Referee Department Restructure
 - 5.4.1. N Barry (FA Head of Refereeing) document of February 2017, included in the meeting pack, was discussed

- 5.5. County Welfare Officer Appointment
 - 5.5.1. RW advised on the recruitment process for a CWO and the changes to his own role as Referee Development Officer

6. Referee Course Update

RW advised the meeting on and detailed in the meeting pack:

 - 6.1. 11v11/9v9 courses
 - 6.2. Mini-Soccer courses
 - 6.3. Mini-Soccer conversion courses
 - 6.4. FA Licensed Referee Tutor
 - 6.4.1. RW advised the meeting of the need to recruit additional tutors
 - 6.4.2. Three (3) new Tutors had been identified

7. Promotion Scheme
 - 7.1. 2016-2017 Promotions
 - 7.1.1. RW confirmed to the meeting the outcomes of the Promotion Board held prior to this meeting and at which the Members were in attendance
 - 7.2. 2017-2018 Promotion Scheme
 - 7.2.1. Level 7-6 candidates were confirmed in the meeting pack
 - 7.2.2. Level 6-5 candidates were confirmed in the meeting pack
 - 7.2.3. The meeting discussed aspects of allocation of leagues, In-Service training events and fitness tests
 - 7.3. Observer Scheme
 - 7.3.1. RW detailed the discussions at the Observer Co-ordinators meeting on Monday, 20 March 2017
 - 7.3.2. RW detailed the topics of the Observer Training on Sunday, 4 December 2016
 - 7.3.3. RW detailed the success of the change in Observer payments
 - 7.3.4. RW informed the meeting of an FA Observer Training Day on Sunday, 3 September 2017
 - 7.3.5. MPr thanked the Observer Co-ordinators for their assistance in completing two (2) development observations on referees outside the promotion scheme
 - 7.3.6. On a proposal from the Level 7-6-5 Observer Co-ordinators, John Morris and Trevor Nines, the meeting agreed to an increase of £1.00 to £16.00 in the Observer Fee for Level 7-6-5 Observations

8. Referee Misconduct

DN advised the meeting on and detailed in the meeting pack:

 - 8.1. Daniel Bryant
 - 8.2. Brendan Whapples
 - 8.3. Martin Bilton-shaw
 - 8.4. Kim Hathrell
 - 8.5. Brian Darby
 - 8.6. Andrew Stickley

9. FA and County Cup Appointing
 - 9.1. BCFA Cup Final Appointments for 2016 were included in the meeting pack
 - 9.2. Mpr detailed some outstanding issues with appointments to women's football on Sunday and Coventry City Ladies on Saturday with an 11.00am kick-off
 - 9.2.1. Both AC and MPr confirmed the issues with appointing in the Coventry & Warwickshire area
 - 9.3. NG raised the matter of fees and expenses for Joel Richards Memorial Trophy

- 9.4. MPr raised a similar point with the Saturday Vase
- 9.5. The meeting agreed to both matters being considered and a proposal raised with the Match Committee
- 9.6. NG raised the matter of late notification of the arrangement of matches under County Cup Rules
- 9.7. Specific issues would be raised with the Match Committee

10. Any Other Business

Several Items of business were discussed as detailed in the meeting pack

10.1. Rugby Referees Association

10.1.1. MPn and RW detailed correspondence and meetings with Rugby Referees Association up to and including 4 April 2017

10.1.2. CH advised the meeting that Rugby Referees Association did not attend the Joint Warwickshire Referees Committee

10.2. Coventry Alliance League

10.2.1. CH noted that there were 3 (three) courses planned for Warwickshire in the advertised plans

10.3. RW detailed the plans to visit the Iber Cup 2017 with 6 referees and 2 coaches and the details are contained in the meeting pack

10.4. The decision of the FA Referees Committee relating to Coloured Referee Shirts was contained in the meeting pack

10.5. BCFA Referee Awards evening has been arranged for Thursday, 8 June 2017

Post Meeting Item: The date of the BCFA Referee Awards evening has been changed to Monday, 19 June 2017 at Birmingham County Football Association

10.6. RW updated on projects and grants being sought for the BCFA Youth Council Referees

11. Dates for 2017-2018 Meetings

11.1. This item was left in abeyance to be confirmed to all nominated Members following 2017 nominations to Council

There being no other business the Chair closed the meeting at 5.25pm

End

Signed: _____

Date: _____