

Minutes For Steering Group Committee 21st February 2022 at FA HQ Bodmin

Barry Cornelius BC (Lanivet / Chair) - Kev Solly KS (Saints St Austell/ Sec) Peter Harlow PH - (Troon) - Keith Butler KB (St Austell) - Rob Graves RG (Dobwalls) - Phil Niles (PN) - (Roseland) David Revitt - DR (Morwenstow) - Malcom Hewitt MH (Falmouth) Matt Thornhill MT (St Neots) – Terry Summers TS (Helston)

Cornwall FA - Josh Stockdale (JS)

Apologies – Steve Bailey (Penwith Nomads) - Clive Moon (Truro)

Not Represented : Newquay – St Agnes

Meeting Opened at 7.30pm

BC Welcomed the Club Reps and outlined the proposed future of Walk Football in Cornwall as presented by JS in his power point presentation.

BC was however at pains to point out that there was nothing to stop individual clubs holding their own events such as the proposed Tournament being organised by Troon (May) and Open days such as the one organised at Lanivet to encourage all ages gender and abilities to experience Walking Football.

Barry announced that we now had a Sponsor, Age UK ~~Concern~~ for the proposed League to be held this year. The league is also well on its way to being officially sanctioned, with a bank account in the process of being opened, a constitution being worded with the support of CCFA. As soon as the league is sanctioned teams will be able to join the league on Whole Game.

JS reported that two Referee Workshops were to be held at Lanivet on 24th Feb and 24th March although he stipulated that despite the title, they were certificated courses. Participants receive a certificate, and the qualification will be on their Whole Game FAN account. There will also be opportunities for participants to complete the full FA Referees Course at a heavily discounted rate, for those that want to expand their refereeing knowledge/experience. Please speak to lee.swabey@cornwallfa.com for more details.

JS then presented his power presentation (To avoid repartition the power point is attached) which contains the programme of proposed events throughout the year.

JS explained that the earlier Charter Standards system had now been replaced by the Accredited – England Football programme whereby all clubs affiliated to a League could apply to join – To become Accredited there were a number of steps that clubs were required to fulfil such as – A Club Constitution, records of AGM/Committee Meeting, Statement of Accounts as well as player registration, a commitment to provide an off field First Aider to be present at all training sessions and matches both competitive and friendlies. JS expressed the “slow and steady” approach teams can take with the club portal / accreditation and shared an offer of 1to1 support for all teams when they feel comfortable to start looking into this area of club organisation. Player Registration was also touched upon but will explained in more detail at a future meeting.

JS also highlighted that the online Introduction to First Aid course (which at least 1 individual will need per team for the accreditation programme) is available from the FA at a cost of £30.

Course can be found here -

<https://www.cornwallfa.com/coaches/development-and-courses/introduction-to-first-aid-in-football>

A link to the Accredited System would be sent to all clubs in due course and help from the FA made available. A guide will be created in the coming weeks to help clubs start to get a feel for the system. To reiterate all clubs will have the offer of 1to1 support and whole group training to support this.

MT highlighted from his experience within the Flexi-League that the systems on offer are beyond helpful and very easy to use, JS expressed that a Player Registration Officer (Tech Support) role for the committee would be very beneficial, which MT offered his services for.

There followed a general discussion regarding WF as a whole with JS attempting to convince KS that the computer was not an enemy and that he would be on hand in case of the inevitable difficulty.

JS also added a call to action to get in touch with any changes needed for the website regarding your team (Including new teams). Please follow this link - <https://www.cornwallfa.com/players/ways-to-play/walking-football> to check what Cornwall FA have on record and email joshua.stockdale@cornwallfa.com with any changes. CCFA explained that there is a planned overall of the WF pages

on the website and any thoughts ideas on what could be added would be appreciated.

No other business – Meeting closed at 9pm