

AFC Executive – 15th October 2018 – Secretary’s Report

Items for Information

- Due to me sending an email to all counties bordering M25 we managed to recruit about 50 new referees to bolster our numbers. However many have already decided not to referee on the league, too many reasons to go into, we have lost numerous others for a host of other reasons and so the numbers are now much lower than last season. I have published an advert on Gumtree but with just two respondees, one joining the other not.
- All new players registered on Full Time (up to today) have been approved.
- The AFA club directory is finally available – 6 weeks into the season <http://www.thefa.com/-/media/cfa/amateurfa/files/about/club-handbook-sep-2018.ashx> Password is : **Amateur2018FA**
- The AFC & AFC Rep Team have both been affiliated to AFA for 18-19
- So far we have lost three teams since season started Minchendenians Res, Southgate Olympic Res & Old Parmiterians 4th XI.
- The appointment of referees to all AFA games is now being done by the three major AFA Leagues with bob Coates co-ordinating the process. It is working well with appointments to games more efficient & smoother than in previous seasons.
- AFA Council meeting on 18th October 2018 (I am now the 4th AFC rep to AFA)
- Clubs causing concern re admin – Old Tenisionians (Martin has been involved) & Clapham OX (although the new Match Sec has already been removed and I am awaiting on new details)
- HAC President – Charles Randall, has requested using Armoury House as their new venue but with a pitch just 88yds long this has been declined by myself and Mr Maskell, in writing.. However there may be flexibility in the pitch size moving forward as we have now been told it may be 96 yds or even 100yds.
- Three abandoned matches so far, two for #'s (Economicals II & Old Thorntonians IV and one where cars were vandalised and items stolen at Boston Manor, home of Brent.
- Pleased to report that Old Vaughanians administration has improved and so far no admin fines and just one late arrival, a dramatic improvement. I will write to club.
- Fines are at the same level as in 2017/18 as at 30th September. The one area that will improve is referee low mark reports which are now mandatory using the FT marking screens and so do not require a separate email.
- Alex Grayburn has tendered his resignation from all roles other than a Fixtures Committee member.
- So far the sin bin seems to be working, although I have to admit that some referees may not be applying it correctly despite all the emails sent on the subject.
- Mike Grimshaw has retired from the AFA Office As has Jock Henderson. Mikes replacement is Deryll David with Wood Green’s Keith Betts taking over from Jock.

Items for Consideration

- Exec sub groups – format, agenda and meeting dates
- AFC Handbook – do we keep it or not?
- Do we need another exec meeting before Xmas?
- I am abroad 22nd – 28th October so need volunteers to cover my duties on FT, email dispatch and regarding referees & fixtures

Ian Andrews– 12th October 2018