

### LVA Executive meeting – Friday 3 April 2020 – Google Hangouts – 8pm

Meeting opened at 20:10, after all screens and audio functioning.

**Present:** Gary (no visual), Elsa, Val, Alex, Fab, Cormac, Bartek, Charlie (joined after the meeting started)

**Apologies** from Cisel

Gary thanked everyone for attending this meeting at such short notice

Main point of today is to terminate the league. We have voted on options last week, but this meeting has been brought forward because of the increased communications between members of the exec and teams/clubs.

A document detailing the option chosen, tailored to our league, and the possible FAQs was sent via email from the LVA secretary on March 31, titled *League termination procedure*. All acknowledge reception of this email. **This document is attached to these minutes for all to see.**

#### **Any comment or amendments?**

The body of the email and the FAQ section proposed were agreed upon with nothing to add.

Gary: Are there any conflicts of interest with teams that we represent before we take votes?

Alex and Elsa both said no direct conflict/not affected. Gary noted that Lynx may get relegated but fine with that.

#### **Any questions?**

Outcome: Option 4 from previous minutes (noted as Option 2 in a document sent subsequently by the League Secretary to London League teams) seemed fairest way to end the season

Alex: If we need to consult the clubs, no need to involve the referees. The only people involved should be the club secretaries, who will need to be notified. Are there contingencies in case of conflicts?

#### **Is this constitutional?**

Cormac reading from the constitution: Executive committee:

*3. The quorum necessary for the transaction of business of the Executive shall be **50%** of the Executive Officers.*

and

*7. Any items to be voted on at an Executive Committee meeting must be presented to the members of the Executive Committee in writing at least two weeks prior to the meeting, or, in **exceptional circumstances, at the discretion of the Chair.***

All agreed these are exceptional circumstances so this meeting can be called.

**Do we agree with the document to be sent to the teams?** – All agreed – 7 yes

Charlie joined at 20:25 and does not agree with this decision

Question raised that the CO has the authority to make decisions on the league independently.

The executive generally disagreed with this comment as we are one body making decisions together and the executive make the decisions and the officers carry out the wishes of the executive.

Fab: pointed out that the League Secretary did send out a document before this meeting with the feedback from the teams, noting that Option 2 is the preferred option. Should this be taken as her opinion? Extract:

*Quite a few teams were in favour of option 2- Awarding draw points to unplayed games, however almost all teams who make it to the playoffs wanted to have the playoffs at the start of next season or whenever the situation allows.*

**Vote again with Charlie present: Charlie voted against, 7 votes for, so the document will be sent out.**

We should just email the club secretaries (not teams?) and publish on the website (give a week to publish)

**ACTION:** Fab to change the date on the document to April 14 then.

A lengthy discussion ensued, with input from all with the following points:

- **Who should send the document?** Elsa and Charlie in favour of CO sending We need to ensure that this document is sent as approved by the executive committee following the vote and that the sender respects the decision of the executive. All agreed that the email should be sent out on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April.

**ACTION:** CO to send, no later than Tuesday 7 April, as clubs are expecting something week beginning 6 April.

Safeguarding and language used at the committee meetings will be a separate agenda item at a future meeting.

**ACTION:** someone to speak to CO – Charlie or Elsa – to reach out and see if she needs any help of any kind before the document is sent out on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April.

- **Options to continue working together** were discussed in general, but the discussions closed as we can address these issues in future meetings if necessary, once the termination of the league is sorted.

Meeting closed at 21:02 - No date set for future meetings