



19 August 2021

MINUTES

Club Chairman and representative Meeting held on Tuesday, the 17th of August, 2021 at Old Parks Football Club, 1 Garden Road, Bordeaux, Randburg at 19:30pm

1) Welcome and Apologies:

- Apologies received from Imperium FC, Starlet, Etimar FFD, Jozi Stars, Zane Abraham
- Welcome by the Chairman (GN)
GN, The RCLFA Chairman welcomed and thanked the Club chairman and representatives for attending the meeting and thanked Old Parks for hosting the meeting.

2) RCLFA Constitution:

- As per the last Chairman's meeting, the clubs were given 90 days to go through the RCLFA Constitution and advise of any suggestions or changes to be tabled.
- Due to the imposed lockdown and clubs having to deal with Covid-19, an extension will be given to review the RCLFA Constitution.
- Clubs will have until the 30th of November to submit and suggestions or changes. If by the 1st of December no submissions have been received, the Executive Management Committee will accept and adopt the RCLFA Constitution as it stands.
- (AC) the General Secretary will circulate a copy of the RCLFA Constitution to those new clubs that have not yet received it.
- (RW) The Vice Chairman of the RCLFA added that 90% of the club constitutions have been received and if any assistance is required by the new clubs to set up their club constitutions than they should contact and he would gladly assist with the process.
- The remaining club constitutions will be due by the 30th of November 2021.

3) Resolution as per the RCLFA Constitution:

- (GN) The Chairman announced that the RCLFA has resolved to appoint, Mr Wayne Reid (from Bryanston Warriors Football Club) to complete the forensic audit of the previous Committee's RCLFA Bank accounts.



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- Mr Reid has offered his services free of charge and will be given all the files and documents available to the current Executive Management Committee.
- The Executive Management Committee would like to move forward and put the past actions of previous committee's to rest but due diligence has to be done and in following good governance the forensic audit needs to be completed.
- A deadline date cannot be set for the results of the audit to be produced to the Clubs until Mr Reid has had the time to go through the files and establish how far back he will have to audit to go. The Executive Committee will provide the clubs with updates.

4) RCLFA Summer League Competition 2021/2022

- (GN) The RCLFA Chairman proposed to the RCLFA Club Chairman's and representatives that a Summer league Competition be held so clubs may offer their members an opportunity for catch up the football missed during the lock down.
- Clubs would continue with the fixtures as per League Republic until the end of September 2021, after which the Summer competition will run through October 2021.
- This league will be open to all clubs and will run for the full month of October and possibly the 1st / 2nd week of November 2021
- The League will be played with 7v7 teams and will run in a tournament like format.
- Clubs are encouraged to offer their fields as central venues for the different age groups. Not all clubs fields are available during October due to the start of the cricket season.
- A planning meeting will be held next week Wednesday, any club wanting to participate in setting up the Summer league is welcome to attend. Invite to follow.
- The senior and Ladies leagues will continue till the end of their respective season as a league winner is required.



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5) RCLFA Executive Committee's updates:

- (GN) The RCLFA Chairman welcomed and introduced the RCLFA Referee Convenor, Abraham Joseph Siame to the meeting.
- (AS) The referee convenor advised that the biggest challenge facing the Referee committee is the low numbers of official RCLFA referee's.
- Currently the referee's are pulled from other LFA's in order to fulfil the RCLFA weekly match schedules.
- RCLFA needs to have its own referee pool and adopt a culture of its own.
- (AS) has been recruiting (including woman) potential referees from Diepsloot and at hand has 10 people ready and waiting to do the RCLFA Ref course.
- A challenge in getting people to attend the referee course is the cost involved following the registration fee required all before being able to a ref a game and start earning money.
- Another challenge is that transport costs keep going up and sometimes the convenor has to use a referee from another LFA and then travelling costs are higher.
- Referees have arrived at venues and the games have been moved or postponed by the clubs and the Referee is left with having travelled to the field and does not receive their remuneration.
- The Clubs came up with an "Adopt a referee" campaign – The proposal is attached for Club Chairman's to take back to their Club Boards for approval.
- The RCLFA will arrange the first ref course for 10 delegates by the end of August 2021.
- The Referee Convenor will be sent the fixture schedule by Wednesday after which clubs will not be able to postpone or cancel a match. Should this occur and the referee arrive for the fixture, the club make sure that the referee is paid in full.
- Clubs and their members need to respect the referee's sent to their games. The referee provides a service to football and should not be subjected to verbal or physical abuse.
- The Referee Convenor to provide (AC) the Secretary general with the list of the allocated referees for the weekend matches and this will be distributed to the clubs.

6) General / Other Items to discuss:

- (GN) Opened up the floor to the clubs for any other business to be discussed;



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- **IBER CUP / LALIGA** – The clubs asked for feedback after receiving the last communication from SAFA JHB. GN advised that the event has been approved at SAFA National level and therefore as an LFA we will not tell our members that their members cannot attend the event. GN further stated that he would however ask SAFA for a post event analysis.
- **COVID-19 PROTOCOLS:** Some clubs are still struggling to get opposing teams visiting their grounds to abide by their Covid – 19 Protocols. Every club has the right to ask an opposing team to leave their premises should they not adhere to the protocols. Chairman's to please encourage their members to be respectful of the rules and protocols so that football may continue.
- **RCLFA ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESSES** – The clubs have requested that the RCLFA provide its members with the administrative processes in reference to Organisational / Coaching and Training camps etc.
- **WOMANS FOOTBALL** – The development of Woman's Football needs more attention. To be tabled as an agenda item at the next meeting. The Woman's Football Committee to provide feedback at that meeting.
- **MySAFA** – To be discussed and tabled at the next meeting.
- **Legacy Credits** – To be discussed and tabled at the next meeting.

Meeting Closed at 21:30pm



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