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MINUTES OF A GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT ST LAURENCE CHURCH HALL, CORBETS TEY ROAD, UPMINSTER, ESSEX ON 30 JUNE 2008 AT 7.45pm

Present: David Smith (in the chair), Steve Abbott, Malcolm Crane, Bryan Gaze, Jeff Goldberg, Arnold Lutton, David Millward, Fin O'Regan, David Payne, John Philpott, Joe Rosenberg, Gavin Strachan and Ivor Smith.

David Smith introduced the meeting by indicating that this had been convened to deal with two proposals for changes to the League rules which had been duly made but omitted from the agenda for the GPC meeting held on 15 May 2008.

1. Apologies for absence

Ian Hunnable, Peter Laundry, Ian MacLachlan, Colin Ramage and Stephen Wedlock.

2. Additional proposals for 2008/9

(i) Barking Chess Club had suggested that rule 4 should be amended to read:

“A club may not operate more than one team in Division 1, or more than two teams in any other division, except for the lowest division which has no team limit”.

This was proposed by Jeff Goldberg on behalf of Barking Chess Club and seconded by John Philpott.

Jeff Goldberg indicated that this had been proposed in the context of the reduced size of Division 1 and the number of clubs that would like to play in it. It had no immediate relevance for the composition of Division 1 for 2008/9.

The League Management Committee had considered the proposal and were against it on the grounds that if a team performed well enough to gain promotion to Division 1 it deserved to be allowed to play there.

After some debate this proposal was put to the vote and defeated by 6 – 4.

(ii) Joe Rosenberg had proposed adding the following text to rule 35.

“All trophies shall be returned to the League Secretary by the previous season's winners by no later than 20th May. The League Management Committee (“LMC”) shall be empowered to impose a maximum fine of £10 on any such club failing to return a trophy by this date unless the LMC consider that its late return was due to extenuating circumstances”.

This proposal was seconded by David Millward.

Joe Rosenberg commented that the prize for winning a division was a trophy, and it was imperative that this was presented at the end of the season. Twice in the last three years club representatives had attended the AGM to collect a trophy which was unavailable for presentation for no good reason.

David Millward agreed that the League Secretary should send an e-mail reminder to trophy holders by the end of April.

In response to comments made by Malcolm Crane the proposer and seconder agreed to amend the proposal to refer to 31st May rather than 20th May. The proposal as amended was carried nem con.

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm.