



As a consequence of the mediation meeting on Thursday 18th March 2010 the BAFA Board of Directors would like to make the following statement:

Mediation took place at the request of the BAFA members, and the five points given by BAFL in their notice of immediate withdrawal from BAFA, on the 7th February 2010, were addressed.

In the meeting, Chaired by an independent mediator, BAFL agreed with BAFA's contention that all areas contained within the five points were actually in place and being handled in a sufficiently robust manner. This has been the case prior to and since the BAFA meeting on the 6th February 2010, where the only outstanding area was the registration system which the BAFL representatives at that meeting had agreed to deliver on BAFA's behalf.

Given that this is in fact the case and with BAFA now successfully delivering many major aspects of Football specific areas, the BAFA Board of Directors see no further role for the BAFL going forward.

The move towards a single unified structure can now go ahead well in advance of the agreed timeline that BAFA had been working towards. With the new plans outlined and put forward for consideration, BAFA members will have the opportunity to shape and comment upon these plans through the new structures that will be put into place.

There remains a distinct lack of trust in the BAFL board given their handling of the current situation. This is further engendered by the fact that BAFL chose to withdraw from BAFA (giving reasons that have now been shown to have no foundation) without prior consultation with either BAFA or their members and announced this fact on the biggest day in the Football sporting calendar hoping to deliver maximum embarrassment to the Sport as a whole.

BAFA does not have the necessary confidence that BAFL is capable of delivering the vitally important performance aspect of the sport for BAFA members.

Consequently BAFA will be putting into operation its contingency plan to enable all BAFA members and teams to participate in all areas of Football activity under the banner of the National Governing Body for the 2010 season. BAFA has a team of competent volunteers in place to deliver the 2010 season.

All current Clubs and Teams will be welcome to participate in the new structure which has the full backing of both BAFRA and BAFCA.