



THE CHILTERN YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE
(Affiliated to The Bedfordshire FA)

MINUTES OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 7th DECEMBER 2022 AT 7.00 P.M. VIA TEAMS

PRESENT: Mr. P. Brown (Patron & Chairman), Mr. T. Gee, Mr. D. Garner, Mr. V. Shekle, Mrs. J. Brown, Mr. R. Shekle, Mr. J. Thomas, Miss N. Browning, Mrs. E. Vase Mr. S. Chamberlain, Mr. B. Cooper, and Mr. J. Brown (Secretary)

ALSO PRESENT: N / A

APOLOGIES: Mr. C.J. Davison (President), Mr. R. Leonard, Mr. S. Brown and Mr. G. Wilson

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes were approved as a true record of the last Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 9th November 2022

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: Nothing raised

NOVEMBER CORRESPONDENCE:

- **Various clubs** re:- Free Week requests **NOTED;**
DETAILS FORWARDED TO FIXTURE SECRETARY FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL WHERE APPROPRIATE AND REQUEST MADE WITHIN LEAGUE RULES. DISAPPOINTMENT WAS RECORDED OVER THE NUMBER OF LATE REQUESTS THAT WERE RECEIVED FROM TEAMS AROUND HALF TERM DATES, PARTICULARLY 23rd OCTOBER. SOME OF THE FEEDBACK RECEIVED FROM TEAMS WAS NOT NECESSARY, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF THE AMOUNT OF COMMUNICATION THAT HAD BEEN SENT OUT TO TEAMS IN ADVANCE OF THESE DATES

- **Various clubs** re:- Request for Transfer Information **NOTED;**
THE GENERAL SECRETARY ADVISED THAT CLUBS HAD BEEN REMINDED THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH LEAGUE RULES, THE TRANSFER WINDOW DID NOT OPEN UNTIL 1st OCTOBER. TRANSFER INSTRUCTIONS HAD BEEN SENT TO ALL CLUB SECRETARIES AND TEAMS WERE REMINDED THAT SIMPLY REQUESTING THE TRANSFER ON THE WGS WAS NOT SUFFICIENT FOR THE TRANSFER TO PROCEED. THE APPROPRIATE PAPERWORK NEEDS TO BE LODGED WITH THE LEAGUE PRIOR TO THE TRANSFER BEING COMPLETED ON WGS BY THE LEAGUE

- **Bedfordshire Football Association** re:- various correspondence relating to Youth County Cup fixtures **NOTED;**
THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED THE OVERALL LACK OF PLANNING AND EXECUTION OF THE COUNTY CUP COMPETITIONS FROM THE

**BEDFORDSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION AND
EXPRESSED THEIR DISAPPOINTMENT OVER
THE IMPACT THAT THESE ISSUES HAD
CAUSED THIS SEASON**

- **The Football Association** re:- correspondence relating to Silent Support Weekend initiative held on weekend of 5th & 6th November **NOTED;** **THE GENERAL SECRETARY ADVISED THAT ALTHOUGH SOME CORRESPONDENCE HAD BEEN RECEIVED, THERE HAD BEEN LIMITED FOLLOW UP, EITHER FROM THE FA OR THE BEDS FA WHO HAD APPARENTLY SURVEYED CLUBS AND REFEREES FOR THEIR FEEDBACK**
- **Lea Sports PSG** re:- information relating to the club's 50th Anniversary **NOTED WITH THANKS. THE GENERAL SECRETARY RECORDED THAT ALTHOUGH THE CLUB CURRENTLY DID NOT HAVE ANY REPRESENTATION IN THE CYFL, RELATIONS BETWEEN THE CLUB AND THE LEAGUE REMAIN STRONG AND IT WAS HOPED THAT AN ENTRY IN THE LEAGUE MAY FOLLOW IN FUTURE SEASONS. THANKS WERE RECORDED FOR THE INFORMATION & PENANT SUPPLIED TO RECOGNISE THE CLUB'S ANNIVERSARY AND BEST WISHES SENT TO CONGRATULATE THE CLUB FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT AND THE FUTURE**
- **Leighton United (Under 14 Blues)** re:- observations relating to performance of match referee in recent fixture V Toddington Rovers **NOTED WITH THANKS; DETAILS PROVIDED TO THE BEDFORDSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION TO SUPPORT FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE MATCH REFEREE**
- **Stotfold Junior (Under 16 Blacks)** re:- observations relating to performance of match referee in recent fixture **NOTED WITH THANKS; DETAILS PROVIDED TO THE BEDFORDSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION TO SUPPORT FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE MATCH REFEREE**
- **Brickhill Wanderers (Under 13 Tigers)** re:- observations relating to performance of match referee in recent fixture **NOTED WITH THANKS; DETAILS PROVIDED TO THE BEDFORDSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION TO SUPPORT FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE MATCH REFEREE**
- **Leighton Town Youth (Under 14)** re:- observations relating to performance of match referee in recent fixture V Toddington Rovers **NOTED WITH THANKS; DETAILS PROVIDED TO THE BEDFORDSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION TO SUPPORT FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE MATCH REFEREE**
- **Akin Dogankaya (Referee)** re:- observations relating to behaviour of Wixams Wanderers Patriots (Under 14) parent in recent fixture and non-payment of match fee **NOTED WITH DISAPPOINTMENT; DETAILS OF THE NATURE OF THE COMPLAINT FORWARDED TO THE BEDFORDSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION FOR FURTHER REVIEW AND ACTION AS APPROPRIATE. THE GENERAL SECRETARY CONFIRMED THAT FOLLOWING COMMUNICATION WITH THE TEAM, PAYMENT HAD NOW BEEN MADE TO THE MATCH REFEREE. THE TEAM WAS REMINDED OF**

THE NEED TO ENSURE THAT THE REFEREE IS PAID PROMPTLY AT THE END OF EACH FIXTURE

- **Marcus Vaughan** re:- observations relating to performance of match referee (Teddy Davies) in recent fixture **NOTED WITH THANKS; DETAILS PROVIDED TO THE BEDFORDSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION TO SUPPORT FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE MATCH REFEREE**
- **Geoff Andrews** re:- reports of alleged racist comments by player (Stotfold Junior Blacks – Under 16) in recent fixture versus Brickhill Wanderers Athletic **NOTED WITH DISAPPOINTMENT; DETAILS OF THE NATURE OF THE COMPLAINT FORWARDED TO THE BEDFORDSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION FOR FURTHER REVIEW AND ACTION AS APPROPRIATE**
- **Stotfold Junior (Under 16 Blacks)** re:- correspondence refuted claims of alleged racist comment by player in recent fixture V Brickhill Wanderers Athletic **NOTED; AS MATTER HAD BEEN REPORTED TO THE BEDFORDSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BY THE MATCH REFEREE, CURRENTLY THERE IS NO FURTHER ACTION FOR THE CYFL AT THIS STAGE UNTIL REVIEW IS COMPLETED**
- **Paul Rolfe (Referee)** re:- correspondence relating to presence of dog excrement on pitches supplied Bedford Borough Council **NOTED; DETAILS OF THE COMPLAINT FORWARDED TO BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL TO REVIEW AND ACTION**
- **Wixams Wanderers (Under 13 Madrid)** re:- observations relating to performance of match referee in recent fixture **NOTED WITH THANKS; DETAILS PROVIDED TO THE BEDFORDSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION TO SUPPORT FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE MATCH REFEREE**
- **Kempston Rovers Youth Academy (Under 13)** re:- praise for performance of match referee in recent fixture V Wixams Wanderers Madrid **NOTED WITH THANKS. THE COMMITTEE REVIEWED BOTH PIECES OF FEEDBACK AND WITHOUT HAVING WITNESSED THE GAME, IT IS DIFFICULT TO COMMENT, OTHER THAN TO SAY HOW TWO DIFFERENT TEAMS CAN HAVE SUCH OPPOSITE VIEWS ON MATTERS SUCH AS A REFEREE'S PERFORMANCE. HOWEVER, IT IS ALWAYS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF OUR REFEREE'S ARE STILL EARLY IN THEIR CAREERS AS REFEREES AND OFTEN ARE CONSIDERED AS CHILDREN SO NEED TO BE ENCOURAGED AND SUPPORTED, EVEN IF THEIR PERFORMANCE IS NOT ALWAYS AS YOU WOULD HOPE**
- **Marcus Baxter (Referee)** re:- observations relating to the behaviour of Hitchin Town Youth Orlando's (Under 18) in recent fixture **NOTED WITH THANKS. THE COMMITTEE AGREED TO SEND REPRESENTATION TO ATTEND A FUTURE FIXTURE TO OBSERVE BEHAVIOUR OF PLAYERS**
- **Nigel Taylor (Referee)** re:- praise for behaviour of players, management, spectators and assistant referees in recent fixture between Flitwick

Eagles Blues & Kempston Rovers Colts Pumas (Under 15, Division 1) **NOTED WITH PLEASURE; THE COMMITTEE ENDORSED THE VIEWS AND REPORTED GOOD BEHAVIOUR AND THE GENERAL SECRETARY ADVISED THAT THE FEEDBACK HAD BEEN SUPPLIED TO BOTH TEAMS**

- **Bedfordshire Football Association** re:- observations relating to appropriateness of fixtures being allocated to referee Isaac Jardine **NOTED WITH THANKS; THE REFEREE SECRETARIES CONFIRMED THAT THE CORRESPONDENCE HAD BEEN NOTED AND FUTURE APPOINTMENTS WOULD REFLECT THE ADVICE GIVEN**
- **Bedfordshire Football Association** re:- notice of passing of Barry Firmin **NOTED WITH GREAT SADNESS. THE COMMITTEE RECORDED THEIR SYMPATHIES TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF MR. FIRMIN AND NOTED THE IMPACT THAT HE HAD HAD ON REFEREEING IN BEDFORDSHIRE OVER MANY YEARS AND THE SUPPORT GIVEN TO THE REFEREEING COMMUNITY IN GENERAL**
- **Bedford Rovers (Under 12)** re:- request for CYFL Committee representation to attend forthcoming fixture versus AFC Oakley Spartans – 12.12.22 **NOTED; THE COMMITTEE AGREED TO ENDORSE THE REQUEST AND WOULD ATTEMPT TO ENSURE REPRESENTATION WAS AT THE GAME. BOTH CLUBS WERE REMINDED OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES TO MANAGE THE BEHAVIOUR OF PLAYERS, MANAGERS AND SPECTATORS AT ALL GAMES**
- **Houghton Athletic (Under 11)** re:- request for CYFL Committee representation to attend forthcoming fixture versus Sundon Athletic Youth – 27.11.22 **NOTED; THE COMMITTEE AGREED TO ENDORSE THE REQUEST AND WOULD ATTEMPT TO ENSURE REPRESENTATION WAS AT THE GAME. BOTH CLUBS WERE REMINDED OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES TO MANAGE THE BEHAVIOUR OF PLAYERS, MANAGERS AND SPECTATORS AT ALL GAMES**
- **Warden United (Under 11)** re:- request for CYFL Committee representation to attend forthcoming fixture versus Meltis Rangers – 27.11.22 **NOTED; THE COMMITTEE AGREED TO ENDORSE THE REQUEST AND WOULD ATTEMPT TO ENSURE REPRESENTATION WAS AT THE GAME. BOTH CLUBS WERE REMINDED OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES TO MANAGE THE BEHAVIOUR OF PLAYERS, MANAGERS AND SPECTATORS AT ALL GAMES**
- **MK Warriors (Under 16)** re:- notice of progression in Berks & Bucks FA County Cup **NOTED WITH THANKS; BEST WISHES RECORDED FOR FUTURE SUCCESS IN THE COMPETITION**
- **Bedfordshire Football Association** re:- notice of dispensation for player to play outside of age range as approved by The FA. **NOTED WITH THANKS; THE REGISTRATION SECRETARY ADVISED THAT THE REQUEST HAD BEEN APPROVED AND ACTIONED ON WGS TO ENABLE THE PLAYER IN QUESTION TO BE REGISTERED**

- **Flitwick Eagles** re:- request for clarification over minimum age for people to act as assistant referee **NOTED;**
THE GENERAL SECRETARY CONFIRMED THAT PEOPLE NEEDED TO BE OF A MINIMUM AGE OF 14 TO ACT AS AN ASSISTANT REFEREE IN A GAME AND UNTIL THE AGE OF 16, THE SAME AGE RESTRICTIONS AS PLAYERS NEEDED TO BE APPLIED
- **M&DH Clapham Sports (Under 16)** re:- report that Revivalists did not have Player Squad Lists from WGS available for inspection **NOTED;**
REVIVALISTS CHARGED WITH BREACH OF LEAGUE RULE 18(A) AND FINED £25 FOR FIRST REPORED OFFENCE
- **Leighton Town Youth (Under 14)** re:- complaint regarding behaviour of Kempston Rovers Colts Tigers players and officials in recent abandoned fixture **NOTED WITH CONCERN; AS MATTER HAD BEEN REPORTED TO THE BEDFORDSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BY THE MATCH REFEREE, CURRENTLY THERE IS NO FURTHER ACTION FOR THE CYFL AT THIS STAGE UNTIL REVIEW IS COMPLETED. HOWEVER, THE CHAIRMAN CONFIRMED THAT HE HAD ATTENDED A SUBSEQUENT FIXTURE INVOLVING KEMPSTON ROVERS COLTS TIGERS WITH NO REPORTED INCIDENTS**
- **AFC Oakley (Under 12 Spartans)** re:- reports of incidents in recent game versus Sacred Heart Youth Hatters **NOTED WITH CONCERN; AS MATTER HAD BEEN REPORTED TO THE BEDFORDSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BY THE MATCH REFEREE, CURRENTLY THERE IS NO FURTHER ACTION FOR THE CYFL AT THIS STAGE UNTIL REVIEW IS COMPLETED.**
- **Sacred Heart Youth (Under 12 Hatters)** re:- reports of incidents in recent game versus AFC Oakley Spartans **NOTED WITH CONCERN; AS MATTER HAD BEEN REPORTED TO THE BEDFORDSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BY THE MATCH REFEREE, CURRENTLY THERE IS NO FURTHER ACTION FOR THE CYFL AT THIS STAGE UNTIL REVIEW IS COMPLETED.**
- **Samuel Jones (Referee)** re:- reports of incidents in recent fixture between AFC Oakley Spartans and Sacred Heart Youth Hatters (Under 12) **NOTED WITH CONCERN; AS MATTER HAD BEEN REPORTED TO THE BEDFORDSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BY THE MATCH REFEREE, CURRENTLY THERE IS NO FURTHER ACTION FOR THE CYFL AT THIS STAGE UNTIL REVIEW IS COMPLETED. THE GENERAL SECRETARY ADVISED THAT WELFARE CHECKS HAD BEEN MADE WITH THE REFEREE SUBSEQUENT TO THE GAME BY THE CYFL COMMITTEE**

REPORTS

1. Chairman (Peter Brown)

The Chairman expressed his deep concern over the continued level of poor behaviour and disciplinary issues occurring at CYFL fixtures, especially at the younger age groups. So far this season, 5 CYFL fixtures have been abandoned due to poor behaviour and the number of requests (as documented in these minutes) for the CYFL to send Committee representation to fixtures was increasing. All clubs were urged to look at their safeguarding controls and address parents and management to discuss how improvements needed to be made.

The Committee discussed that a small number of repeat offenders (both in terms of clubs and teams) had been identified and discussions would need to be had with those clubs to explain that unless an improvement is seen, steps will be taken to exclude the teams from the league in future seasons.

Discussions have been planned with the Beds FA and the new Designated Safeguarding Officer over these concerns and how they can be addressed to strive for an improvement in behaviour at games.

2. General Secretary (Jonathan Brown)

- Withdrawn Teams / Clubs

No teams withdrew from the CYFL during November.

- Transfers

The General Secretary advised that the following transfers had been completed since the last meeting.

Transfer Number	Player Name	Current Club	Age Group	New Club	Age Group
10	Noah Smith	Shenley FC	12	Tattenhoe FC	12
11	Alfie King	Newport Pagnell Town Pumas	15	Tattenhoe FC	15
12	Brandon Beaman	Crawley Green Youth Cubs	15	Dunstable Town Lions	15
13	Valentino Riley	Bedford Town FC (Youth Development) Blues	14	M&DH Clapham Sports	14

- Requests to Move Division

Requests had been received from the following teams for consideration for moving division:-

Under 12 Flitwick Eagles Golds (Move Down from Div 1)

Having reviewed the reasons behind the requests, and considered the early results this season, the impact on the other teams within the divisions and also the likelihood of the teams being able to complete the season due to the number of games to play, the Management Committee endorsed the view of the Fixture Secretary that the request should be declined and that the team would remain in their current division.

- Abandoned Fixtures

As highlighted previously, 5 CYFL fixtures have been abandoned this season. The General Secretary advised that he was still waiting for confirmation from the discipline department of the Bedfordshire Football Association, of some of the decisions relating to these games so that action could be taken on the status of these games.

- Get it Right / RESPECT Awards

The Committee discussed reports of good behaviour from teams and also reviewed the administration of teams, to decide upon recipients of the season's first Get It Right / RESPECT Awards. The following teams were selected and would be awarded a CYFL / M&S Water Services Ltd badged match football.

Biggleswade Town Youth	(Under 14)
Potton United Youth	(Under 13)
Shortstown Rangers	(Under 11)
Warden United	(Under 11)

Congratulations were recorded to these teams for the high level of sporting behaviour and organisation demonstrated at games and also for the level of their administration during the opening part of the season.

A big Thank You, was also recorded to M&S Water Services Ltd. for their continued support of the league, which enabled the awards to be made. Teams will receive their footballs following a presentation at a fixture in the New Year.

3. Fixture Secretary (Tony Gee)

- **Fixture Updates**

Mr. Gee advised that up to the time of the meeting, league fixtures had been going well, with the only issues being caused by 1 virtual wipe out of fixtures on 23rd October and the County Cup Fixtures (referenced later on). It was hoped that draws for the various Cup / Plate / Shield / Trophy Competitions would be made and published in the New Year.

POST MEETING NOTE:- THE POSITION REGARDING FIXTURES HAS CHANGED AS A RESULT OF ONLY 2 CYFL GAMES (AND 2 BEDFORDSHIRE FA COUNTY CUP GAMES) BEING PLAYED ON 11th DECEMBER AND NONE BEING PLAYED ON 18th DECEMBER AS A RESULT OF FROZEN PITCHES AND SNOW RESPECTIVELY. THE FIXTURE SECRETARY WOULD BE WORKING TO AMEND FIXTURES BASED ON THE RE-SCHEDULING OF COUNTY CUP FIXTURES WHICH WOULD TAKE PRIORITY.

CLUBS ARE ASKED TO BE PATIENT AND UNDERSTANDING IN THIS MATTER AND ALSO TO REMEMBER THAT ANY REQUESTS FOR FREE SUNDAYS OVER THE FEBRUARY HALF TERM NEED TO BE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH LEAGUE RULES, GIVING A CALENDAR MONTHS' NOTICE. FIXTURES WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR THESE DATES IN FEBRUARY AND IF NOT PLAYED WILL BE SUBJECT TO A CHARGE OF NON-FULFILMENT

- **County Cup Fixtures**

On a positive note, Mr. Gee reported that CYFL teams are performing well within their various County Cup competitions and representation in the latter stages appeared to be strong.

However, the scheduling of County Cup fixtures continues to remain a concern (as it has all season), with selected rounds across the Under 14 and 16 Beds FA competitions being split across 2 weekends. Added to this, a number of postponed fixtures were still awaiting re-scheduling, while other re-scheduled fixtures had been dropped in at short notice causing league games to be postponed and re-arranged. The Committee agreed that these comments and concerns should be reported by to the Beds FA County Cup Committee to seek changes and improvements in the organisation of the competitions for the 2023 / 24 season.

- **Committee Pitch Walking (report as supplied by John Thomas)**

Mr Thomas reported that Committee Members had so far attended 56 fixtures this season (around 6% of fixtures played), reporting back on behaviours observed and offering advice to clubs. To date of meeting, 6 out of the 10 new clubs to have joined the league for the 2022 / 23 season had been observed, with the remainder scheduled over the coming weeks.

Mr. Thomas reported that unfortunately, following reports of poor behaviour, 12 teams had been identified as requiring observation. The Committee discussed the logistics of arranging representation at future games for these teams over the coming weeks so that reports could be submitted at the next meeting.

4. Players Registrations Secretary (Emma Vase)

The Player Registration Secretary provided the below summary to illustrate the position at the time of the meeting.

3228	registered players on WGS
307	players registered since season started
13	Transfers processed
1	transfer outstanding

No other issues were reported.

5. Referees

The appointments of referees for November (since last meeting) and the first week of December are detailed in the table below:-

Age Group	Div	06.11.22			13.11.22			20.11.22			27.11.22			04.12.22			TOTALS		
		No Games	Refs	%	No Games	Refs	%	No Games	Refs	%	No Games	Refs	%	No Games	Refs	%	No Games	Refs	%
18	1	3	3	100%	5	4	80%	5	5	100%	6	6	100%	6	5	83%	25	23	92%
16	1	4	4	100%	1	1	100%	4	4	100%	3	3	100%	4	1	25%	16	13	81%
	2	1	1	100%	2	2	100%	3	3	100%	3	3	100%	2	2	100%	11	11	100%
15	1	3	3	100%	1	1	100%	5	5	100%	5	5	100%	4	4	100%	18	18	100%
	2	4	4	100%	4	4	100%	6	6	100%	6	4	67%	4	3	75%	24	21	88%
	3	2	2	100%	3	2	67%	3	3	100%	3	3	100%	3	2	67%	14	12	86%
14	1	3	2	67%	2	2	100%	4	4	100%	5	5	100%	3	3	100%	17	16	94%
	2	2	2	100%	3	3	100%	4	3	75%	3	3	100%	2	1	50%	14	12	86%
	3	3	2	67%	2	2	100%	5	4	80%	5	4	80%	5	5	100%	20	17	85%
13	1	4	4	100%	2	2	100%	4	4	100%	5	5	100%	5	4	80%	20	19	95%
	2	3	2	67%	3	2	67%	3	2	67%	3	3	100%	3	3	100%	15	12	80%
	3	5	4	80%	5	4	80%	5	5	100%	5	5	100%	5	3	60%	25	21	84%
	4	4	3	75%	3	3	100%	4	3	75%	4	4	100%	4	3	75%	19	16	84%
12	1	4	4	100%	4	4	100%	4	3	75%	4	4	100%	3	2	67%	19	17	89%
	2	4	4	100%	4	4	100%	4	4	100%	4	3	75%	4	4	100%	20	19	95%
	3	5	5	100%	5	5	100%	5	5	100%	5	4	80%	5	4	80%	25	23	92%
	4	4	3	75%	4	4	100%	4	4	100%	3	3	100%	4	2	50%	19	16	84%
11	C	3	2	67%	5	5	100%	5	5	100%	5	4	80%	5	5	100%	23	21	91%
	C	4	3	75%	6	6	100%	6	6	100%	6	6	100%	7	7	100%	29	28	97%
	C	3	2	67%	6	6	100%	6	6	100%	6	6	100%	5	5	100%	26	25	96%
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Totals		73	64	88%	70	66	94%	89	84	94%	89	83	93%	83	68	82%	404	365	90%

The below analysis breaks down the referee coverage per age group and division; after the three months of the season, the overall coverage is **92%**.

Age Group	Div	ANALYSIS			Games	Refs	%	
		Current	Refs	%				
18	1	53	51	96%	PM	248	237	96%
16	1	39	36	92%	AM	664	608	92%
	2	27	27	100%	Total	912	845	93%
15	1	45	44	98%	By Month (PM)			
	2	54	51	94%	Month	Games	Refs	%
	3	30	28	93%	Sep	52	52	100%
14	1	47	46	98%	Oct	88	87	99%
	2	39	36	92%	Nov	85	81	95%
	3	51	47	92%	Dec	23	17	74%
13	1	49	46	94%	Jan	0	0	#DIV/0!
	2	31	26	84%	Feb	0	0	#DIV/0!
	3	54	47	87%	March	0	0	#DIV/0!
	4	41	36	88%	April	0	0	#DIV/0!
12	1	39	34	87%	May	0	0	#DIV/0!
	2	44	41	93%	June	0	0	#DIV/0!
	3	54	50	93%	Total	248	237	96%
	4	40	36	90%	By Month (AM)			
11	B	45	41	91%	Month	Games	Refs	%
	C	53	49	92%	Sep	121	112	93%
	M	42	40	95%	Oct	247	229	93%
	P	35	33	94%	Nov	236	216	92%
Totals		912	845	93%	Dec	60	51	85%
					Jan	0	0	#DIV/0!
					Feb	0	0	#DIV/0!
					March	0	0	#DIV/0!
					April	0	0	#DIV/0!
					May	0	0	#DIV/0!
					June	0	0	#DIV/0!
					Total	664	608	92%

a) AM Referee Appointments Update (Steve Chamberlain)

Mr. Chamberlain reported that unfortunately referee coverage for December was looking poor, through a mixture of County Cup fixtures and lack of availability from the younger officials.

However, up to this point, coverage had been good, with 92% of AM fixtures having been covered by a league appointed official.

b) PM Referee Appointments Update (Brian Cooper)

Mr. Cooper echoed the observations from Mr. Chamberlain that availability of referees had dropped off recently. The Committee discussed whether the lack of discipline from people was causing officials to re-evaluate their availability for games and the suggestion of not supplying referees to games involving teams with poor discipline was discussed as a way of recognising those who display good behaviour.

Mr. Cooper highlighted that on the 11th December, there were 30 fixtures scheduled (this was a mixture of league and County Cup fixtures) and with low coverage, it was anticipated that a number of games would not be covered by league appointments.

Both Referee Appointment Officers also raised the issue of poor administration from teams when confirming games with referees. Clubs were reminded that confirmation for fixtures needed to be made by 9pm on the Tuesday prior to the Sunday and if the kick off time for a fixture is to be changed, this needs to be communicated with the league and the match official before any arrangements are finalised.

6. Treasurer (Jane Brown)

Mrs. Brown reported that the usual ongoing challenges with the prompt payment of fines and pitch fees was causing frustration and several clubs had been issued with notice of disqualification of playing fixtures as a result. Unfortunately, this seemed to be the only way of ensuring payment as the issuing of additional levies for the non-payment of fines did not seem to be having an effect.

Several teams had moved away from playing their games on Dunstable Town Council pitches as a result of the high pitch fees and had moved to playing in Luton.

7. Social Media (Tony Gee & Nikki Browning)

a) Website

Miss Browning reported that she had managed to arrange a meeting with the previous Webmaster (Miss Mel Wing) and now was in a position to administer the league's website and was looking to update content in the coming weeks.

b) Facebook

Nothing to report

8. Child Welfare Officer (John Thomas)

Mr. Thomas advised that the multiple issues that had been raised in the past month had all been escalated to the relevant County FA for review and action.

9. Sponsorship

The Chairman advised that conversations were ongoing with M&S Water Services Ltd. regarding extending the existing sponsorship agreement beyond this season. All monies for this season have now been paid. The Committee issued their thanks to M&S Water Services Ltd. for their ongoing support offered to the league.

The Committee discussed the opportunity to source sponsorship for the Cup Finals and would welcome any offers and options with regards to Player of the Match awards.

10. Sub-committees

a. Sub-committee – Discipline

b. Non-fulfilled Fixtures

The General Secretary confirmed that the following fixtures had not been fulfilled during the month of November. In accordance with league rules, the team highlighted in **yellow** had

been charged with the non-fulfilment of the fixture. Details of the committee decision relating to these fixtures can be found within the accompanying Club Discipline Summary spreadsheet (see November tab highlighted in **red**).

6th November 2022

Under 13, Division 1 Bedford Town FC (Youth Development) Whites V **LUTON STALLIONS**

13th November 2022

Under 16, Division 2 Maulden Magpies V Revivalists
 Under 13, Division 1 **LUTON STALLIONS** V Bedford Town FC (Youth Development) Blues
 Under 11, Mead Meltis Rangers V **QUEENS PARK CRESCENTS**

20th November 2022

Under 18, Division 1 **HITCHIN TOWN YOUTH ORLANDOES** V Bedford Town FC (Youth Development) Blues
 Under 16, Division 1 Brickhill Wanderers Athletic V Newport Pagnell Town Lions
 Under 15, Division 3 **WILSTEAD HARRIERS** V Dunstable Town Youth
 Under 14, Division 2 M&DH Clapham Sports V Maulden Magpies Blacks
 Under 13, Division 1 Wootton Rangers Youth Blues V Luton Stallions
 Under 13, Division 2 Kempston Rovers Colts Jaguars V **DUNSTABLE TOWN PHOENIX**

27th November 2022

Under 16, Division 1 Flitwick Eagles Whites V **BEDFORD TOWN FC (YOUTH DEVELOPMENT) BLACKS**
 Under 16, Division 1 Wilstead Harriers V **LUTON CELTIC YOUTH**
 Under 15, Division 3 **INSPIRE ATHLETIC** V Flitwick Eagles Reds
 Under 14, Division 2 AFC Dunstable V **STOPSLEY UNITED YOUTH VIPERS**
 Under 13, Division 1 **LUTON STALLIONS** V Bedford Town FC (Youth Development) Whites
 Under 13, Division 4 **BRICKHILL WANDERERS TIGERS** V Bedford Rovers
 Under 13, Division 4 Flitwick Eagles Reds V **MELTIS RANGERS**

c. Void Fixtures

Nothing to report

d. Abandoned Fixtures

9th October 2022

Under 13, Division 1 **LUTON STALLIONS** V Luton Allstars Thundercats

Match abandoned by referee following alleged incident involving both teams as a result of Luton Stallions allegedly fielding ineligible player. Matter reviewed by the Bedfordshire Football Association, with the charge against Luton Stallions of fielding ineligible players and hence causing the game to be abandoned having been found proven. 3 points awarded to Luton Allstars Thundercats.

13th November 2022

Under 11, Greenwood Houghton Athletic V **SUNDON ATHLETIC YOUTH**

Match abandoned by match referee (Stephen Quirke) due to alleged behaviour of Sundon Athletic Management and parents. Reports were received from both teams and the match referee. Matter under review with the Bedfordshire Football Association

20th November 2022

Under 12, Division 2 MK Athletic V Dunstable Town Youth Wolves

Match abandoned by match referee (Ryan White). Reports were received from both teams and the match referee. Matter under review with the Bedfordshire & Berks & Bucks Football Associations

Under 14, Division 3 Kempston Rovers Colts Tigers V Leighton Town Youth

Match abandoned by match referee (Adam Ahmad-Pearce). Reports were received from both teams and the match referee. Matter under review with the Bedfordshire Football Association

Sunday 4th December 2022

Under 12, Division 3 AFC Oakley Spartans V Sacred Heart Youth Hatters
Match abandoned by match referee (Samuel Jones). Reports were received from both teams and the match referee. Matter under review with the Bedfordshire Football Association

e. Ineligible Players

9th October 2022

Under 13, Division 1 **LUTON STALLIONS** V Luton Allstars Thundercats

The charge against Luton Stallions of fielding a number of overage and ineligible players in fixture V Luton Allstars Thundercats was found proven following investigating by the Bedfordshire Football Association. Luton Stallions fined £30 (rule 18(N)).

REMINDER:- ALL CLUBS WHO HAVE BEEN FINED CAN FIND DETAILS OF THE OFFENCE AND ANY ASSOCIATED FINE WITHIN THE ATTACHED CLUB DISCIPLINE SPREADSHEET. CLUBS ARE REMINDED THAT ALL FINES NEED TO BE PAID WITHIN 14 DAYS OF THE RECEIPT OF THESE MINUTES AND PAYMENT CAN BE MADE EITHER BY CHEQUE MADE PAYABLE TO CHILTERN YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE AND SENT DIRECTLY TO THE TREASURER MRS J BROWN AT 4 SOLLARS WAY, HOUGHTON CONQUEST, BEDFORDSHIRE MK45 3GA OR VIA BACS PAYMENT AS FOLLOWS:-

SORT CODE:- 20-05-74
ACCOUNT NUMBER:- 90206121
ACCOUNT NAME:- CHILTERN YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE

f. Sub-committee – Trophies

The Chairman confirmed that a new design for the Cup Final medals have been approved and the order placed with the supplier for a 3-year deal.

g. Sub-committee - Cup Finals

The General Secretary advised that following the announcement of the coronation of King Charles III on Saturday 6th May 2023, an additional Bank Holiday had been announced for Monday 8th May 2023. As a result, this meant that this entire weekend was another Bank Holiday weekend (following on from the May Day Bank Holiday weekend the previous week) which co-incided with the planned Under 16 and Under 18 League Cup Finals that had been scheduled for Sunday 7th May.

The General Secretary was asked to write the Under 18 and Under 16 teams to advise of this potential clash of dates as unfortunately other options to move the dates are limited.

The General Secretary also reported that the MKDDL had announced their Cup Final dates which again clashed with the CYFL Cup Final Super Sunday on 14th May. Clubs were reminded that the CYFL dates had been advertised and booked for several months and had been printed in the handbook before the season started. It was noted that although the MKDDL play the majority of their fixtures on a Saturday, Cup Finals had again been scheduled for a Sunday, so unfortunately any player who is fortunate enough to play for teams who successfully reach a cup final in both leagues, would be forced to choose which game to participate in. This action from the MKDDL echoed the action taken last season and the Committee expressed their disappointment with the lack of communication from the MKDDL and the potential impact on players involved.

Any Other Business

The General Secretary reminded the Committee of the Full Council Meeting that was scheduled for 30th January 2023 and asked for items for the agenda for discussion with the member clubs.

Meeting Closed: 21.00

Dates for the 2022 / 2023 Diary:

2023

Weds 11th January	Meeting Room, Beds FA	Committee Meeting
Monday 30th January	Flitwick Football Centre	Full Council Meeting
Weds 8th February	VIRTUAL	Committee Meeting
Weds 22nd March	Meeting Room, Beds FA	Committee Meeting
Weds 5th April	VIRTUAL	Committee Meeting
Weds 10th May	Meeting Room, Beds FA	Committee Meeting
Monday 12th June	County Lounge (+bar)	AGM

Cup Finals

Sunday 7th May 2023	Under 16 (x2) and Under 18 Cup Finals	Venue TBC
Sunday 14th May 2023	Cup Final Super Sunday (Under 12 - Under 15)	Barton-le-Clay
TBC	Under 11 Cup Finals Venue	TBC

THE CYFL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WISHES ALL MEMBER CLUBS A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A PEACEFUL NEW YEAR AND THANK CLUBS FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN 2022.

WE START AGAIN ON SUNDAY 8th JANUARY 2023!