



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

**MINUTES OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON**  
**WEDNESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2022 AT 7.00 P.M. AT BEDFORDSHIRE**  
**FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION, SKIMPOT ROAD, DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE**

**PRESENT:** Mr. P. Brown (Patron & Chairman), Mr. T. Gee (remotely), Mr. V. Shekle, Mrs. J. Brown, Mr. R. Shekle, Mr. J. Thomas, Mr. S. Brown, Mrs. E. Vase, Mr. S. Chamberlain, and Mr. J. Brown (Secretary)

**ALSO PRESENT:** N / A

**APOLOGIES:** Mr. C.J. Davison (President), Mr. R. Leonard, Miss N. Browning, Mr. B. Cooper, Mr. D. Garner Mr. G. Wilson

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** The minutes were approved as a true record of the last Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022

**MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Nothing raised

**OCTOBER 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Football Association** re:- correspondence relating to Silent Support Weekend initiative to be held on weekend of 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> November  
**NOTED; THE GENERAL SECRETARY ADVISED THAT ALL MEMBER CLUBS HAD BEEN NOTIFIED OF THE INITIATIVE AND THE WEEKEND HAD BEEN ADVERTISED VIA THE LEAGUES' VARIOUS SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS**
- **Paul Mockett (Vice President)** re:- thanks for ongoing hard work of Committee and best wishes to teams for the season. Also provided some positive feedback on game observed over Silent Support Weekend  
**NOTED WITH THANKS FOR THE CONTINUED SUPPORT AND OBSERVATIONS**
- **Kempston Rovers Colts Panthers (Under 13)** re:- observations relating to behaviour of Houghton Athletic players in recent fixture along with concerns of lack of adherence to The FA's Silent Support Weekend  
**NOTED WITH DISAPPOINTMENT; THE COMMITTEE AGREED TO SEND REPRESENTATION TO FUTURE GAME TO OBSERVE BEHAVIOURS TO INFORM ON ANY FUTURE ACTIONS**
- **Stopsley United Youth Scorpions (Under 15)** re:- observations relating to behaviour of Dunstable Town Panthers management and supporters in recent fixture  
**NOTED WITH DISAPPOINTMENT; THE COMMITTEE AGREED TO SEND REPRESENTATION TO FUTURE GAME TO OBSERVE BEHAVIOURS TO INFORM ON ANY FUTURE ACTIONS**
- **Crawley Green Youth Comets (Under 13)** re:- observations relating to the scheduling of kick off time and availability of pitches in recent fixture V Flitwick Eagles Golds  
**NOTED; HAVING DISCUSSED THE MATTER, THE COMMITTEE NOTED THE CONCERNS OF CRAWLEY GREEN YOUTH COMETS REGARDING THE KICK OFF TIME, BUT AGREED THAT THE RESULT OF THE GAME SHOULD STAND AS THE GAME WAS PLAYED TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION. THE GENERAL SECRETARY WAS ASKED TO WRITE TO FLITWICK EAGLES TO REMIND THEM OF THE GUIDANCE AROUND KICK OFF TIMES AND TO ASK THEM TO ENSURE THAT ALL GAMES ARE PLAYED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GUIDANCE**
- **Stopsley United Youth Titans (Under 15)** re:- observations relating to behaviour of parent in fixture V Inspire Athletic  
**NOTED WITH DISAPPOINTMENT; THE COMMITTEE AGREED TO SEND REPRESENTATION TO FUTURE GAME TO OBSERVE BEHAVIOURS TO INFORM ON ANY FUTURE ACTIONS. INSPIRE ATHLETIC REMINDED OF RESPONSIBILITIES TO CONTROL BEHAVIOUR OF SPECTATORS**
- **Bedford Rovers (Under 12)** re:- observations relating to the behaviour of AFC Oakley manager and performance of match referee  
**NOTED WITH CONCERN; THE GENERAL SECRETARY ADVISED THAT HE HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH AFC OAKLEY TO DISCUSS CONCERNS AND OBSERVATIONS. THE COMMITTEE AGREED TO SEND REPRESENTATION TO FUTURE GAME TO OBSERVE BEHAVIOURS TO INFORM ON ANY FUTURE ACTIONS.**

- **AFC Oakley (Under 12)** re:- feedback relating to complaint from Bedford Rovers following recent fixture **NOTED WITH THANKS; OBSERVATIONS NOTED AND THANKS RECORDED FOR UPDATE AND SPEEDY ACTION TAKEN**
- **M&DH Clapham Sports (Under 16)** re:- communication relating to abandonment of Under 16 Bedfordshire County Cup tie versus Biggleswade Town Youth Waders (Under 15) **NOTED WITH DISAPPOINTMENT; THANKS RECORDED FOR UPDATE ON MATTER THAT IS BEING DEALT WITH BY BEDFORDSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OWING TO NATURE OF REASONS FOR THE ABANDONMENT AND ALSO THAT CUP IS JURISDICTION OF COUNTY**
- **Bedford Town FC (Youth Development) (Under 11 Blues)** re:- correspondence relating to an alleged incident involving assistant referee and 'assault' on a player in game versus Sundon Athletic Youth **NOTED WITH DISAPPOINTMENT. MATTER REFERRED TO THE BEDFORDSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION FOR FURTHER REVIEW BASED ON THE NATURE OF THE COMPLAINT**
- **Warden United (Under 11)** re:- observations relating to behaviour of parents / spectators in fixture V Meltis Rangers **NOTED WITH DISAPPOINTMENT; THE COMMITTEE AGREED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND A FUTURE GAME BETWEEN THE TEAMS TO OBSERVE BEHAVIOURS**
- **Brickhill Wanderers (Under 13 Tigers)** re:- notification of internal club issue, with alleged discrimination claim being escalated by the club to the Bedfordshire Football Association **NOTED WITH THANKS; THE GENERAL SECRETARY ADVISED THAT THE BEDFORDSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION WERE SUPPORTING THE CLUB WITH ADVICE AND FURTHER GUIDANCE**
- **Ampt Hill Town (Under 12 Aces)** re:- observations relating to the behaviour of Kempston Rovers Youth Academy spectators and assistant referee in recent fixture **NOTED WITH CONCERN; THE GENERAL SECRETARY ADVISED THAT HE HAD CONTACTED THE MATCH REFEREE FOR OBSERVATIONS ON INCIDENTS THAT HAD OCCURRED DURING THE GAME AND FEEDBACK HAD BEEN PROVIDED TO THE CLUB. NO FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED AND THANKS WERE RECORDED TO AMPHILL TOWN FOR THEIR PROMPT ACTION ON THIS MATTER**
- **Dunstable Town Youth (Under 12 Wolves)** re:- non-availability of squad identification paperwork from WGS from Leighton Park Rangers Legends in recent fixture **NOTED; THE GENERAL SECRETARY ADVISED THAT HE HAD WRITTEN TO BOTH LEIGHTON PARK RANGERS AND THE MATCH REFEREE FOR THEIR OBSERVATIONS IN RELATION TO THE COMPLAINT. LEIGHTON PARK RANGERS ACCEPTED THAT THEIR WHOLE GAME PLAYER SQUAD LIST WAS NOT AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION. HOWEVER, BOTH THE MATCH REFEREE AND LEIGHTON PARK RANGERS WERE NOT ABLE TO CONFIRM THAT THE GAME WAS**

**PLAYED AS A FRIENDLY GAME AS CLAIMED BY DUNSTABLE TOWN YOUTH WOLVES AND BELIEVED THAT THE GAME WAS PLAYED AS THE SCHEDULED LEAGUE FIXTURE. THE COMMITTEE DECISION WAS THAT THE RESULT SHOULD STAND AND LEIGHTON PARK RANGERS TO BE FINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BREACH OF RULES**

- **Leighton Park Rangers (Under 12 Legends)** re:- response to request for information relating to allegations from Dunstable Town Youth Wolves that the team did not have squad identification paperwork / notification available for inspection at their recent game **NOTED WITH THANKS; LEIGHTON PARK RANGERS ACCPTED THE CHARGE THAT THEY DID NOT HAVE THEIR WHOLE GAME PLAYER SQUAD LIST AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT THE GAME. THE COMMITTEE DECISION WAS THAT THE RESULT SHOULD STAND AND LEIGHTON PARK RANGERS TO BE FINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BREACH OF RULES**
- **Camden Martin-Harris (Referee)** re:- details of incidents in recent fixture involving Kemston Rovers Colts Lions and MK Athletic (Under 12) in recent fixture **NOTED WITH CONCERN; THE GENERAL SECRETARY ADVISED THAT HE HAD BEEN IN CONTACT BOTH WITH THE MATCH REFEREE AND THEIR PARENTS REGARDING THE ALLEDGED INCIDENT WHICH HAD BEEN REFERRED TO THE FA DUE TO IT'S NATURE**
- **M&DH Clapham Sports (Under 16)** re:- report of racist comments made by Luton Sporting Club player in recent fixture **NOTED WITH THANKS; THE GENERAL SECRETARY ADVISED THAT THE BEDFORDSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION WERE SUPPORTING THE CLUB WITH ADVICE AND FURTHER GUIDANCE. THE COMMITTEE AGREED TO SEND REPRESENTATION TO FUTURE GAME TO OBSERVE BEHAVIOURS TO INFORM ON ANY FUTURE ACTIONS.**
- **Brickhill Wanderers (Under 13)** re:- observations relating to behaviour of Dunstable Town Youth Panthers in recent fixture **NOTED WITH DISAPPOINTMENT; THE COMMITTEE AGREED TO SEND REPRESENTATION TO FUTURE GAME TO OBSERVE BEHAVIOURS TO INFORM ON ANY FUTURE ACTIONS.**
- **Stotfold Junior (Under 16 Black)** re:- observations relating to behaviour of Cranfield Colts in recent fixture **NOTED WITH DISAPPOINTMENT; THE COMMITTEE AGREED TO SEND REPRESENTATION TO FUTURE GAME TO OBSERVE BEHAVIOURS TO INFORM ON ANY FUTURE ACTIONS.**
- **Jack Swain (Referee)** re:- late payment of referee fee **NOTED WITH DISAPPOINTMENT; THE GENERAL SECRETARY ADVISED THAT HE HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE TEAM CONCERNED TO REMIND THEM THAT PAYMENT OF MATCH OFFICIALS NEEDS TO BE MADE PROMPTLY FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF MATCHES, WHETHER BY CASH OR BACS (MATCH REFEREE IS ALLOWED TO CHOOSE METHOD OF PAYMENT)**
- **Blunham Youth (Under 18)** re:- complaint from club regarding opposition team manager smoking during recent fixture **NOTED;**

**THE GENERAL SECRETARY ADVISED THAT HE HAD WRITTEN TO THE CLUB INVOLVED AND THE CLUB SECRETARY WAS TO REMIND THE MANAGER OF BEST PRACTICE SURROUNDING SMOKING AT GAMES**

- AFC Dunstable (Under 14 Blues)** re:- observations relating to appointment and performance of match referee in recent fixture V Dunstable Town Youth Pumas **NOTED WITH THANKS; OBSERVATIONS NOTED BY REFEREE APPOINTMENT SECRETARIES**
- Kempston Rovers Colts (Under 14 Tigers)** re:- observations relating to performance of match referee in recent fixture V Tattenhoe **NOTED WITH THANKS; OBSERVATIONS NOTED BY REFEREE APPOINTMENT SECRETARIES**

**REPORTS**

**1. Chairman (Peter Brown)**

The Chairman thanked the Committee for their efforts over the opening weeks of the season and again expressed his disappointment at the high-level misconduct that has been seen at games so far this season. The trend for issues to be apparently at the young age groups was worrying, with clubs asked to remind the parents of their players to respect codes of conduct around behaviours.

**2. General Secretary (Jonathan Brown)**

**New Club**

The General Secretary advised that late applications (in October and November) had been received from 2 teams. However, having reviewed the position of both teams and the likelihood of both teams being able to complete their fixtures when not starting the season until mid-November, it was decided that it would not be possible to include them in the constitution for the current 2022 / 23 season. However, both teams were encouraged to submit applications in due course for the 2023 / 24 season.

**Withdrawn Teams / Clubs**

No teams had withdrawn from the CYFL during the month of October.

**Transfers**

The General Secretary advised that the following transfers had been completed since the transfer window opened at the start of October:

Transfer Number	Player Name	Current Club	Age Group	New Club	Age Group
1	Jude Little	Kempston Rovers Youth Academy	13	Wixams Wanderers Madrid	13
3	Aashish Sondhi	Kempston Rovers Colts Pumas	15	AFC Bromham Youth Lions	15
4	Luke Knight	Crawley Green Youth Cubs	15	Stopsley United Youth Scorpions	15
5	Joseph Shotton	Leighton United Blues	12	Shenley FC	12
6	Oliver Church	Kempston Rovers Colts Lions	12	AFC Oakley Spartan	12
7	Sonny Russo	Wootton Rangers Youth Purples	12	Kempston Rovers Youth Academy	12
8	Toby Baker-Mason	AFC Kempston Town Hammers	18	M&DH Clapham Sports	18
9	Fynn Tarrant	AFC Kempston Town Hammers	18	M&DH Clapham Sports	18

**Requests to Move Division**

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

Under 13 Sacred Heart Youth City (Move Down)  
 Under 13 Luton Nations Community (Move Down)

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 requests should be declined and that the teams would remain in their respective divisions.

- **Club Switch**

The General Secretary advised that a request had been accepted by the league and the Bedfordshire FA for Bedford Park Rangers Lightnings (Under 12) to move their team to Kempston Rovers Colts after the start of the season. The necessary amendments had been made to the team via WGS and the constitution adjusted to reflect the name change.

- **The FA's Silent Support Weekend**

The General Secretary advised the league had supported The FA's Silent Support Weekend initiative that had been held on the weekend prior to the meeting. The league had promoted the event through its' social media channels and had circulated information in advance to the member clubs.

Unfortunately, the weather on the Sunday of the event was not kind and the inclement conditions which impacted the number people who would have attended games. Feedback from some of the committee who attended games was that some parents claimed to not be aware of the initiative and advised that they had not been told by their teams which was disappointing to hear.

The question of feedback was also raised, and it was noted that The FA only circulated a link for feedback several days after the event had been held. It was hoped that the opportunity for feedback had not been lost as people will have moved on and will not be bothered to submit their thoughts. The results will be awaited with interest.

### **3. Fixture Secretary (Tony Gee)**

- **Fixture Updates**

Mr. Gee advised that the scheduling of fixtures was proceeding well and at the time of the meeting, approaching 600 league games had already been played this season. Unfortunately, the weather on 23<sup>rd</sup> October impacted the completion rate, with only a handful of games played due to the heavy rainfall on that day which caused games to be postponed.

Mr. Gee also reported a disappointingly high number of issues with free week request around the half team Sundays. A number of teams requested free weeks at short notice and expressed their disappointment when the requested were rejected in line with league rules. Mr. Gee advised that he was only applying the league rules as they stand and had been voted in and agreed by clubs and advised that clubs had been reminded a number of times that a free week would be required if teams did not wish to play on these dates.

The development groups for the Under 11's are in the process of being amended based on the first few weeks' results and the new groups would begin on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November. For this next phase, 3 groups would be used instead of 4.

Only a handful of teams had requested to play games on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December (World Cup Final Day) and Mr Gee had arranged games for those teams. This meant that the majority of the league would play their last games on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2022 and then restart again in the New Year on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

Mr. Gee reported that each week, on average around 10 teams had not completed their online match report form via the Full-time website by the deadline. On each occasion a fine was issued, unless clubs advised in advance of an issue. Unfortunately, a number of teams only reported issues once the charge and fine had been issued and in these instances, the fine would stand.

There were also a number of reports (after the event) of information not downloading from the Match Day App to Full-time. All clubs were reminded of the league's constant advice not to rely on updating information to the Match Day App for the purposes of recording information for the league. All teams had been issued with a log in to the Full-time app

and this is where the information would be checked and if not present on Full-time, charges would be raised.

- **County Cup Fixtures**

Mr. Gee advised that after the problems of the previous month with the late notice of the cup draws by the Bedfordshire Football Association, the competitions had progressed but were still causing issues. This is primarily due to the Bedfordshire Football Association splitting the playing of games over 2 weekends as opposed to playing on a single weekend, which was spreading the scheduling problem over a longer period. The General Secretary was asked to write to the Bedfordshire Football Association to express concern over the scheduling of fixtures for the 2022 / 23 season and to ask for a review for subsequent seasons.

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

Mr Thomas reported that Committee Members had so far attended 33 fixtures this season (around 6% of fixtures played), reporting back on behaviours observed and offering advice to clubs. To date of meeting, 5 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.

Disappointingly, Mr. Thomas reported that following alleged incidents at games, there was a growing list of 10 teams who needed to be observed in the coming weeks – 7 of these teams are Under 14 and below. This indicates a growing issue with behaviours at games involving the younger age groups and an increase in discipline issues.

4. **Players Registrations Secretary (Emma Vase)**

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

<b>3188</b>	registered players on WGS
<b>229</b>	players registered since season started
<b>8</b>	Transfers processed
<b>2</b>	transfer outstanding

Mrs Vase reported that there were currently no issues with player registrations and thanked all clubs for their support, communication and understanding in this area.

5. **Referees**

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

Age Group	Div	09.10.22			16.10.22			23.10.22			30.10.22			06.11.22			TOTALS		
		No Games	Refs	%	No Games	Refs	%	No Games	Refs	%	No Games	Refs	%	No Games	Refs	%	No Games	Refs	%
18	1	4	4	100%	4	4	100%	0	0	#DIV/0!	6	6	100%	3	3	100%	17	17	100%
16	1	4	4	100%	2	2	100%	0	0	#DIV/0!	4	4	100%	4	4	100%	14	14	100%
	2	2	2	100%	1	1	100%	1	1	100%	3	3	100%	1	1	100%	8	8	100%
15	1	4	3	75%	4	4	100%	2	2	100%	4	4	100%	3	3	100%	17	16	94%
	2	3	3	100%	4	4	100%	1	1	100%	6	6	100%	4	4	100%	18	18	100%
	3	1	1	100%	3	3	100%	0	0	#DIV/0!	3	3	100%	2	2	100%	9	9	100%
14	1	4	4	100%	5	5	100%	2	2	100%	4	4	100%	3	2	67%	18	17	94%
	2	4	4	100%	4	4	100%	1	1	100%	4	3	75%	2	2	100%	15	14	93%
	3	5	5	100%	4	4	100%	2	2	100%	5	4	80%	3	2	67%	19	17	89%
13	1	5	5	100%	5	4	80%	0	0	#DIV/0!	5	4	80%	4	4	100%	19	17	89%
	2	3	3	100%	3	3	100%	0	0	#DIV/0!	2	2	100%	3	2	67%	11	10	91%
	3	5	5	100%	5	5	100%	1	1	100%	5	5	100%	5	4	80%	21	20	95%
	4	4	4	100%	3	3	100%	0	0	#DIV/0!	3	3	100%	4	3	75%	14	13	93%
12	1	3	2	67%	3	3	100%	0	0	#DIV/0!	3	2	67%	4	4	100%	13	11	85%
	2	4	3	75%	4	4	100%	1	1	100%	3	3	100%	4	4	100%	16	15	94%
	3	4	3	75%	5	5	100%	1	1	100%	4	4	100%	5	5	100%	19	18	95%
	4	4	3	75%	4	4	100%	0	0	#DIV/0!	2	2	100%	4	3	75%	14	12	86%
11	C	4	4	100%	4	3	75%	1	1	100%	4	4	100%	3	2	67%	16	14	88%
	C	4	3	75%	4	4	100%	1	1	100%	3	2	67%	4	3	75%	16	13	81%
	C	3	3	100%	3	2	67%	0	0	#DIV/0!	3	3	100%	3	2	67%	12	10	83%
	B	5	5	100%	5	3	60%	0	0	#DIV/0!	4	4	100%	5	5	100%	19	17	89%
Totals		79	73	92%	79	74	94%	14	14	100%	80	75	94%	73	64	88%	325	300	92%

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

Age Group	Div	ANALYSIS			Games	Refs	%	
		Current	Refs	%				
18	1	31	31	100%	PM	157	156	99%
16	1	27	27	100%	AM	424	388	92%
	2	17	17	100%	Total	581	544	94%
15	1	30	29	97%	By Month (PM)			
	2	34	34	100%	Month	Games	Refs	%
	3	18	18	100%	Sep	52	52	100%
14	1	33	32	97%	Oct	88	87	99%
	2	27	26	96%	Nov	17	17	100%
	3	34	32	94%	Dec	0	0	#DIV/0!
13	1	33	31	94%	Jan	0	0	#DIV/0!
	2	19	16	84%	Feb	0	0	#DIV/0!
	3	34	30	88%	March	0	0	#DIV/0!
	4	26	23	88%	April	0	0	#DIV/0!
12	1	24	21	88%	May	0	0	#DIV/0!
	2	28	26	93%	June	0	0	#DIV/0!
	3	34	32	94%	Total	157	156	99%
	4	25	23	92%	By Month (AM)			
11	B	25	22	88%	Month	Games	Refs	%
	C	28	24	86%	Sep	121	112	93%
	M	19	17	89%	Oct	247	229	93%
	P	35	33	94%	Nov	56	47	84%
Totals		581	544	94%	Dec	0	0	#DIV/0!
					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	424	388	92%

**a) AM Referee Appointments Update (Steve Chamberlain)**

Mr. Chamberlain reported that as a result of securing the services of a number of newly trained referees from the courses run by the Bedfordshire FA over the summer months, coverage remained good, although as per normal, there were challenges in a few geographical areas. It was hoped that as the weather changes, there will not be too many changes in availability, although the behaviour of some parents, players and teams appeared to be having a negative affect on a few referees.



The biggest challenge at present appears to be the lack of communication from clubs with regards to kick off times and the lack of consideration for match referees. The flexibility allowed through the amended ruling around kick off times for this season is not being administered correctly as there is little consideration for the appointment of referees. Clubs are reminded that they **MUST** provide a minimum of 7 days' notice to the league of a change of kick off time, so that the league can ensure that the referee is available.

The Committee discussed the issues that the lack of forward planning and communication is causing and agreed that the matter should be raised at the Full Council Meeting in January for further understanding and agreement on best practice. The General Secretary was also asked to write to member clubs to remind them of the correct process.

**b) PM Referee Appointments Update (Brian Cooper)**

Mr. Cooper re-iterated the comments made by the AM Referee Appointments Officer regarding the lack of notice from clubs wanting to move their kick off times within the 12.30 to 14.00 window. This was causing issues and unnecessary re-appointments as some referees were unavailable for the earlier kick off times if they had a game in the morning.

Mr Cooper also highlighted the impact that the County Cups were having on his referee appointments as teams who play in other leagues join the competition but do not bring an allocation of referees with them. This impacts the coverage for CYFL games. Mr Cooper asked if this point could be drawn to the County Cups Committees for review for the 2023 / 24 season.

**6. Treasurer (Jane Brown)**

The Treasurer reported that unfortunately the season had started with the same challenges as previous, with some clubs proving to be very tardy with payment of fines and pitch fees. A couple of clubs had been put under notice of disqualification due to the lateness of payments, which was only released when full payment had been received.

The Committee also discussed the price of Council pitch fees for the 2022 / 23 season. Owing to a change in administration procedures at Dunstable Town Council, the League were not responsible for the processing of pitch fees, whereas previously the clubs had paid directly to the Council. It was noted that there was a considerable difference in pitch fees, with Dunstable Town Council charging between £22 and £34 for pitches (depending on size and location), while Luton Borough Council and Bedford Borough Council were both still charging £15 for youth pitches. It was noted that a number of Luton based teams were currently playing in Dunstable and Mr Gee was asked to contact those clubs to make them aware of the difference in prices.

**7. Social Media (Tony Gee & Nikki Browning)**

**a) Website**

Nothing to report

**b) Facebook**

Nothing to report

**8. Child Welfare Officer (John Thomas)**

Nothing further to report (points already covered earlier in the meeting)

**9. Sponsorship**

The Chairman advised that he had been in contact with the League Sponsor – M&S Water Serviced Ltd. – and payment had been received of monies for season 2022 – 23. Thanks were recorded to M&S Water Services Ltd. for their continued support for grassroots football in Bedfordshire and the CYFL specifically.

The Chairman advised that he was in discussion with M&S Water Services Ltd. about continuing their partnership beyond this season and hoped to provide a further update at the next Committee meeting.

## 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 October. 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 October tab highlighted in **red**).

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2022

Nothing to report

#### 9<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Under 14, Div 1	Stotfold Junior Greys	V	<b>TODDINGTON ROVERS YOUTH</b>
Under 13, Div 3	Shefford Saints Whites	V	<b>WOOTTON RANGERS YOUTH</b>
			<b>PURPLES</b>

#### 16<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Under 13, Div 4	<b>WOOTTON RANGERS YOUTH</b>	V	Dunstable Town Youth Panthers
	<b>GREENS</b>		
Under 11, Banks	<b>LUTON CELTIC YOUTH</b>	V	Kempston Rovers Colts Lions

#### 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2022

Under 18, Div 1	Crawley Green Youth Pumas	V	<b>HITCHIN TOWN YOUTH ORLANDOS</b>
Under 15, Div 1	Luton Bulls	V	<b>WOOTTON RANGERS YOUTH</b>
Under 15, Div 2	<b>FLITWICK EAGLES STRIPES</b>	V	Dunstable Town Tigers
Under 14, Div 2	Maulden Magpies Black	V	<b>BARTON ROVERS YOUTH BLUES</b>
Under 14, Div 3	Leighton Town Youth	V	<b>MAULDEN MAGPIES WHITES</b>
Under 13, Div 1	<b>FLITWICK EAGLES BLUES</b>	V	Bedford Town FC (Youth Development) Blues
Under 13, Div 1	<b>KEMPSTON ROVERS YOUTH ACADEMY</b>	V	Luton Allstars Thundercats
Under 13, Div 1	<b>LUTON STALLIONS</b>	V	Crawley Green Youth Comets
Under 13, Div 4	<b>SUNDON ATHLETIC YOUTH</b>	V	Dunstable Town Youth Panthers
Under 12, Div 1	<b>FLITWICK EAGLES GOLDS</b>	V	Flitwick Eagles Blues
Under 12, Div 3	Kempston Rovers Colts Tigers	V	<b>FLITWICK EAGLES BLACKS</b>
Under 11, Banks	<b>LUTON CELTIC YOUTH</b>	V	Bedford Rovers
Under 11, Charlton	Bedford Town FC (Youth Development) Whites	V	<b>DUNSTABLE TOWN YOUTH HAWKS</b>
Under 11, Moore	Kempston Rovers Colts Tigers	V	<b>LEIGHTON UNITED REDS</b>

  

30 <sup>th</sup> October 2022			
Under 16, Div 1	MK Warriors Sharks	V	<b>LUTON CELTIC YOUTH</b>
Under 11, Peters	Shortstown Rangers	V	Dunstable Town Youth Blues

### c. Void Fixtures

Nothing to report

### d. Abandoned Fixtures

#### 9<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Under 13, Division 1	<b>LUTON STALLIONS</b>	V	Luton Allstars Thundercats
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Match abandoned by referee following alleged incident involving both teams as a result of Luton Stallions allegedly fielding ineligible player. Matter under review with the Bedfordshire Football Association, with Luton Stallions having been charged with causing the game to be abandoned.

#### 6<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Under 15, Division 2	Crawley Green Youth Cubs	V	Dunstable Town Panthers
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Match abandoned by referee due to concerns over player safety due to the condition of the pitch. Match to be re-scheduled in due course

**e. Ineligible Players**

**9<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

Under 13, Division 1

**LUTON STALLIONS**

V

Luton Allstars Thundercats

Luton Stallions allegedly fielded a number of overage and ineligible players in fixture V Luton Allstars Thundercats. Matter under review with the Bedfordshire Football Association.

16<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Under 12, Division 2

Dunstable Town Youth Wolves V

**LEIGHTON PARK  
RANGERS LEGENDS**

Leighton Park Rangers did not have player squad list from Whole Game System available for above fixture. Charge against Leighton Park Rangers found proven (rule 18(A)) and Leighton Park Rangers are fined £25. Result of fixture played to stand as neither Leighton Park Rangers Legends nor match referee made aware that the game was to be played as a friendly (not as a league fixture) as alleged by Dunstable Town Youth Wolves.

**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 presented some sample medals to the Committee and discussions took place regarding the options available to the league for Divisional Winners and Runners Up medals and also those for Cup Finals. The Committee reached agreement and the Chairman was asked to approach the supplier for a quote.

**g. Sub-committee - Cup Finals**

The Committee discussed the increased number of Cup Finals that they intended to hold during the season and the logistics of when and where to hold these games. It was agreed in principle to try and avoid the May Day Bank Holiday weekend so a decision was made to spread the Cup Finals across a 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

**POST MEETING NOTE:-** Following the meeting, an announcement was made that the Coronation of King Charles III would be held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023 and this day would become a Bank Holiday, meaning that the first 2 weekends in May were now Bank Holidays.

**Any Other Business**

Nothing further was discussed.

Meeting Closed: 20.40

**Dates for the 2022 / 2023 Diary:**

**2022**

Weds 7th December **VIRTUAL** Committee Meeting

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023

Sunday 7th May 2023

Sunday 14th May 2023

Under 11 Cup Finals Venue

Under 16 (x2) and Under 18 Cup Finals Venue

Cup Final Super Sunday (Under 12 - Under 15)

TBC

TBC

Barton

Rovers & Barton-le-Clay Parish Council Playing Fields