



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

MINUTES OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2023 AT 7.00 P.M. AT THE FLITWICK FOOTBALL
CENTRE, AMPHILL ROAD, FLITWICK BEDFORDSHIRE MK45 1BA

PRESENT: Mr. P. Brown (Patron & Chairman), Mr. B. Cooper, Mrs. J. Brown, Mrs. E. Vase, Mr. J. Thomas, Mr. S. Chamberlain, Mr. R. Shekle, Mr N. Brown, Miss L. Cooper, Mr. G. Wilson, Mr. V. Shekle, Mr. R. Quieroz and Mr. J. Brown (Secretary)

ALSO PRESENT: N / A

APOLOGIES: Mr C.J. Davison (President), Mr. S. Brown, Mr. T. Gee, Mr. D. Garner, Miss N. Browning

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes were approved as a true record of the last Committee Meeting held on Monday 2nd October 2023

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- **M&DH Clapham Sports** Observations relating to The FA's Play Safe Weekend
THANKS WERE RECORDED FOR THE OBSERVATIONS FROM THE CLUB REGARDING THE SUCCESS OF THE INITIATIVE
- **Toilet Facilities for Teams** Update from General Secretary following discussion at Bedfordshire Football Association Development Committee regarding facilities, particularly for girls
THE GENERAL SECRETARY ADVISED THAT THE SUBJECT HAD BEEN RAISED AT THE RECENT DEVELOPMENT MEETING. ALTHOUGH THERE WAS NOT AN OUTCOME, THE SUBJECT HAD BEEN RAISED AND ANY FURTHER UPDATES WOULD BE SHARED
- **Open Letter to Clubs** The Chairman advised that he had sent an open letter to all clubs regarding the current situation on discipline at games. The letter had also been posted to Social Media to raise further awareness
THE GENERAL SECRETARY ADVISED THAT THERE HAD BEEN A POSITIVE REACTION FROM CLUBS TO THE LETTER WITH A NUMBER REACHING OUT TO OFFER SUPPORT AND PROVIDE SUPPORTIVE FEEDBACK

CORRESPONDENCE (OCTOBER)

- **Houghton Athletic Youth (Under 12)** re:- request for Committee representation to attend forthcoming fixture versus Kempston Rovers Colts Lions (Under 12, Division 1) **NOTED WITH THANKS; UNFORTUNATELY OWING TO THE**

**LATE NOTICE NATURE OF THE REQUEST,
REPRESENTATION WAS NOT POSSIBLE ON
THIS OCCASION**

- **Stoke Hammond Youth
(Under 12 Titans)**
re:- response to allegations made by Sundon Park Rangers following game in Under 12, Division 1 on 10th September. **NOTED WITH THANKS; GENERAL SECRETARY ADVISED THAT HE WAS UNAWARE OF ANY COMPLAINT AS THE COMPLAINT HAD BEEN MADE DIRECTLY WITH THE COUNTY FA'S. ALTHOUGH DOCUMENTS WERE RECEIVED, OWING TO THE NATURE OF THE COMPLAINT, THE MATTER WAS NOW BEING DEALT WITH BY THE FA**
- **Luton Allstars
(Under 12 Avengers)**
re:- complaint regarding incidents in game versus Stoke Hammon Youth Titans in recent Under 12, Division 1 fixture **NOTED WITH THANKS; OWING TO THE NATURE OF THE COMPLAINT, THE MATTER WAS REFERRED DIRECTLY TO THE BERKS & BUCKS FA FOR REVIEW AND INVESTIGATION**
- **Stoke Hammond Youth
(Under 12 Titans)**
re:- correspondence relating to the allegations made by Luton Allstars Avengers in recent fixture **NOTED WITH THANKS; OWING TO THE NATURE OF THE COMPLAINT, THE MATTER HAS BEEN REFERRED DIRECTLY TO THE BERKS & BUCKS FA FOR REVIEW AND INVESTIGATION**
- **MK United (Under 14 Yellows)**
re:- observations relating to the behaviour of the Potton United Youth Royals players and management in recent Under 14, Division 3 fixture **NOTED WITH DISAPPOINTMENT; BOTH CLUBS ADDED TO THE LIST OF CLUBS TO BE OBSERVED IN FUTURE WEEKS**
- **Potton United Youth (Under 14 Royals)**
re:- observations relating to the behaviour of the MK United Yellows players and management in recent Under 14, Division 3 fixture **NOTED WITH DISAPPOINTMENT; BOTH CLUBS ADDED TO THE LIST OF CLUBS TO BE OBSERVED IN FUTURE WEEKS**
- **Luton Allstars
(Under 14 Galacticos)**
re:- complaint re the behaviour of Flitwick Eagles Golds Parents regarding comments made to assistant referee in recent Under 14, Division 1 fixture **NOTED WITH DISAPPOINTMENT; REPORTS FORWARDED TO THE BEDFORDSHIRE FA FOR REVIEW AND INVESTIGATION**
- **Ricardo Quieroz (Referee)**
re:- complaint regarding the behaviours and discipline during the Under 13, Division 2 fixture between Linslade Galaxy Lazio and Dunstable Town Panthers **NOTED WITH DISAPPOINTMENT; AS REPORT RELATES TO MATCH BASED DISCIPLINE, THE MATTER HAS BEEN REFERRED TO THE BEDFORDSHIRE FOOTBALL**

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- **Dunstable Town (Under 13 Panthers)** re:- observations relating to incidents in the Under 13, Division 2 fixture versus Linslade Galaxy Lazio **NOTED WITH DISAPPOINTMENT; AS REPORT RELATES TO MATCH BASED DISCIPLINE, THE MATTER HAS BEEN REFERRED TO THE BEDFORDSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION FOR REVIEW AND FURTHER INVESTIGATION**
- **Flitwick Eagles (Under 13 Blues)** re:- complaint regarding alleged comments made by and behaviours of Sacred Heart Youth United players in recent fixture **NOTED WITH THANKS; OWING TO THE NATURE OF THE COMPLAINT, THE MATTER WAS REFERRED DIRECTLY TO THE BEDFORDSHIRE FA FOR REVIEW AND INVESTIGATION**
- **Christian Schofield (Referee)** re:- observation relating to behaviour of Flitwick Eagles Blues in recent fixture versus Sacred Heart Youth United **NOTED WITH DISAPPOINTMENT; REPORTS FORWARDED TO THE BEDFORDSHIRE FA FOR REVIEW AND INVESTIGATION**
- **Giorgio Bufano (Referee)** re:- complaint regarding the late match confirmation of Luton Allstars Hawks for fixture versus Bedford Town FC (Youth Development) Blues in Under 15, Division 2 **NOTED WITH DISAPPOINTMENT; OWING TO THE LATE CONFIRMATION OF THE MATCH WITH NO APOLOGY FOR LATENESS, MR. BUFANO DECLINED THE FIXTURE AS HAD MADE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS. THE COMMITTEE NOTED THEIR DISAPPOINTMENT IN THIS SITUATION AND AGREED THAT LUTON ALLSTARS HAWKS SHOULD BE FINED £25 IN ACCORDANCE WITH BREACH OF RULE 20 (C)**
- **Jonny Roomes (Referee)** re:- complaint regarding incorrect payment of match fee by Bedford Town FC (Youth Development) Blues – Under 12 – following recent fixture **NOTED; GENERAL SECRETARY ADVISED THAT FOLLOWING CONTACT WITH THE CLUB THE MATTER HAD BEEN RESOLVED PROMPTLY. CLUB HAD BEEN REMINDED OF NEED TO ENSURE THAT THE REFEREE IS PAID CORRECTLY AT THE END OF EACH FIXTURE**
- **Kempston Rovers Youth Academy (Under 14)** re:- complaint regarding the behaviour of Houghton Athletic players and management in recent Under 14, Division 2 fixture **NOTED WITH DISAPPOINTMENT; REPORTS FORWARDED TO THE BEDFORDSHIRE FA FOR REVIEW AND INVESTIGATION**
- **Henry Warren (Referee)** re:- complaint regarding the behaviour of Dunstable Town Youth Spitifres management in recent Under 11, Bell fixture **NOTED WITH DISAPPOINTMENT; REPORTS FORWARDED TO THE**

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- **Ricky Fisher (MK Raptors)**
re:- acknowledgement of issues in recent fixture and thanks recorded to John Thomas (CYFL CWO) for support and advice **NOTED WITH THANKS; COMMENTS PASSED ONTO MR. THOMAS**
- **Tim Patis (Referee)**
re:- reports of mass confrontation in Under 18, Division 1 fixture between Luton United and Barton Rovers Youth Whites, which involved sending off of players and also spectator(s) entering the field of play **NOTED WITH DISAPPOINTMENT; AS REPORT RELATES TO MATCH BASED DISCIPLINE, THE MATTER HAS BEEN REFERRED TO THE BEDFORDSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION FOR REVIEW AND FURTHER INVESTIGATION**
- **Kempston Rovers Colts (Under 16 Pumas)**
re:- positive comments and feedback relating to Under 16, Division 2 fixture versus Inspire Athletic, including behaviours of players, management and spectators **NOTED WITH THANKS; COMMITTEE NOTED POSITIVE NATURE OF COMMENTS AND ALSO EXPERIENCE FOR ALL INVOLVED IN THE GAME**
- **MK Wanderers (Under 12 Eagles)**
re:- complaint regarding the behaviour of spectators of Sporting Kids, including smoking on the side of the pitch **NOTED WITH DISAPPOINTMENT; THE GENERAL SECRETARY ADVISED THAT HE HAD WRITTEN TO THE CLUB TO REMIND THEM OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES IN CONTROLLING THE BEHAVIOUR OF THEIR SPECTATORS AND TO RESPECT THE WISHES / GUIDELINES OF OPPOSING TEAMS. IT WAS NOTED THAT MR BRIAN COOPER AND MISS LOUISE COOPER HAD ALSO BEEN TO ATTEND A SPORTING KIDS FIXTURE SINCE THE COMPLAINT AND NO ISSUES WERE REPORTED**
- **Wootton Rangers Youth (Under 13 Blues)**
re:- complaint re the behaviour of Luton Allstars Vipers players and management in recent Under 13, Division 3 fixture, including performance of match referee and timekeeping **NOTED WITH CONCERN; THE GENERAL SECRETARY ADVISED THAT HE HAD WRITTEN TO THE MATCH REFEREE FOR OBSERVATIONS BEFORE DECIDING UPON NEXT STEPS**
- **Rob Hart (Referee)**
re:- observations relating to alleged incidents in Under 13, Division 3 fixture between Luton Allstars Vipers and Wootton Ranger Youth Blues. No issues observed or reported and no concerns over timekeeping **NOTED WITH THANKS; THE GENERAL SECRETARY ADVISED THAT HAVING REVIEWED THE CORRESPONDENCE, THE MATTER WAS CONSIDERED CLOSED,**

ALTHOUGH ANY FUTURE REPORTS WOULD BE MONITORED FOR FURTHER ACTION

- **Old Bradwell United (Under 12 Kingfishers)**
re:- request from team to cancel fixture on 1st October due to players playing for Saturday teams in B&BFA County Cups on Sundays **NOTED; HAVING REVIEWED THE REQUEST AND DISCUSSED THE MATTER THE COMMITTEE USED THE PRECEDENCE OF A PREVIOUS CASE EARLIER THIS SEASON WITH TATTENHOE REDS (UNDER 15) AND FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CLUB, IT WAS AGREED THAT THEY WOULD BE ALLOWED TO UTILISE ONE OF THEIR ALLOCATION OF FREE WEEKS ON THIS DAY (AND ANY SUBSEQUENT WEEKS). THANKS WERE RECORDED TO OLD BRADWELL UNITED KINGFISHERS FOR THE POSITIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH TO THE ISSUE**
- **Dunstable Town Youth (Under 14 Tigers)**
re:- complaint following recent Under 14, Division 4 fixture versus Bedford Rovers regarding behaviour of players, management and spectators **NOTED WITH DISAPPOINTMENT; REPORTS FORWARDED TO THE BEDFORDSHIRE FA FOR REVIEW AND INVESTIGATION**
- **Bedford Rovers (Under 14)**
re:- complaint following recent Under 14, Division 4 fixture versus Dunstable Town Youth Tigers regarding comments made **NOTED WITH DISAPPOINTMENT; OWING TO THE NATURE OF THE COMPLAINT, THE MATTER HAS BEEN REFERRED DIRECTLY TO THE BEDFORDSHIRE FA FOR REVIEW AND INVESTIGATION**
- **Victor Shekle (Committee Member)**
re:- observations following attendance at the Under 14, Division 4 fixture between Dunstable Town Youth Tigers and Bedford Rovers **NOTED WITH THANKS; REPORTS FORWARDED TO BEDFORDSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION ALONGSIDE REPORTS FROM BOTH CLUBS**
- **Kempston Rovers Youth Academy (Under 14)**
re:- reports relating to the performance and conduct of match referee in recent Under 14, Division 2 fixture versus Luton Stallions **NOTED WITH CONCERN; OWING TO THE NATURE OF THE COMPLAINT, THE MATTER HAS BEEN REFERRED DIRECTLY TO THE BEDFORDSHIRE FA FOR REVIEW AND INVESTIGATION**
- **Grace Yildiz (Referee)**
re:- observations praising the conduct and behaviour of the Queens Park Crescents Under 11 manager in recent Doughty Development Group fixture versus Shefford Saints Whites **NOTED WITH THANKS; THE GENERAL SECRETARY THANKED MISS YILDIZ FOR HER VIEWS AND ADVISED THAT THE POSITIVE FEEDBACK HAD BEEN ENDORSED AND FORWARDED ONTO THE CLUB**

- Bedford Town FC (Youth Development) (Under 12 Blues)**

re:- request from club to postpone forthcoming fixtures to allow the team to re-group and register additional players to support them for the remainder of the season **NOTED; THE GENERAL SECRETARY ADVISED THAT IT HAD BEEN AGREED THAT FIXTURES SCHEDULED FOR 29th OCTOBER AND 5th NOVEMBER WOULD BE POSTPONED WITHOUT PENALTY TO SUPPORT THE TEAM**
- Luton United (Under 17)**

re:- allegations relating to incidents following the conclusion of Under 18, Division 1 fixture versus Bedford Town FC (Youth Development) Blacks **NOTED WITH CONCERN; OWING TO THE NATURE OF THE COMPLAINT, THE MATTER HAS BEEN REFERRED DIRECTLY TO THE BEDFORDSHIRE FA FOR REVIEW AND INVESTIGATION**
- Bedford Town FC (Youth Development) (Under 18 Blacks)**

re:- observations relating to incidents that occurred at the conclusion of the Under 18, Division 1 fixture versus Luton United **NOTED WITH THANKS; ALTHOUGH THE TEAM WERE NOT INVOLVED IN THE EVENTS, THE REPORTS WERE APPRECIATED AND HAD BEEN FORWARDED TO THE BEDFORDSHIRE FA FOR FURTHER REVIEW**
- Nasser Zaman (Referee)**

re:- reports relating to incidents that occurred at the conclusion of the Under 18, Division 1 fixture between Luton United and Bedford Town FC (Youth Development) Blacks **NOTED WITH CONCERN; OWING TO THE NATURE OF THE COMPLAINT, THE MATTER HAS BEEN REFERRED DIRECTLY TO THE BEDFORDSHIRE FA FOR REVIEW AND INVESTIGATION**
- Houghton Athletic (Under 12)**

re:- reports of alleged incident involving coach from Sundon Athletic Youth in recent Under 12, Division 1 fixture between the teams **NOTED WITH CONCERN; OWING TO THE NATURE OF THE COMPLAINT, THE MATTER HAS BEEN REFERRED DIRECTLY TO THE BEDFORDSHIRE FA FOR REVIEW AND INVESTIGATION**
- Sundon Athletic Youth (Under 12)**

re:- reports relating to alleged incidents in recent Under 12, Division 1 fixture versus Houghton Athletic **NOTED; REPORTS FORWARDED TO BEDFORDSHIRE FA FOR FURTHER REVIEW**
- Evan Gerrie (Referee)**

re:- reports relating to incidents in Under 12, Division 1 fixture between Houghton Athletic Youth and Sundon Athletic Youth **NOTED WITH CONCERN; THE GENERAL SECRETARY ADVISED THAT MR COOPER HAD CHECKED ON THE CONDITION OF THE REFEREE FOLLOWING THE DISTRESS FELT HANDLING THE ALLEGED**

INCIDENTS. DISCUSSIONS HAVE ALSO BEEN HELD WITH ISAAC BLAKEY (BEDS FA RDO) TO ENSURE APPROPRIATE SUPPORT IS OFFERED. REPORTS FORWARDED TO THE BEDS FA FOR FURTHER REVIEW AND INVESTIGATION

- **Ricky Shekle (Committee Member)** re:- observations following attendance at the Under 12, Division 1 fixture between Houghton Athletic Youth and Sundon Athletic Youth **NOTED WITH THANKS; REPORTS FORWARDED TO BEDFORDSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION ALONGSIDE REPORTS FROM BOTH CLUBS**
- **Bedford Phoenix (Under 13)** re:- observations relating to the size of the goalposts used in recent Under 13, Division 4 fixture versus Kempston Rovers Youth Academy **NOTED**
- **Dunstable Town Youth (Under 14 Blues)** re:- complaint regarding the behaviour of Houghton Athletic player in recent Under 14, Division 2 fixture **NOTED**
- **Inspire Athletic (Under 16)** re:- complaint regarding ineligible player being fielded by Wootton Rangers Youth in recent Under 16, Division 2 fixture **NOTED WITH THANKS; THE GENERAL SECRETARY ADVISED THAT HE HAD WRITTEN TO WOOTTON RANGERS YOUTH FOR OBSERVATIONS AND TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGATIONS**
- **Wootton Rangers Youth (Under 16)** re:- response to allegations of fielding ineligible player in recent Under 16, Division 2 fixture versus Inspire Athletic **NOTED WITH THANKS; THE GENERAL SECRETARY ADVISED THAT FOLLOWING THE RESPONSE FROM WOOTTON RANGERS YOUTH AND IN DISCUSSION WITH EMMA VASE, THE EXPLANATION WAS ACCEPTED AND THE PLAYER IN QUESTION WAS REGISTERED AND ELIGIBLE TO PLAY. THANKS WERE RECORDED TO WOOTTON RANGERS YOUTH FOR THEIR FULL AND SPEEDY RESPONSE WHICH HELPED TO CLOSE THE MATTER SWIFTLY**
- **Kempston Rovers Colts (Under 11 Lions & Jaguars)** re:- notice of request not to accept appointment of CYFL appointed match referee for fixture between the teams **NOTED WITH CONCERN; MR COOPER EXPRESSED HIS DISAPPOINTMENT OVER THE ATTITUDE OF THE MANAGERS CONCERNED AND THE WASTE OF HIS TIME AND ADVISED THAT THE TEAMS HAD REFUSED THE OFFICIAL THAT HAD BEEN APPOINTED WITH INSUFFICIENT REASON AND HAD SOURCED THEIR OWN OFFICIAL. THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED THE MATTER AND AGREED THAT THIS SET A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT AND THAT THE TEAMS BE CHARGED WITH A BREACH OF RULE 6(I) WITH A POTENTIAL FINE OF £25**

REPORTS

1. Chairman (Peter Brown)

The Chairman referred back to the item referenced in Matters Arising and his open letter to clubs, where it was noted that there had been an improvement in behaviours for one month and then unfortunately both on field and off field discipline matters had returned to their

previous levels which was disappointing to note. Clubs were urged to take responsibility for the behaviour of their players, spectators and officials to avoid a worsening of disciplinary matters and the match day experience for those participating.

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

a. **Divisional Move Requests**

The General Secretary advised that there had been a further number of requests from teams to have their divisional position adjusted within the constitution. The requests are listed below, with the decision ratified and confirmed by the Committee.

- i. **Potton United Youth Royals (Under 14)** – requested to move down to Under 14, Division 4 from Division 3 – initially rejected, but following further defeats and review, was accepted.
- ii. **Sundon Athletic Youth (Under 11)** – moved up from Under 11 Development Groups to Under 12, Division 1 at request of CYFL Committee – thanks were recorded to the team for their support and consideration in this matter to ensure that the team are playing at the correct level for their ability
- iii. **Shortstown Rangers Dolphins (Under 12)** – request from CYFL to move up to Division 3 from Division 4 based on early results in the season – this request was rejected by the team with the reasoning being accepted by the CYFL Committee

b. **England Accreditation**

The General Secretary advised that Mrs Vase was taking the lead in the renewal of the League's England Accreditation and the Committee were updated as to the current progress.

As part of the renewal process, Mrs Vase updated the Committee on some areas of compliance for Committee Members and it was agreed upon some best practice that the Committee would be following moving forwards.

Mrs Vase also advised the Committee that both her and Mr Thomas (CWO) had attended one of the recent club Accreditation Evenings that had been hosted by the Bedfordshire Football Association. This event focused on those clubs who were not England Accredited or require support as part of the renewal process. Mrs Vase advised that the session had been extremely valuable and as a league, the CYFL were to only one represented at the meeting. Following the meeting, Mrs Vase had surveyed all the clubs who were not Accredited to offer support through the process.

The Committee thanked both Mrs Vase and Mr Thomas for their time in attending the meeting and the good work being undertaken in this area.

c. **RESPECT Barriers Update**

The General Secretary advised that on their whole, the vast majority of games so far this season had been played in accordance with league rules and with RESPECT Barriers in place. However a couple of examples had been reported where barriers were not in place and it was agreed that the following teams should be fined for a breach of League Rules as per the below:-

BEDFORD TOWN FC (YOUTH DEVELOPMENT) GREYS	(UNDER 12)
NO RESPECT BARRIER IN PLACE	08/10/23
RULE 20(M) REFERENCE NRB002	FINE £10

BEDFORD TOWN FC (YOUTH DEVELOPMENT) BLUES	(UNDER 12)
NO RESPECT BARRIER IN PLACE	29/10/23
RULE 20(M) REFERENCE NRB003	FINE £10

d. **RESPECT Mark Audit**

The Committee reviewed a document which contained the RESPECT Marks that had been awarded by and to all members teams during the first 2 months of the season. **(Please see separate document attached)**

A discussion took place regarding the RESPECT Marks and potential next steps regarding those teams who had not scored highly in the opening months. It was agreed that the General Secretary would contact those teams requiring action to discuss plans further.

Please note a separate document will be circulated to all clubs containing further details for review and consideration.

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

In his absence, Mr Gee had submitted the following report –

a. **Fixture Updates**

League fixtures are okay (although bad weather of Sunday 5th November caused a few postponements and re-scheduled County Cup fixtures). However, the majority of divisions were progressing well with no issues to report at this stage.

b. **County Cups**

Mr Gee advised that he was not impressed with the current position of the Bedfordshire Football Association County Cup fixtures

An additional round of games had been scheduled which had not previously been advised upon, meaning that the CYFL fixtures that had been scheduled required adjustment. It was noted that the League had still not received a full draw scheduled for all Sunday Youth Competitions for the coming season, so were working a little in the dark at times in this area.

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

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

3380	registered players on WGS
241	Players registered since the season started – 10/09/23
5	Transfers Processed
2	Transfers Pending

Transfers processed / in progress since 1st October 2023

Transfer	Player Name	Current Club	Age Group	New Club	Age Group	Status
1	Tauras Maksims	Kempston Jaguars	14	Houghton Athletic	14	Completed
2	Othneil Ngiandu	QP Crescents	18	Bedford Town	18	Completed
3	Tristan Cameron	Wixams Wanderers	14	Brickhill Wanderers	14	Completed
4	Jody Drew-Whittaker	Sacred Heart	15	Luton Nations	16	Completed
5	Samuel Ross	Bedford Town Youth	12	Kempston Academy	12	Completed
6	Joshua Emanuel	Stopsley United	16	Inspire Athletic	16	in progress
7	Leo Ratcliffe	Flitwick	14	Kempston Colts	13	in progress

These transfers were approved by the Management Committee.

Mrs Vase advised that there were very little issues to report at this stage of the season and things were progressing nicely with regards to player registrations.

It was noted that presently, as well as an entire girls team participating in the Under 13 age group, there were a total of 57 girls registered in the CYFL, which equates to 1.69% of total players registered.

It was also noted that earlier in the season a game had been played between two teams in the CYFL, one of which had boy triplets playing for them, while the opposition had girl triplets playing for them. The Committee noted the unusual nature of this and that both teams had reported the facts on social media.

Referee Appointments Update (Brian Cooper)

a. Referee Coverage Update

The chart below highlights the referee appointments that were made during the opening month of the season. Please note that these figures include any officials who are appointed but may withdraw on the day of the game.

Age Group	Div	01.10.23			08.10.23			15.10.23			22.10.23			29.10.23			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%	4	4	100%	3	3	100%	3	3	100%	18	18	100%
16	1	2	2	100%	4	4	100%	4	4	100%	3	3	100%	4	4	100%	17	17	100%
	2	5	5	100%	6	6	100%	6	6	100%	4	4	100%	6	6	100%	27	27	100%
15	1	4	4	100%	4	4	100%	3	3	100%	2	2	100%	2	2	100%	15	15	100%
	2	4	4	100%	3	3	100%	4	4	100%	2	2	100%	1	1	100%	14	14	100%
	3	4	4	100%	4	4	100%	5	5	100%	4	4	100%	4	4	100%	21	21	100%
14	1	4	4	100%	4	4	100%	4	4	100%	3	3	100%	3	3	100%	18	18	100%
	2	4	4	100%	4	4	100%	3	2	67%	1	1	100%	3	3	100%	15	14	93%
	3	4	4	100%	5	5	100%	5	5	100%	3	3	100%	4	4	100%	21	21	100%
	4	4	4	100%	4	4	100%	5	5	100%	2	2	100%	5	5	100%	20	20	100%
13	1	3	3	100%	4	4	100%	4	4	100%	2	2	100%	3	3	100%	16	16	100%
	2	4	4	100%	4	4	100%	4	4	100%	3	3	100%	2	2	100%	17	17	100%
	3	4	4	100%	4	4	100%	4	4	100%	2	2	100%	3	3	100%	17	17	100%
	4	4	3	75%	4	4	100%	4	4	100%	4	4	100%	3	3	100%	19	18	95%
12	1	4	4	100%	4	4	100%	4	4	100%	0	0	#DIV/0!	3	3	100%	15	15	100%
	2	4	4	100%	4	4	100%	4	3	75%	2	2	100%	4	4	100%	18	17	94%
	3	5	5	100%	6	6	100%	5	5	100%	5	5	100%	5	5	100%	26	26	100%
	4	6	6	100%	5	4	80%	5	5	100%	3	3	100%	5	5	100%	24	23	96%
11	C	3	3	100%	4	4	100%	3	3	100%	4	4	100%	3	3	100%	17	17	100%
	C	4	4	100%	5	5	100%	6	6	100%	5	5	100%	3	3	100%	23	23	100%
	C	4	4	100%	4	4	100%	5	5	100%	4	4	100%	4	4	100%	21	21	100%
	B	6	6	100%	6	6	100%	3	3	100%	4	4	100%	4	4	100%	23	23	100%
Totals		90	89	99%	96	95	99%	94	92	98%	65	65	100%	77	77	100%	378	374	99%

Age Group	Div	ANALYSIS			Games	Refs	%	
		Current	Refs	%				
18	1	31	30	97%	PM	190	189	99%
16	1	29	29	100%	AM	519	506	97%
	2	45	45	100%	Total	709	695	98%
	3	0	0	#####	By Month (PM)			
15	1	27	27	100%	Month	Games	Refs	%
	2	25	25	100%	Sep	78	77	99%
	3	33	33	100%	Oct	112	112	100%
14	1	30	30	100%	Nov	0	0	#DIV/0!
	2	27	26	96%	Dec	0	0	#DIV/0!
	3	39	38	97%	Jan	0	0	#DIV/0!
	4	32	31	97%	Feb	0	0	#DIV/0!
13	1	25	25	100%	March	0	0	#DIV/0!
	2	29	29	100%	April	0	0	#DIV/0!
	3	29	29	100%	May	0	0	#DIV/0!
	4	31	29	94%	June	0	0	#DIV/0!
12	1	27	26	96%	Total	190	189	99%
	2	29	26	90%	By Month (AM)			
	3	41	41	100%	Month	Games	Refs	%
	4	42	40	95%	Sep	209	200	96%
11	L	29	28	97%	Oct	310	306	99%
	P	38	38	100%	Nov	0	0	#DIV/0!
	M	31	30	97%	Dec	0	0	#DIV/0!
	B	40	40	100%	Jan	0	0	#DIV/0!
Totals		709	695	98%	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	519	506	97%

Mr. Cooper advised that he continued to be pleased with the coverage that he had been able to achieve in the first 2 months of the season, through a mixture of his hard work and also the availability being offered by the match referees in supporting him and the League.

Bedfordshire County Cup fixtures have now started and will impact the allocation on those Sundays where County Cup fixtures take priority over CYFL fixtures.

A further cohort of newly trained match referees from the training course in October had now started to be appointed to games and it was hoped that they would have a long and successful refereeing career, hopefully the the CYFL and that the member clubs would look after and support the new officials.

5. **Treasurer (Jane Brown / Nicholas Brown)**

The Assistant Treasurer advised that he had now completed the move of League monies to a new Bank Account to get a better interest rate.

So far fines have been mostly paid on time and those clubs who were paying in a timely manner were thanked for their support.

Unfortunately, a number of payments had been received WITHOUT the appropriate fine reference number attached to it, which makes reconciling the payment very challenging, especially if payments are made from person bank accounts, as opposed to Club Accounts. Clubs were reminded to use the appropriate reference numbers please!

6. **Social Media (Tony Gee & Emma Vase)**

a) **Website**

The Committee discussed an offer from Mr S Brown to support the website updates and publication of information. The offer was accepted and it was agreed that Miss N Browning be asked to forward the necessary log ins and training documents, so that progress could be made in updating and maintaining the website.

b) **Facebook**

Mrs Vase advised that she had taken over the responsibility of maintenance and administration of the Facebook sites from Miss N Browning and would be supporting Mr Gee; it was hoped that more posts would be placed, driving more traffic and interest from clubs and players.

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

Mr Thomas updated the Committee that so far this season, 60 games had been observed, with a mixture of new teams (7), potential problem fixtures and requests from teams. On the whole, the behaviour of teams was good when Committee Members were in attendance, which is encouraging but it was noted that representation could not be at every game and teams needed to take responsibility for the behaviour and conduct of their own players, managers and spectators.

Mr Thomas also raised a discussion point around the correct size of pitch and goalposts being used by teams. Clubs were reminded of the correct sizes to be used, although it was noted that the guidance from The FA is around recommended sizes (not absolute) to ensure that games are played.

8. **Sponsorship (Peter Brown / Ricardo Quieroz)**

Mr Quieroz presented a Cup Final sponsorship to the Committee, highlighting different areas of potential sponsorship for the League. The Chairman thanked Mr Quieroz for his time preparing the document and asked the rest of the Committee to review the document and suggest as changes / amendments before the document is shared on a wider basis to try and attract sponsorship.

9. **Sub-committees**

a. **Sub-committee – Discipline**

i. **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**).

1st October 2023

Under 14, Division 4	Blunham Youth	V	POTTON UNITED YOUTH COBALTS
Under 13, Division 1	MK Athletic	V	FLITWICK EAGLES BLUES
Under 11, Lockyer	Sundon Athletic Youth	V	KEMPSTON ROVERS YOUTH
			ACADEMY EAGLES
Under 11, Pelly	Dunstable Town Youth Sharks	V	KEMPSTON ROVERS COLTS
			JAGUARS

8th October 2023

Under 12, Division 2	Bedford Town FC (Youth Development) Greys	V	LEIGHTON TOWN YOUTH
Under 12, Division 3	LEIGHTON UNITED REDS	V	Wootton Rangers Youth Blues

15th October 2023

None

22nd October 2023

Under 15, Division 2	Dunstable Town Youth Pumas	V	DUNSTABLE TOWN TIGERS
Under 11, Nakamba	FLITWICK EAGLES WHITES	V	Bedford Rovers Lions

Under 11, Doughty **AFC DUNSTABLE BLUES** V Dunstable Town Youth Spitfires
 Under 11 Doughty **LEIGHTON PARK RANGERS THUNDERCATS** V Leighton United Reds

29th October 2023

Under 16, Division 2 Brickhill Wanderers V **FLITWICK EAGLES REDS**
 Under 16, Division 2 **STOPSLEY UNITED YOUTH TITANS** V City Colts Cobras

- ii. **Void Fixtures**
Nothing to report.
- iii. **Abandoned Fixtures (DECISIONS MADE)**
Nothing to report.
- iv. **Abandoned Fixtures (DECISIONS PENDING)**
Nothing to report.
- v. **Ineligible Players**
Nothing to report.

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

b. Sub-committee – Trophies

The Chairman advised that a new order had been placed for medals with a new supplier and everything was in order. For the first time in a couple of years, the League now had 2 different medal suppliers in place and it was hoped that this would enable the League to have different be-spoke medals with a competitive pricing strategy.

c. Sub-committee - Cup Finals

The General Secretary advised that a confirmed booking had been made with Flitwick Football Centre for Cup Finals to be hosted on Sundays 28th April and 12th May 2024. At this stage, a timetable had not been developed, but would be circulated to member clubs asap to advise of when the different Cup Finals would be held.

Any Other Business

Nothing further discussed.

Meeting Closed: 9.05

Dates for the 2023 / 2024 Diary:

2023

Monday 4th December Committee Meeting Meeting Room, Beds FA

2024

Monday 8th January Committee Meeting Virtual
 Monday 29th January Full Council Meeting Flitwick Football Centre
 Monday 5th February Committee Meeting Meeting Room, Beds FA
 Monday 4th March Committee Meeting Virtual
 Monday 8th April Committee Meeting Meeting Room, Beds FA
 Monday 10th June AGM County Lounge