



THE CHILTERN YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE
(Affiliated to Bedfordshire Football Association)

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CHILTERN YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE HELD ON MONDAY, 12th JUNE 2023 AT 8.00 P.M. AT THE BEDFORDSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION, SKIMPOT ROAD, DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE LU5 4JU.

Prior to the main business of the meeting, Mr Jose Gomes (Bedfordshire Football Association) addressed those in attendance providing a short update regarding discipline, RESPECT, behaviours and coach development. Reference was also made to a joint initiative between the Bedfordshire Football Association and the Chiltern Youth Football League to be supply member clubs with RESPECT barriers for use at matches starting from the 2023 / 24 season. Questions asked by Ricardo Quieroz and Brickhill Wanderers were answered by Mr. Gomes following the presentation.

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance, as well as guests Mr. Chris Davison (President) and Mr. Paul Roberts (Vice-President).

1. Apologies for Absence:-
Were received from the following:- Cranfield Colts, Luton Nations Community, MK Athletic, MK Warriors, Shenley FC and Wotton Rangers Youth (member clubs) and also Paul Mockett and Keith Swain (Vice-Presidents), Nikki Browning and Gary Wilson (Committee Members)
2. Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Monday, 13th June 2022
These had previously been circulated by email and all member clubs in attendance were issued with a copy. The minutes were approved by the floor as a true record of last years' AGM
3. Matters Arising from those Minutes
None
4. Chairman's Report - as issued
A written report had previously been circulated by email and all member clubs in attendance were issued with a copy. This was adopted.

5. **Presentation of President's Award**
The Award was presented to: **Mr. John Thomas** (CYFL Committee Member)

Presentation of 'Frank Brock Memorial Trophy'

The Award was presented to: **Mr. Steve Chamberlain** (CYFL Committee Member)

Presentation of 'Derrick Allen Award'

The Award was presented to: Not awarded this season.

6. Hon. General Secretary's Report - as issued
A written report had been circulated and this was adopted.
- a) Presentation of Secretary's Award
The Award was presented to: **Mrs. Jenny Yildiz** (Bedford Town FC (Youth Development))
- b) Presentation of RESPECT Awards
Overall Winner **Leighton Town Youth**
- Age Group Winners
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| Under 18 | Flitwick Eagles Whites |
| Under 16 | Bedford Town FC (Youth Development) Blacks |
| Under 15 | Stopsley United Youth Titans |
| Under 14 | Dunstable Town Youth Wolves |
| Under 13 | Leighton United Blues |
| Under 12 | Leighton Town Youth |
| Under 11 | Bedford Town FC (Youth Development) Greys |
7. Hon. Fixture Secretary's Report
A written report had been circulated and this was adopted.
8. Hon. Player Registration Secretaries' Report
A written report had been circulated and this was adopted.
9. Hon. AM Referee Secretary Report - as issued
A written report had been circulated and this was adopted.
- AM Referee of the Year Award**
These were presented to:- **Annie Scott**
10. Hon. PM Referee Secretary Report
A written report had been circulated and this was adopted.
- PM Referee of the Year Award**
These were presented to:- **Tim Patis**
11. Hon. Treasurer's Report
A written report and copies of the Audited Accounts and Balance Sheet had been circulated. The Report and Accounts were adopted.

Thanks were recorded to M&S Water Services Limited for their continued support of the Chiltern Youth Football League, which it had been agreed would continue for another season.

12. Election of New Clubs

New Clubs – Arlesey Town Youth, Aspley Guise, Bedford Phoenix, City Colts, Linslade Galaxy, MK United, Old Bradwell United, Sporting Kids, Tekkers MK

All new clubs had been interviewed prior by the committee prior to the AGM & had satisfied the criteria for being recommended for election to the CYFL. Their election was accepted by the floor as members of the CYFL.

13. Election of Officers and Management Committee:

Mr. Peter Brown (Chairman) thanked the committee for their hard work during the past season and explained that all members of the Management Committee had agreed to continue as active members.

However, Mr. Chamberlain had stepped down from his role as AM Referee Appointments Officer, following a number of years in the role. He had agreed to continue to be a Committee Member moving forwards. Following a selection process, Mr. Chris Jackson had been successful in being appointed to replace Mr. Chamberlain and was welcomed into his new position.

As part of the future proofing of the Committee, Mr. Nick Brown had accepted the role as Assistant Treasurer, while Mr Ricardo Queiroz and Miss Louise Cooper had both accepted positions as Committee Members. This is a positive move to strengthen the Committee, both in terms of numbers and also active members who will help to support the development of the League.

PATRON:	Mr. P.D. Brown
PRESIDENT:	Mr. C. Davison
LIFE VICE-PRESIDENTS:	Vacant
VICE-PRESIDENTS:	Messers. P. Mockett, M.J. Ogden, P. Roberts, K. Swain, B.Fleet, D. Billington
CHAIRMAN:	Mr. P.D. Brown
VICE-CHAIRMAN:	Vacant
HON. GENERAL SECRETARY:	Mr. J.D. Brown
HON. FIXTURE SECRETARY:	Mr. T. Gee
HON. PLAYER REGISTRATION SECRETARY:	Mrs. E. Vase
HON. TREASURER:	Mrs. J.E. Brown
ASSISTANT HON. TREASURER:	Mr. N.J. Brown
HON. AM REFEREE SECRETARY:	Mr. C. Jackson
HON. PM REFEREE SECRETARY:	Mr. B. Cooper
MEDIA OFFICERS:	Miss N. Browning & Mr. T. Gee
CHILD WELFARE OFFICER	Mr. J. Thomas

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

Messrs. R. Shekle, V. Shekle, R. Leonard, G. Wilson, S. Brown, D. Garner, **S. Chamberlain, R. Queiroz and Miss L. Cooper**

The above committee changes were proposed and seconded and the committee were elected 'en-bloc'.

14. Alteration of Rules:

Rule 18(A)

Current rule

Squad Sheets must be exchanged and checked, with the players present on the day, at the beginning of every match.....

Amend to

Printed Squad Sheets must be exchanged and checked, with the players present on the day, at the beginning of every match.....

Rationale:-

Teamsheets should be printed in colour so all players faces can be seen clearly and handed to the opposition coach prior to the match starting; checking of players should be within the centre circle prior to kick off. **(Bromham United AFC)**

Following a healthy discussion on this amendment to the rule, during which Bedford Park Rangers, Shortstown Rangers, Brickhill Wanderers, Kempston Rovers Colts, John Thomas, Sundon Park Rangers raised discussion points, the rule amendment was proposed and seconded, but the member clubs voted AGAINST the amendment and hence the rule remains the same.

Clubs were however reminded of the need to ensure that the appropriate checks of Player ID's / Squad Lists was completed prior to each and every fixture.

Rule 18(D)

Current rule

Each Team may register a maximum of 24 players. Clubs with Teams at Under 17 and Under 18 age levels may register 28 players at any one time.

Amend to

Each Team may register a maximum of **20** players.

Rationale:-

Revert back to previous ruling of maximum of 20 players being registered at any one time. **Mark Webb (Barton Rovers Youth)**

Following a healthy discussion on this amendment to the rule, during which AFC Dunstable, M&DH Clapham Sports, Potton United Youth, Shefford Saints and Tattenhoe raised discussion points, the rule amendment was proposed

and seconded, but the member clubs voted AGAINST the amendment and hence the rule remains the same.

Rule 18(J)

Addition

The players list produced in WGS must be available for inspection by the opponent or a member of the management committee upon request at any fixture no later than the final whistle. Any failure to provide this information when requested must be reported to the competition within 2 days of the fixture.

Rationale:-

Clarifying the situation regarding the availability and checking of player list from WGS

The addition was proposed and seconded and following a vote by member clubs were approved and adopted for the 2023 / 24 season.

Rule 18 (N)(i)

Current rule

The fine for fielding a non-registered player or an ineligible player should be **£30** (for the first offence).

Amend to

The fine for fielding a non-registered player or an ineligible player should be **£50** (for the first offence).

Rationale:-

To provide additional deterrent to those thinking about fielding ineligible players / increase the punishment issued to those who breach the rule. The first offence to be increased from £30 to £50 and all subsequent breaches to be £50 per player.

Mark Webb (Barton Rovers Youth)

The addition was proposed and seconded and following a vote by member clubs were approved and adopted for the 2023 / 24 season.

Rule 20 (M)

Addition:-

Each home club shall make arrangements for the provision of designated areas for spectators. This area must be marked by use of a physical barrier (rope or similar) and be of sufficient length that all spectators are prevented from entering the pitch. The area for spectators should start two metres from the touchline and people are to stand behind the barrier.

Spectators should not stand behind either goal (unless assisting with the retrieval of balls). If the referee deems it necessary, a technical area can be marked out (by cones or similar) for the team officials.

The failure of the HOME Team to ensure that such provision is present will result in the following schedule of fines – First Offence = £10, Second Offence = £20, Third Offence (and any subsequent offence) = £40

Rationale:-

In an attempt to improve touchline behaviour of managers and parents / spectators, as part of a joint collaboration between youth leagues in Bedfordshire and the Bedfordshire Football Association, all grounds are to be provided with sufficient RESPECT barriers to ensure that the appropriate demarcation can be present at all games.

A healthy discussion took place on the principles of the barriers and other areas relating to behaviours, with M&DH Clapham Sports, Shortstown Rangers and Leighton Park Rangers all making valuable contributions to the discussion.

The addition was proposed and seconded and following a vote by member clubs were approved and adopted for the 2023 / 24 season.

Any additional alterations to the rules for season 2023 / 2024 will be made in conjunction with The FA's Standard Code of Rules (Youth).

15. Conclusion of Playing Season 2022 / 2023:-
This was confirmed as 31st May, 2023.

16. Adoption of Standing Orders
These were adopted by the member clubs.

17. Roll Call
The following clubs were recorded as absent from the meeting and it was agreed that they would be fined in accordance with league rule (8(H)), the sum of £30.00 for non-representation – **Houghton Athletic, Luton Allstars, Luton Nations Community, MK Athletic, Queens Park Crescents, Shenley FC and Wootton Rangers Youth** (Apologies do not constitute representation)

18. Election of Auditor:
Mr. Terry Turrell was elected as Auditor for the 2023 / 2024 Season.

19. Any Other Business:
The General Secretary confirmed that no questions had been received from member clubs ahead of the meeting.

The Chairman thanked the Bedfordshire Football Association for their support in hosting the AGM, the Committee for their continued hard work and recorded his best wishes to the member clubs for a restful summer and for the forthcoming 2023 / 24 playing season.

20. Prize Draw
A prize draw took place at the conclusion of the meeting using some of the funds received from clubs who had been fined for their non-attendance at the previous Full Council Meeting. Prizes of match balls, First Aid kits and a training aid were awarded to a number of successful clubs.

The Meeting closed at 9.10pm.

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FOLLOWING THE MEETING: Clubs received the remaining pages of the Annual Report giving details of The RESPECT Trophy and confirmation of other Awards made. This was emailed to all clubs in the days following the meeting.

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You are reminded that:

- a) You must submit at least 12 fully completed Registrations for each 11v11 Team (10 for 9v9 Teams) by **15th August 2023** (Rule 8(a) - Failure to do so may result in a £15.00 fine being issued)

- c) The 2023 / 24 playing season will commence on **Sunday 10th September 2023**