



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

AGENDA OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2023 AT 7.00 P.M. VIRTUALLY (VIA TEAMS)

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

ALSO PRESENT: N / A

APOLOGIES: Mr. C.J. Davison (President), Mr. S. Chamberlain, Mr. D. Garner, Mr. V. Shekle, Mr. R. Shekle. Mr. R. Leonard, Mr. G. Wilson

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes were approved as a true record of the last Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 11th January 2023

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: Nothing raised

JANUARY 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 12th FEBRUARY. 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 WITH THANKS**

- **The Football Association**

re:- various correspondence relating to Silent Support Weekends and England Accreditation
NOTED; THE GENERAL SECRETARY ADVISED THAT THE CYFL HAD SIGNED UP TO TAKE PART IN THE NEXT SILENT SUPPORT EVENT ON THE WEEKEND OF 25th & 26th FEBRUARY. THE EVENT WILL BE PUBLICISED THROUGH THE LEAGUE'S SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS TO RAISE AWARENESS
- **Bedfordshire Football Association**

re:- various correspondence relating to Silent Support Weekends
NOTED; THE GENERAL SECRETARY ADVISED THAT THE CYFL HAD SIGNED UP TO TAKE PART IN THE NEXT SILENT SUPPORT EVENT ON THE WEEKEND OF 25th & 26th FEBRUARY. THE EVENT WILL BE PUBLICISED THROUGH THE LEAGUE'S SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS TO RAISE AWARENESS
- **The Football Association**

re:- notice of forthcoming Shaping The Future of Youth Football event (Webinar on Monday 27th February)
NOTED; GENERAL SECRETARY ADVISED THAT EMMA VASE WAS GOING TO REPRESENT THE CYFL AT THE EVENT AND WOULD FEEDBACK AT THE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING
- **MK Warriors**

re:- update relating to Berks & Bucks FA County Cups
NOTED WITH THANKS; BEST WISHES RECORDED TO TEAMS IN FUTURE FIXTURES IN THE COMPETITIONS
- **Stopsley United Youth (Under 15 Titans)**

re:- observations relating to the conduct of the match referee prior to and during fixture V Dunstable Town Youth
NOTED WITH CONCERN; THE MATTER WAS DISCUSSED AND IT WAS AGREED THAT THE REPORT RECEIVED SHOULD BE SHARED WITH THE BEDFORDSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION FOR FURTHER REVIEW IN TERMS OF DISCIPLINE CASE AND DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT FOR THE REFEREE
- **Dunstable Town Youth (Under 15)**

re:- observations relating to the conduct of the match referee prior to and during fixture V Stopsley United Youth Titans
NOTED WITH CONCERN; THE MATTER WAS DISCUSSED AND IT WAS AGREED THAT THE REPORT RECEIVED SHOULD BE SHARED WITH THE BEDFORDSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION FOR FURTHER REVIEW IN TERMS OF DISCIPLINE CASE AND DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT FOR THE REFEREE
- **Furqan Miah (referee)**

re:- report relating to abandonment of fixture between Stopsley United Youth Titans V Dunstable Town Youth (Under 15)
NOTED WITH CONCERN; THE MATTER WAS DISCUSSED AND IT WAS AGREED THAT THE REPORT RECEIVED SHOULD BE SHARED WITH THE BEDFORDSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION FOR

FURTHER REVIEW IN TERMS OF DISCIPLINE CASE AND DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT FOR THE REFEREE

- **Wilstead Harriers (Under 15)**

re:- observations relating to the actions of the match referee during fixture V Inspire Athletic **NOTED; THE PM REFEREE APPOINTMENTS OFFICER ADVISED THAT HE HAD RESPONDED TO THE CLUB AND CONFIRMED PROCESS REGARDING IN MATCH DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

- **Tattenhoe (Under 15 Reds)**

re:- observations relating to the alleged behaviour of spectator attached to Flitwick Eagles Stripes during recent fixture **NOTED WITH DISAPPOINTMENT; THE PM REFEREE SECRETARY ADVISED THAT HE HAD WRITTEN TO THE MATCH REFEREE TO CONFIRM EVENTS AND OBTAIN OBSERVATIONS. THE REFEREE WAS ABLE TO CONFIRM CERTAIN ELEMENTS OF THE REPORT (BASED AROUND WHAT HE HAD HEARD / OBSERVED) AND ALSO RAISED OTHER POINTS RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF BOTH TEAMS DURING THE GAME. HOWEVER, HE DID NOT FEEL IT APPROPRIATE TO MAKE REPORTS TO THE COUNTY FA'S AS HE HAD NOT FULLY OBSERVED / HEARD COMMENTS MADE AND HAD DEALT WITH THE INCIDENT THAT OCCURRED DURING THE GAME. IT WAS NOTED THAT THE TEAMS ARE DUE TO PLAY AGAIN ON 19TH FEBRUARY AND IT WAS AGREED THAT COMMITTEE REPRESENTATION (MR. J. THOMAS) WOULD BE ARRANGED. THE GENERAL SECRETARY WAS ASKED TO WRITE TO FLITWICK EAGLES TO REMIND THEM OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTROL THEIR SPECTATORS DURING GAMES.**

POST MEETING NOTE:- THE GENERAL SECRETARY ADVISED THAT FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS WITH TATTENHOE, IT HAD BEEN CONFIRMED BY THE CLUB THAT THE PARENT OF THE PLAYER INVOLVED WISHED TO TAKE THE MATTER FURTHER AND HAD REQUESTED DETAILS OF HOW TO DO SO. THE GENERAL SECRETARY ADVISED THAT THE CLUB HAD BEEN ADVISED TO CONTACT THEIR COUNTY FA TO LODGE A COMPLAINT.

- **Geoff Andrews (referee)**

re:- correspondence requesting re-imburement for match fee following late postponement of fixture between AFC Bromham Youth Lions and Stopsley United Youth Scorpions **NOTED; THE COMMITTEE REVIEWED THE NATURE OF THE CORRESPONDENCE AND AGREED WITH MR. ANDREWS THAT THE LATE POSTPONEMENT OF THE FIXTURE RESULTED IN HIM TRAVELLING TO THE GROUND. IT WAS AGREED THAT RULE 23(F) SHOULD BE APPLIED AND STOPSLEY UNITED YOUTH WOULD BE ASKED TO PAY THE MATCH FEE (£35) TO THE REFEREE AS THEIR INABILITY TO FIELD A TEAM HAD RESULTED IN THE GAME BEING POSTPONED. THE LEAGUE AGREED TO PAY THE MONIES TO MR. ANDREWS AND WOULD THEN RECLAIM THE MONIES FROM STOPSLEY UNITED YOUTH**

- **Adam Ahmad-Pearce**
(referee)

re:- confusion over appointment to fixture which led to two officials arriving at the same ground for one fixture and other game went uncovered **NOTED; THE AM REFEREE SECRETARY CONFIRMED THAT THE REFEREES HAD BEEN SWAPPED DURING THE WEEK AND THE CORRECT CONFIRMATIONS HAD BEEN MADE. HOWEVER, ONE OF THE MATCH OFFICIALS HAD INCORRECTLY ARRIVED AT THE WRONG GROUND**
- **Akin Dogankaya**
(referee)

re:- confusion over appointment to fixture which led to two officials arriving at the same ground for one fixture and other game went uncovered **NOTED; THE AM REFEREE SECRETARY CONFIRMED THAT THE REFEREES HAD BEEN SWAPPED DURING THE WEEK AND THE CORRECT CONFIRMATIONS HAD BEEN MADE. HOWEVER, ONE OF THE MATCH OFFICIALS HAD INCORRECTLY ARRIVED AT THE WRONG GROUND**
- **Barton Parish Council**

re:- correspondence relating to revised costings for hire of Parish Council Playing Fields for Cup Final Super Sunday **NOTED WITH THANKS; THE COMMITTEE HAD REVIEWED THE COSTINGS AND DISCUSSED OPTIONS. FURTHER DETAILS CONTAINED LATER IN THESE MINUTES**
- **Luton Stallions**
(Under 13)

re:- request for postponement of fixture owing to family bereavement **NOTED WITH SADNESS; THE COMMITTEE AGREED TO THE REQUEST FOR CANCELLATION WITHOUT PUNISHMENT. GAME TO BE RE-SCHEDULED IN DUE COURSE**
- **Jake Neville**
(referee)

re:- request to not be appointed to officiate fixtures involving Dunstable Town Youth Wolves (Under 12) owing to issues with delayed match confirmations and late payments of match fees **NOTED WITH DISAPPOINTMENT; THE GENERAL SECRETARY ADVISED THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED A NUMBER OF ISSUES WITH THE CLUB SECRETARY CONCERNING THE POOR LEVEL OF ADMINISTRATION WITH THIS TEAM. URGENT ATTEMPTS TO BE MADE TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO IMPROVE ADMINISTRATION TO AVOID FURTHER ACTION BEING TAKEN**
- **Camden Martin-Harris**
(referee)

re:- chase for non-payment of match fee **NOTED WITH DISAPPOINTMENT; THE GENERAL SECRETARY ADVISED THAT FOLLOWING COMMUNICATION WITH THE HOME CLUB THE MATTER HAD BEEN CLARIFIED AND RESOLVED WITH PAYMENT BEING MADE TO THE REFEREE IN QUESTION**

- **Adam Ahmad-Pearce (referee)**

re:- chase for non-payment of match fee **NOTED WITH DISAPPOINTMENT; THE GENERAL SECRETARY ADVISED THAT FOLLOWING COMMUNICATION WITH THE HOME CLUB THE MATTER HAD BEEN CLARIFIED AND RESOLVED WITH PAYMENT BEING MADE TO THE REFEREE IN QUESTION**
- **Luke Maybury (referee)**

re:- chase for non-payment of match fee and observations relating to the behaviour of Kempston Rovers Youth Academy Management (Under 11) **NOTED WITH DISAPPOINTMENT; THE GENERAL SECRETARY ADVISED THAT THE MATTER SURROUNDING THE NON-PAYMENT HAD BEEN RESOLVED AND THE REFEREE HAD REPORTED THE ALLEGED INCIDENTS OF MISCONDUCT TO THE BEDFORDSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION FOR REVIEW AND FURTHER ACTION**
- **Warden United**

re:- feedback received for performance of referee in recent fixture **NOTED WITH THANKS. FEEDBACK DISCUSSED AND FORWARDED TO ISAAC BLAKEY (RDO) AT BEDFORDSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK TO REFEREE TO SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT**
- **Wootton Rangers Youth (Under 13 Greens)**

re:- reports relating to abandonment of fixture V Blunham Youth **NOTED WITH DISAPPOINTMENT; MATTER REFERRED TO BEDFORDSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION FOR REVIEW IN RELATION TO CHARGES CONCERNING MISCONDUCT BY PARENTS CAUSING GAME TO BE ABANDONED. CYFL TO REVIEW ACTION TAKEN BY BEDFORDSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BEFORE RULING ON STATUS OF GAME**
- **Blunham Youth (Under 13)**

re:- reports relating to abandonment of fixture V Wootton Rangers Youth Greens **NOTED WITH DISAPPOINTMENT; MATTER REFERRED TO BEDFORDSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION FOR REVIEW IN RELATION TO CHARGES CONCERNING MISCONDUCT BY PARENTS CAUSING GAME TO BE ABANDONED. CYFL TO REVIEW ACTION TAKEN BY BEDFORDSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BEFORE RULING ON STATUS OF GAME**
- **Caelen Moss (referee)**

re:- report relating to abandonment of fixture between Wootton Rangers Youth Greens and Blunham Youth (Under 13) **NOTED WITH DISAPPOINTMENT; MATTER REFERRED TO BEDFORDSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION FOR REVIEW IN RELATION TO CHARGES CONCERNING MISCONDUCT BY PARENTS CAUSING GAME TO BE ABANDONED. CYFL TO REVIEW ACTION TAKEN BY BEDFORDSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BEFORE RULING ON STATUS OF GAME**

- **Newport Pagnell Town (Under 15 Jaguars)**

re:- observations relating to the behaviour of Dunstable Town Tigers Management and players during recent fixture **NOTED WITH DISAPPOINTMENT; THE GENERAL SECRETARY ADVISED THAT THE PM REFEREE APPOINTMENTS OFFICER HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE MATCH REFEREE TO CHECK ALL OKAY AND TO CHECK DISCIPLINE REPORTS HAD BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE BEDFORDSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION FOR REVIEW**
- **Dunstable Town (Under 15 Tigers)**

re:- correspondence questioning the suitability of match referee in recent fixture V Newport Pagnell Town Jaguars **NOTED; THE GENERAL SECRETARY ADVISED THAT HE HAD CONFIRMED THE STATUS OF THE APPOINTED REFEREE AND SUITABILITY TO OFFICIATE THE FIXTURE IN QUESTION**
- **Nigel Taylor (referee)**

re:- positive feedback relating to behaviour of players and officials in fixture between Barton Rovers and AFC Kempston Hammers (Under 18) **NOTED WITH THANKS; THE GENERAL SECRETARY ADVISED THAT HE HAD THANKED MR TAYLOR FOR HIS OBSERVATIONS AND PROVIDED FEEDBACK TO BOTH TEAMS, THANKING THEM FOR THEIR EFFORTS TO PLAY THE GAME AND CONDUCT THEMSELVES IN THE CORRECT MANNER**
- **Colin Souter (Bedford Town (Youth Development) Under 13 Blues)**

re:- observations and praise for the work being done by coaches at three of the Asian Community Clubs in CYFL – Queens Park Crescents, Luton Allstars and Luton Stallions and the respective coaches attached to those teams for providing football opportunities to players in their teams **NOTED WITH THANKS; ALAN YOUNG AT BEDFORDSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION ALSO COPIED INTO CORRESPONDENCE AND REPLIED TO CLUB WITH SUGGESTION THAT NOMINATION FOR FA GRASSROOTS AWARD COULD BE SUBMITTED TO RECOGNISE INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED**
- **Kempston Rovers Colts (Under 13 Jaguars)**

re:- complaint over late postponement of fixture versus Dunstable Town Phoenix at Creasey Park complex **NOTED; THE GENERAL SECRETARY ADVISED THAT FOLLOWING CONFIRMATION FROM THE CREASEY PARK COMPLEX, SELECTED PITCHES ON THE DAY HAD BEEN DEEEMED UNFIT FOR USE AND HENCE THE GAME IN QUESTION HAD BEEN POSTPONED, ALBEIT AT LATE NOTICE. KEMPSTON ROVERS HAD BEEN WRITTEN TO AND ADVISED OF THE SITUATION**
- **Wixams Wanderers (Under 13 Madrid)**

re:- complaint regarding postponement of fixture between Luton Allstars Thundercats due to pitch not being booked **NOTED; MATTER DISCUSSED AS WIXAMS WANDERERS HAD ARRIVED AT THE GROUND FOR KICK OFF ONLY TO DISCOVER THAT THE PITCH HAD NOT**

BEEN BOOKED AND HENCE WAS NOT AVAILABLE FOR USE. THE COMMITTEE RULED THAT LUTON ALLSTARS THUNDERCATS SHOULD BE CHARGED WITH THE NON-FULFILMENT OF THE FIXTURE

- **Leighton Town Youth (Under 14)**

re:- question surrounding player from opposing team playing whilst under suspension **NOTED WITH CONCERN; CLUB REFERRED TO BEDFORDSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION TO RAISE QUERY FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION**

- **Sundon Park Rangers (Under 14)**

re:- question surrounding player from opposing team playing whilst under suspension **NOTED WITH CONCERN; CLUB REFERRED TO BEDFORDSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION TO RAISE QUERY FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION**

UPDATE:- FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION BY THE BEDFORDSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION, KEMPSTON ROVERS COLTS CHARGED WITH FIELDING A SUSPENDED PLAYER

- **John Thomas (Committee Member)**

re:- report regarding Maulden Magpies (Under 14) moving players between teams in Blacks and Whites **NOTED; THE MATTER WAS DISCUSSED AND THE REGISTRATION SECRETARY CONFIRMED THAT SHE HAD BEEN AWARE OF REQUESTS TO CHANGE REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS IN QUESTION AND THESE CHANGES HAD BEEN MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH LEAGUE RULES**

- **M&DH Clapham Sports (Under 16)**

re:- reports relating to abandonment of fixture V Luton Sporting Club **NOTED WITH DISAPPOINTMENT; MATTER REFERRED TO BEDFORDSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION FOR REVIEW IN RELATION TO CHARGES CONCERNING MISCONDUCT BY PARENTS CAUSING GAME TO BE ABANDONED. CYFL TO REVIEW ACTION TAKEN BY BEDFORDSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BEFORE RULING ON STATUS OF GAME**

- **Luton Sporting Club (Under 16)**

re:- reports relating to abandonment of fixture V M&DH Clapham Sports **NOTED WITH DISAPPOINTMENT; MATTER REFERRED TO BEDFORDSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION FOR REVIEW IN RELATION TO CHARGES CONCERNING MISCONDUCT BY PARENTS CAUSING GAME TO BE ABANDONED. CYFL TO REVIEW ACTION TAKEN BY BEDFORDSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BEFORE RULING ON STATUS OF GAME**

- **Mansour Abdelaziz (referee)**

re:- reports relating to abandonment of fixture V M&DH Clapham Sports **NOTED WITH DISAPPOINTMENT; MATTER REFERRED TO BEDFORDSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION FOR REVIEW IN RELATION TO CHARGES CONCERNING MISCONDUCT BY PARENTS CAUSING GAME TO BE ABANDONED. CYFL TO REVIEW ACTION TAKEN BY BEDFORDSHIRE**

FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BEFORE RULING ON STATUS OF GAME

- **Milton Keynes Athletic (Under 12)**

re:- complaint regarding length of time taken to conclude process surrounding abandoned fixture versus Dunstable Town Youth Wolves **NOTED WITH DISAPPOINTMENT; THE GENERAL SECRETARY ADVISED THAT THE MANAGEMENT OF THE TEAM HAD EXPRESSED THEIR DISAPPOINTMENT OVER THE LENGTH OF TIME TAKEN TO PROCESS DECISION RELATING TO ABANDONMENT OF FIXTURE VERSUS DUNSTABLE TOWN YOUTH WOLVES. THE GENERAL SECRETARY ADVISED THAT HE HAD CORRESPONDED WITH THE MANAGER ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS TO ADVISE THAT UNTIL THE MATTER HAD BEEN CONCLUDED BY THE COUNTY FA'S, THE CYFL WERE UNABLE TO REACH A RULING. THANKS WERE RECORDED TO THE CLUB CHAIRMAN FOR TAKING ACTION TO CLARIFY PROCESS WITH THE MANAGER**

- **Warden United**

re:- thanks for Get it Right award (match football) presented at Full Council Meeting) **NOTED WITH PLEASURE**

REPORTS

1. **Chairman (Peter Brown)**

The Chairman again expressed his concern over the increasing amount of poor discipline that was occurring in CYFL fixtures. Although matters were being appropriately escalated and reported to the relevant County Football Associations, this did not appear to be a deterrent to clubs, and he welcomed any thoughts from people as to how these issues could be addressed to reduce them.

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

- **Withdrawn Teams / Clubs**

The following teams have unfortunately withdrawn from the CYFL since the last Committee Meeting:-

Under 15 Stopsley United Youth Scorpions (08/02/23)

The committee agreed that the above team should be fined £40, as per rule 11(A).

As the team had played over 50% of their league fixtures for the 2022 / 23 season, points would be awarded to the opposing teams in all their remaining fixtures. The league table would be adjusted accordingly.

- **Request to Move Division**

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

Under 13 Kempston Rovers Youth Academy (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.

- **Club Interest (Season 2023 / 24)**

The General Secretary advised that although application forms had not been circulated at this point, interest had been received from a number of clubs for season 2023 / 24. This was particularly encouraging considering the early time of year.

The General Secretary advised that application forms would be circulated to existing member clubs and those new clubs expressing an interest in joining the league, in late April with a submission deadline of 31st May.

- **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
17	Ben Swallow	Bedford Rovers	12	Kempston Rovers Youth Academy	12
18	Sam Swallow	Bedford Rovers	12	Kempston Rovers Youth Academy	12
19	Isaac Babalola	Dunstable Town	15	Luton Bulls	15
20	Bailey Richard	Sacred Heart Youth Hatters	12	Crawley Green Youth Rockets	12
21	Edward Doherty	Luton Allstars Vipers	12	Sacred Heart Youth Hatters	12
22	Ahmed Khaffou	Smart	12	Luton Allstars Vipers	12
23	Jamie Henry	Wixams Wanderers Madrid	13	Crawley Green Youth Rockets	12
24	Colby Wilder	Brickhill Wanderers	11	Kempston Rovers Youth Academy	11
25	Harry Wyeth	Leighton Park Rangers Allstars	12	Leighton Town Youth	12
26	Taylor Thompson	Kempston Rovers Colts	15	Bedford Town FC (Youth Development)	16
27	Ciaran Maher	Crawley Green Youth Pumas	18	Barton Rovers	18
28	Ksawier Rudzki	Dunstable Town	15	Inspire Athletic	15
29	Aaron Penfold	Bedford Town FC (Youth Development)	13	M&DH Clapham Sports	13

- **Rule Changes**

Following discussions at the recent Full Council Meeting, the following suggestion regarding rule changes had been submitted by club:-

A couple of areas I would like to discuss changing in the constitution are:

Max number of players that can be signed during a season. Currently an u18 team in the league has 28 players signed on. I propose that a maximum of 20 players be allowed at any one time. If a club wants to exceed the 20 player limit they should be encouraged to put an additional team in the league.

The fine for playing a non-registered player or playing a player when ineligible should be increased from £30 to £50 per player, per game.

The manager should also receive a 3 match touch line ban. If the offence was a deliberate attempt to cheat.

**Mark Webb
(Barton Rovers Under 18)**

The Committee thanked Mr Webb for his suggestions. Following discussions, the Committee agreed that although they did not support the suggestion relating to the reduction of players at Under 18 level, this could be put to member clubs for discussion and a vote at the AGM if the proposal could be seconded.

The second element relating to the change to the fine issued to clubs found guilty of fielding ineligible players would be considered provided it sat within the guidance given by The FA's Standard Code of Rules (Youth).

The third element is not within the control of the CYFL as discipline sanctions of this type would be handled by the County FA's if the offence was found proven.

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

- **Fixture Updates**

The Fixture Secretary advised that currently he was working on completing the fixture schedule by Sunday 7th May, leaving just Cup / Plate / Shield / Trophy Finals for Sunday 14th March. Cup games were being squeezed in where possible, with midweek games likely through April to try and complete the league season before pitch availability was reduced.

Clubs were urged to be flexible with regards to kick off times and pitch locations to try and get games played as following the prolonged period of bad weather in January, a large number of games had been postponed and needed to be fitted in before the end of the season.

- **County Cup Fixtures**

Mr Gee recorded his congratulations to the CYFL teams who had been successful in reaching the semi-finals of the Under 14 / 16 and 18 County Cup Competitions in Bedfordshire, whilst also noting that MK Warriors had successfully reached the semi-final of the Berks & Bucks County Cup before being knocked out. The Committee endorsed these congratulations – well done to all.

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

Mr Thomas reported that Committee Members had so far attended 65 fixtures this season (around 5% of fixtures played), reporting back on behaviours observed and offering advice to clubs. To date of meeting, 7 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, 15 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.

3279	registered players on WGS
440	players registered since season started
28	Transfers processed
5	transfer outstanding

A question was raised around the issuing of weekly discipline reports from the County FA's detailing those players and clubs under suspension to support leagues with monitoring participation. Previously these reports had been issued, but they have stopped and make things a lot harder for leagues to monitor effectively. It was agreed that Mrs. Vase would contact the Bedfordshire Football Association to enquire whether the information / reports could be re-instated.

The Committee discussed the registration / transfer deadline of 1st March and it was agreed that this would be circulated to clubs ahead of the date as a reminder as well as being posted on social media. Any exceptional requests received after the closing date will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the Committee and should be submitted in writing to the Player Registration Secretary for consideration.

The Player Registration Secretary advised that she would be reviewing the eligibility of players ahead of any cup / plate / shield / trophy semi-finals to ensure that all players had played the minimum number of fixtures to be eligible. Clubs were reminded that in accordance with League Rule 9 (Rules of Knock-out Cup and Subsidiary Cup Competitions –

page 86 of the handbook) for players to be eligible to play in Semi-Final or Final fixtures, they must have played a minimum of 3 games for that club in the CYFL in the current season.

Referees

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

Age Group	Div	08.01.23			15.01.23			22.01.23			29.01.23			05.02.23			TOTALS		
		No Games	Refs	%	No Games	Refs	%	No Games	Refs	%	No Games	Refs	%	No Games	Refs	%	No Games	Refs	%
18	1	3	3	100%	1	1	100%	0	0	#DIV/0!	0	0	#DIV/0!	5	5	100%	9	9	100%
16	1	2	1	50%	2	2	100%	0	0	#DIV/0!	3	3	100%	4	4	100%	11	10	91%
	2	3	3	100%	2	2	100%	0	0	#DIV/0!	3	3	100%	0	0	#DIV/0!	8	8	100%
15	1	4	4	100%	2	2	100%	3	3	100%	4	4	100%	4	4	100%	17	17	100%
	2	3	3	100%	1	1	100%	2	2	100%	6	6	100%	6	5	83%	18	17	94%
	3	2	2	100%	1	1	100%	1	1	100%	2	2	100%	3	3	100%	9	9	100%
14	1	3	3	100%	2	1	50%	0	0	#DIV/0!	2	2	100%	5	5	100%	12	11	92%
	2	2	2	100%	3	3	100%	0	0	#DIV/0!	4	4	100%	4	4	100%	13	13	100%
	3	5	5	100%	1	1	100%	0	0	#DIV/0!	5	5	100%	5	4	80%	16	15	94%
13	1	4	4	100%	0	0	#DIV/0!	0	0	#DIV/0!	4	4	100%	5	5	100%	13	13	100%
	2	3	2	67%	1	0	0%	0	0	#DIV/0!	3	3	100%	3	3	100%	10	8	80%
	3	4	4	100%	1	1	100%	0	0	#DIV/0!	5	5	100%	3	3	100%	13	13	100%
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11	C	5	4	80%	5	4	80%	1	1	100%	5	5	100%	4	4	100%	20	18	90%
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	C	6	5	83%	6	6	100%	0	0	#DIV/0!	6	6	100%	5	5	100%	23	22	96%
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Totals		74	65	88%	38	34	89%	7	7	100%	79	79	100%	82	79	96%	280	264	94%

The below analysis breaks down the referee coverage per age group and division; after the three months of the season, the overall coverage is still an encouraging **93%**.

Age Group	Div	ANALYSIS			Games	Refs	%	
		Current	Refs	%				
18	1	62	60	97%	321	308	96%	
	2	35	35	100%	872	802	92%	
	3	40	38	95%	1193	1110	93%	
15	1	62	61	98%	By Month (PM)			
	2	72	68	94%	Month	Games	Refs	%
	3	40	38	95%	Sep	52	52	100%
14	1	59	57	97%	Oct	88	87	99%
	2	52	49	94%	Nov	85	81	95%
	3	67	62	93%	Dec	41	34	83%
13	1	62	59	95%	Jan	33	33	100%
	2	41	34	83%	Feb	22	21	95%
	3	67	60	90%	March	0	0	#DIV/0!
	4	53	47	89%	April	0	0	#DIV/0!
12	1	52	46	88%	May	0	0	#DIV/0!
	2	56	51	91%	June	0	0	#DIV/0!
	3	68	63	93%	Total	321	308	96%
	4	55	50	91%	By Month (AM)			
11	B	65	59	91%	Month	Games	Refs	%
	C	75	70	93%	Sep	121	112	93%
	M	65	62	95%	Oct	247	229	93%
	P	35	33	94%	Nov	236	216	92%
Totals		1193	1110	93%	Dec	60	51	85%
					Jan	148	136	92%
					Feb	60	58	97%
					March	0	0	#DIV/0!
					April	0	0	#DIV/0!
					May	0	0	#DIV/0!
					June	0	0	#DIV/0!
					Total	872	802	92%

a) AM Referee Appointments Update (Steve Chamberlain)

Nothing to report.

b) PM Referee Appointments Update (Brian Cooper)

Mr Cooper reported that referee coverage continued to be encouraging, although there were still challenges across County Cup weeks, when the amount of availability was reduced.

5. Treasurer (Jane Brown)

The Treasurer re-iterated her challenges with a number of clubs who were proving problematic with regards to the payment of outstanding pitch fees and fines. These clubs had been contacted to be reminded of the need to pay promptly, with levies being added for late payment. Unfortunately, a number of disqualifications for non-payment had been issued, which was regrettable and had ultimately proven successful for the league in obtaining payment.

6. Social Media (Tony Gee & Nikki Browning)

a) Website

Miss Browning reported that she had been working on updating the website but had experienced an issue with spam related content affecting the site. This however had been resolved. Clubs had been submitting information relating to summer tournaments which had been posted on the site as requested; any additional clubs wishing to advertise their summer tournaments were asked to forward to Miss. Browning.

b) Facebook

Nothing to report.

7. Child Welfare Officer (John Thomas)

Mr. Thomas advised that he and the General Secretary had attended a very encouraging meeting with representatives from the Bedfordshire Football Association (Veronique Nani and Jose Gomes) to discuss safeguarding. The League had detailed the work that the do to attend games and to respond to any concerns regarding safeguarding and discussions had taken place about how things could be progressed over the coming months ahead of the new season.

It was agreed at the meeting that Veronique Nani and Jose Gomes would attend the club Full Council Meeting at the end of January (which subsequently happened) and it was felt that this was a good opportunity for the clubs to raise any safeguarding concerns directly with the Bedfordshire Football Association, as well as be update on forthcoming changes safeguarding guidelines for the 2023 / 24 season.

8. Sponsorship (Peter Brown)

The Chairman confirmed that the new 3-year sponsorship partnership with M&S Water Services Ltd. have been confirmed and was now in place. Thanks were recorded to M&S Water Services Ltd. for their ongoing support of the league.

9. 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 January. 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 January tab highlighted in **red**).

8th January 2023

Under 13, Division 3 **WOOTTON RANGERS YOUTH PURPLES** V Leighton United Green

15th January 2023

Under 13, Division 1 **LUTON ALLSTARS THUNDERCATS** V Wixams Wanderers Madrid

22nd January 2023

Nothing to report

29th January 2023

Under 15, Division 1 Tattenhoe Youth Lions V **FLITWICK EAGLES GOLDS**
Under 15, Division 2 Bromham Youth AFC Lions V **STOPSLEY UNITED YOUTH SCORPIONS**
Under 12, Division 2 Leighton Park Rangers LegendsV **SHEPHALL UNITED**
Under 12, Division 2 **KEMPSTON ROVERS COLTS LIONS** V MK Athletic

5th February 2023

Under 16, Division 1	MK WARRIORS SHARKS	V	Flitwick Eagles Whites
Under 15, Division 2	Dunstable Town Tigers	V	STOPSLEY UNITED YOUTH SCORPIONS
Under 14, Division 2	BEDFORD TOWN FC (YOUTH DEVELOPMENT) BLUES	V	Barton Rovers Youth Blues
Under 13, Division 2	SACRED HEART YOUTH CITY	V	Bedford Town (Youth Development) Greys

c. Void Fixtures

15th January 2023

Under 12 Plate Dunstable Town Youth Wolves V Leighton Town Youth
Extra-time played in Plate Competition when scores level at the end of normal time, in contravention of League Rule 8 (Rules of Knock-out Cup and Subsidiary Cup Competitions – page 86 of the handbook), which requires drawn games to be decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark.
RESULT DECLARED VOID AND GAME TO BE RE-SCHEDULED AND REPLAYED

d. Abandoned Fixtures (DECISIONS MADE)

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 reviewed by the Bedfordshire & Berks & Bucks Football Associations.

The charges against Dunstable Town Youth Wolves of causing the game to be abandoned were found proven. 3 points to be awarded to MK Athletic.

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 reviewed by the Bedfordshire Football Association.

The charges against both teams of causing the game to be abandoned were found proven. Game to be declared void and will not be re-scheduled.

e. Abandoned Fixtures (DECISIONS PENDING)

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

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

Sunday 29th January 2023

Under 13, Division 4 **WOOTTON RANGERS YOUTH GREENS** V **BLUNHAM YOUTH**

Match abandoned by match referee (Caelen Moss) following fighting between parents. Reports were received from both teams and the match referee. Matter under review with the Bedfordshire Football Association

Sunday 5th February 2023

Under 16, Plate **LUTON SPORTING CLUB** V M&DH Clapham Sports

Match abandoned by match referee (Mansour Abdelaziz) following incident involving Luton Sporting Club player, parents and management. Matter under review with the Bedfordshire Football Association

Under 15, Division 3 **STOPSLEY UNITED YOUTH TITANS** V Dunstable Town Youth

Match abandoned by match referee (Furqan Miah) at half time following incident involving Stopsley United Youth Titans Management. Matter under review with the Bedfordshire Football Association

a. Ineligible Players

Kempston Rovers Colts (Under 14 Tigers) fielded suspended player in fixture – further investigation pending.

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 (Peter Brown)

The Chairman confirmed that a 3-year order had been placed with the supplier for some new be-spoke medals. A payment schedule had been confirmed and the first delivery of medals would be made ahead of the end of the season.

c. Sub-committee - Cup Finals

Following discussion concerning the decision by Barton-le-Clay Parish Council to triple the cost of hire for the use of their playing fields for the 2023 Cup Final Super Sunday event, an alternative location had been source. Flitwick Football Centre had offered their services for the day and the Committee agreed that the decision to move the location for the Cup Finals on Sunday 14th May should be confirmed. Disappointments was recorded with Barton-le-Clay's decision (although noted that they subsequently offered a reduction) to increase the hire costs, but sincere thanks recorded to Flitwick Football Centre for their support.

Any Other Business

Nothing discussed.

Meeting Closed: 20.50

Dates for the 2022 / 2023 Diary:

2023

March (TBC)	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 7 th May 2023	Under 16 (x2) and Under 18 Cup Finals	Barton Rovers FC
Sunday 14 th May 2023	Cup Final Super Sunday (Under 11 - Under 14)	Flitwick Football Centre
Sunday 14 th May 2023	Under 15 Cup Finals	Barton Rovers FC