

Minutes of a meeting of the CUP COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE held at the Guildhall on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022, commencing at 7.00pm.

Present: I. L. Wallis (Chairman), K. Wilmot, Ms. J. Hind, L. Newham, A. Sanchez-Buitrago, L. Di Cesare, J. Horne (Cups Officer).

Via Phone Link: G. Harknett, H. Tackoukraft, D.A. Wolff, Ms P. Trivedi (Head of Football Services).

Apologies for absence: M. Burke, G. J. Etchell.

Absent: O. Flynn.

### **Chairman's Introduction**

ILW explained that we had again been obliged to hold this meeting with a 'phone link which had proved far from satisfactory previously as those on the 'phone could not always hear the members in the room and were continually talking across them. Unless there is a deterioration in the Covid situation, future meetings will be face to face.

He also expressed concern that some members seemed reluctant to come out and attend matches. This is an important part of the Committee's work and with the Cup Final season fast approaching, expressed the wish that everyone make themselves available for as many games as possible.

### **Minutes of the Meeting held 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

They were accepted as an accurate record.

### **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising.

### **Safeguarding**

There were no safeguarding issues to discuss.

### **Cup Competitions 2021-22**

JH reported that progress with the cup competitions was very satisfactory. The mild weather has helped considerably and fortunately Covid has caused very little disruption so far.

Five of the youth competitions are already through to the final stage and even the Senior Cup is at the quarter finals.

The Chairman congratulated JH on the smooth running of the cups to date.

## Cup Fees

A discussion was held over a possible increase to the youth cups for 2022-23. There has been a surge in entries to our cups this season and the general opinion was that a £5 increase was justified. It was strongly expressed that clubs who drop out in future should be fined and not allowed to get away without penalty.

Youth Cup entry to be increased from £15 to £20 per team

**Proposed:** G. Harknett

**Seconded:** L. Di Cesare (unanimous)

## Correspondence

London Seagulls v Ministry of Ball (Sunday Junior Cup).  
Match was abandoned in error and will be re-scheduled.

Cockfosters v Red Devils (U14 Sunday Cup).  
Abandonment caused by Red Devils. Expelled from Cup.

Redman Rovers v Borussia Jewdinese  
Borussia have paid the outstanding pitch claim.

London Turkish Masters v Cheam Sports (Veterans Cup).  
Abandoned match in October. Both teams expelled. Appeal pending.

Croydon v AFC Cubo  
Allegation that Croydon used ineligible players. Under investigation.

AFC Oakwood v Balteze (Sunday Challenge).  
Protest from Oakwood. Rejected as out of time.

Rise United v Crown Pro Elite (U15 Saturday Club).  
Complaint about ID. No independent evidence so match score to stand.

Dynamo Youth U12 v Ryan (Youth) Red Echo (U12 Cup)  
Dispute over photo ID. No independent evidence. Match score to stand.

Anatolians v Shepherds Bush Old Stars (Veterans Cup).  
Shepherds Bush caused the abandonment. Expelled from Cup.

## Discipline Procedures

ILW expressed concern at the delays and lack of information being provided. The London Turkish Masters v Cheam match is in a disgraceful state. All information concerning the incident have been withheld, so the decision to expel both teams was made blind. Now Cheam have indicated that they wish to appeal. We are left in an impossible situation. Ms PT promised to look into the whole matter.

## Cup Final Venues

Some of our 19 youth finals will hopefully be played at the training grounds of Charlton Athletic (6 matches) and Arsenal, free of charge. Dates and final confirmation is awaited.

Other venues will be Haringey Borough and Barking with three matches being played each Saturday and Sunday through March. The girls finals will be held later.

We have had a good response to our proposals for the adult venues and subject to alteration, the present position is:-

23 March	Veterans	venue TBA (may be played later)
29 March	Senior Trophy	Cray Valley
10 April	Sunday Junior	Barking
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26 April	Senior Cup	AFC Wimbledon (provisional)
30 April	Junior Cup	Wingate & Finchley (provisional)
01 May	Sunday Challenge	Welling United

### **Guest Presenters**

Discussion over guest presenters was held over until the next Meeting.

### **Any Other Business**

LN reminded the Meeting that we are going to present plaques to those grounds that we use for our cup finals.

JH was concerned that too many clubs who had conceded walkovers were reluctant to pay the cost of the pitch.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022

**The Meeting closed at 8.37pm**