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**MINUTES OF THE  
LONDON FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION  
CUP & COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE  
HELD AT THE GUILDHALL  
ON  
MONDAY 20 JUNE 2022**

Chairman Ian Wallis opened the meeting at 1900 by greeting those present.

**Members Present:-** I Wallis, K Wilmot, M Burke, J Hind, L Di-Cesare  
A Sanchez-Buitrago and D Wolff.

LFA Staff:- J Horne, A Howden and C Murray.

**Apologies:-** G Etchell, G Harknett and L Newham.

**Absent.** H Tachoukraft.

**Chairman's Introduction:-** I Wallis notified the meeting that Gemma Watson had accepted the vacant role on the Cups Committee with immediate effect and will be invited to the next meeting.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting.** They were accepted as an accurate record.

**Matters arising from the minutes.** I Wallis reported that several committee members' attended the funeral of Peter Barnes. The original LFA Sunday Junior Cup was displayed and will be returned to us by Peter's son in due course.

**Safeguarding.** There were no issues to discuss..

**Cup Competitions 2021-22:-** I Wallis asked, "Can we do better at our cup ties/finals?" K Wilmot suggested that we need to tell the general public about our ties and finals.

It was suggested that to advertise cup ties on social media we must be aware of

safeguarding in the crowd leaving and at say bus stops. K Wilmot suggested that it is not our problem but it is a problem for clubs.

It was agreed that the Cup Finals had been well organised and generally went off without incident.

Points that need attention for the future are:-

1. The match officials must be informed that the teams will be presented to the Guest of Honour.
2. Changes of dates, venues and kick off times must be properly notified on a weekly basis throughout the Cup Final season. This task will be taken on by the Committee from 202-23 season.
3. The LFA website is still out of date and unreliable. This needs to be updated much more regularly. D Wolff agreed to take on the job of looking for errors on the website.
4. General publicity about Finals is inadequate. K Wilmot asked that this be given attention in future.

**Cup Competitions 2022-23.** It was agreed that J Horne will supply I Wallis with a list of up to date cup draws and results. This will be sent each week to all cup Committee Members.

There was a problem with the Under 13s Champions cup final. One team accused their opponents of playing an unregistered player. J Horne informed the Committee that they did carry out a player check prior to the match. It transpired that the said player had a trial for The Most Wanted Elite FC but decided to play for Lewisham Borough FC. J Horne informed Lewisham Borough FC pre-match that there could be a player registration problem. J Horne suggested that in future Office Staff could take a lap top to finals and see if a player(s) is suspended/ cup tied or not registered. This was agreed.

**Rule Changes** Rule changes to the LFA Adult Cup Rules were proposed by G Etchell and K Wilmot. All proposed rule changes were circulated to each member of the LFA Cup Committee prior to this meeting. Most of the proposed rule changes were a tidy up of the grammar.

Rule 1 was unanimously agreed by the committee.

Rule 2 (b), 2(e) and 2(h) were all unanimously agreed by the committee.

Rule 6 (a), (d), (e), (l), (m) and 6(p) were unanimously agreed by the committee.

Rule 7 (a), (d), were unanimously agreed by the committee.

Rule 8 (a) was unanimously agreed by the committee.

Rule 12 was unanimously agreed by the committee.

Rule 17 (c) states that the fine is £15 £25. The committee agreed that the correct sum is £25.

Rule 17 Division of gate receipts and match expenses.

The Committee agreed in principle the cost etc but agreed that J Horne reword the rule for those who have to hire a ground and send to Chairman Wallis.

The rule amendments proposed by K Willmot were seconded and unanimously agreed are in bold and italic s below:-

Rule 18 18(b)(a) Once a player has played in two or more matches in the Senior Cup they shall be ineligible to play in the Senior Trophy or Junior Cup *FOR THE SAME CLUB* during the current season.

18(b)(i) A player from the second team of a Senior Club may play no more than two players who have played in any of the previous three competitive first team matches *FOR THAT CLUB* immediately prior to the playing date of the match.

18(b)(b)(ii) Once a player had played in two or more matches in the Senior Trophy they shall be ineligible to play in the Junior Cup *FOR THAT CLUB* during the current season.

18(b)(b)(iii) A player may not play in the competition if they have taken part either as a player or substitute in six or more games in step 5 or above *FOR THE CLUB* during the current season.

Junior Cup (c) A player may not play if during the current season they have played any games in step 6 or above *FOR THE CLUB*.

Rule 20 (a)(iv), (a)(vii), (b), (d) In accordance with the Laws of the Game the minimum number of players that will constitute a team for a competition is 8 7(seven). The committee agreed that the correct number is seven.

Rule 20(f)(i) Proposed by K Wilmot seconded D Wolff that as the FA has approved the use of five substitutes out of five named we should change our rule from 3 of 5 to 5 of 5. G Etchell brought to the attention of the committee that teams cannot name 5 substitutes and 5 come on at five separate times. The FA rule is that 5 subs allow teams to make 5 substitutes but they only have three opportunities to make changes throughout the match in order to minimize disruption to the game. Substitutes made at half time do not come under this

rule. Voting unanimous.

Rule 21 (b) was unanimously agreed by the committee.

Rule 22 (c) Brentford 'B' do not complete in a league. The only league the club competes in is the Premier League so, should Brentford 'B' reach the final of the London Senior Cup, it means the LFA need to charge the minimum Premier League admission to the Senior Cup Final.

The committee agreed to the following new Rule 22(c) The Competitions Committee shall determine the charge for admission to the London Senior Cup Final and in doing so take into full consideration the League(s) in which the two competing teams play in.

Rule 23(a) Registered referees will be appointed in a manner approved by the Competitions Committee.

(i) Assistant Referees will be appointed to all Senior Cup and Senior Trophy ties.  
(ii) Sunday Challenge Cup matches and for all other competitions from the quarter final stage.

(iii) Fourth Officials will be appointed to all cup finals if Assistant Referees and /or fourth official are available.

(iiii) If requested in writing from both clubs and are available to other matches as the Competitions Committee decide.

The new wording was agreed by the Committee.

Rule 23(f) This rule refers to match officials being entitled to either full fee plus expenses, half fee plus expenses or expenses only but isn't clear as to how this is determined.

There was rather a long debate on this rule. D Wolff proposed seconded by M Burke that a match official shall receive expenses only.

K Wilmot proposed seconded by L Di Cesare that half match fee plus expenses.  
Voting For 4 Against 2.

Fines Tariff. Ian at the meeting you said the changes were too complicated and we were running out of time. D Wolff said he would go through the tariff page. I have tapped out the proposals so you can add or delete where appropriate.

Current Failure to produce programme £25.00 8(b).

KW Fines Tariff Rule 8(d) does not refer to FA initiative.

Current Fielding more than the permitted number of players who have participated in senior competitions matches £100. Note The rule reference had been left blank.

KW Tariff Fines for permitted number of player's appearances should reference Rule 18(b)(b).

KW Note There are 5 references to Rule 18 and 1 to Rule 18(i).

KW Fines Tariff. Fines for Rule 18 and Rule 18(i) appear to have been merged into a single line.

Current Failure to number shirts £10.00 (per shirt, up to an aggregate maximum of £30). Note The Rule reference has been left blank.

KW Fines Tariff. Failure to number shirts should reference Rule 18(c) or Rule 18(f). Fines show on Tariff as £10 per shirt up to a maximum of £30 conflicts with rule 18(f) which states £5 for first change and maximum £10 for two or more changes.

Rule 19(a) Colours add:- Delaying of kick off due to no change of colours will incur a £30 fine. Note. The Rule reference has been left blank.

KW Fines Tariff. Failure to change colours should reference Rule 19.

**Correspondence.** No correspondence were received.

**Any Other Business.** I Wallis asked A Howden about the numbers of clubs affiliating. A Howden replied that they are coming in at a reasonable rate. However, clubs must be aware that to received an affiliation discount they must affiliate before 31 July or be charged the full registration cost.

I Wallis suggested that we write to the league secretary of cup finalists and offer them complementary tickets for the final. But only league secretaries and not the full committee.

L Di Cesare suggested that all members of the Cups Committee should be given an LFA T-shirt as a form of identification when attending cup ties or finals.

**Date of next meeting.** Members will be notified of the date of the next meeting.

The Chairman thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 2150.