



SECRETARY CUPS COMMITTEE

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**MINUTES OF THE
LONDON FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION
CUP COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON
MONDAY 16 JANUARY 2023
AT
GUILDHALL LONDON**

Chairman Ian Wallis opened the meeting at 19:00 by greeting those present and welcoming Jordan Sapler who will represent Youth football on the Committee.

MEMBERS PRESENT. I Wallis, K Wilmot, M Burke, L Di Cesare, J Hind, L Newham, A Sanchez-Buitrago, J Sapler and D Wolff.

LFA OFFICE STAFF. J Horne.

APOLOGIES. G Etchell, and G Watson.

ABSENT. H Tachoukraft

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING. The minutes were accepted as an accurate record.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES. J Horne informed the meeting that the Girls U18 cup competition can now get under way as the minimum number of 8 teams have entered the cup.

SAFEGUARDING. K Wilmot reminded the meeting the LFA CEO has sent out E Form which needs to be signed and returned to him as soon as possible.

CUP RULES AMENDMENTS. Under LFA Rule 18(a) a player must be a recognised playing member of the club and signed a fully and correct completed registration form for the competition the club plays in and competed for the club in the current season.

Wingate & Finchley FC do not run a reserves team. The club wished to play some players in the LFA Senior Cup to see how they perform. They were unable to do this simply because they do not run a reserves team.



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Dartford FC currently have a player on loan to Margate FC who has not played a game for Dartford. Their plan was to play the said player in the LFA Senior Cup to see how he performs but LFA rule prohibit this.

K Wilmot suggested that a player needs to be signed by midday the day before the playing of a fixture.

There was much discussion on the matter and D Woolf suggested that we delete the wording 'competed for the club in the current season' from the rule.

K Wilmot proposed 'A player must be a recognised playing member of the club and correctly registered for the competition the club is playing in. A registration must be completed by 12 noon on the day before the date of the scheduled fixture'. Seconded D Woolf. Voting unanimous.

Chairman I Wallis reminded the meeting this new rule will apply from the start of season 2023/24.

CUP COMPETITIONS. J Horne reported that 100 cup games have been played over the last two weeks. Fortunately the number of walkovers and abandoned games have diminished quite considerably from last season.

I Wallis reported that at the last LFA SE Divisional meeting it was reported that Girls United FC were given only two days notice of their cup fixture which they conceded. J Horne said this was impossible because all cup fixtures were placed on the LFA web site on 15 September 2022. He suggested the club may well have a new secretary who does not know the ropes. I Wallis said he would write to Girls United FC on the subject.

LFA CUPS. K Wilmot reported on the Welling United FC v Charlton Athletic FC game on 19 December 2022. Welling United FC told the LFA that the game was off because Charlton had a game the following day. The message should have been passed onto members of the Cup Committee as contact was made with Welling and we looked rather stupid as we did not know our own cup match was postponed.



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Erith & Belvedere FC v Brentford B FC. There was no hospitality at the match which is a repeat of last season and is a clear breach of LFA Rule 9. At the same fixture Brentford B FC wore black shirts which contravene LFA rule 19(b). However, Brentford FC supplied the three match officials with green shirts.

K Wilmot asked if Coventry Scaffold still sponsor the LFA Senior Cup. J Horne replied that they are not. K Wilmot then asked why the company is given a full page in the LFA Handbook showing them as sponsors of the LFA Senior cup. This is not fair on the current sponsors of the Senior Cup.

K Wilmot reported there is a lack of Cup Committee members covering games in the North of London.

Youth cups are named after a specific person but this is not shown on the youth cup draw on the LFA website. This should be rectified immediately.

CUP FINAL VENUES. The Youth Cup Finals could be played at Arsenal, Charlton Ath or Crystal Palace. J Horne is to have a meeting with all three clubs in the near future.

4 March will house the first of the Youth finals.

Senior Trophy Final – 28 Mar Sporting Club Thamesmead which is currently provisional.

Sun Jun Cup and Sun Trophy 16 April Bromley FC.

Sat Jun Cup – 28 April Barking FC.

Sen Cup – 2 May Hendon FC.

Sun Challenge Cup 7 May. Welling United FC.

Vets Final – 14 May Wingate & Finchley.

Sun Jun Cup and Trophy quarter finals to final draws were made live on TV from the Cups Committee room, Guildhall, London, and the two finals will be played at Bromley FC ground.

J Horne promised to send to all LFA Cup Committee members a list of dates and venues of all LFA cup finals.



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CORRESPONDENCE. FC Elmstead v Roca FC LFA Sunday Challenge cup. Allegations that Roca FC played a banned player. The LFA Disciplinary Commission found the club guilty of playing a banned player and duly fined the club. The LFA Cups Committee charged the club separately and a personal hearing was granted which was held virtually. The club said the player was sent off playing for another club the previous weekend and the ban was registered with that club and was not entered on the Roca FC web site. Due to this the said player was not aware he was banned. The Cup Committee hearing the case accepted Roca FC explanation and they remain in the cup competition.

Lambeth All Stars U15 FC v AFC Nasaa U15 FC playing in the U15 Saturday Cup. Match abandoned. AFC Nasaa U15 was found guilty of assaulting the match referee and were expelled from the competition.

Battersea U13 FC v Glebe U13 FC Sunday cup. Match to be re-played.

M Burke reported he had written to Beckenham Town FC advising them that for season 2023/24 their parent County FA is London and therefore entry into the LFA cup takes priority over other County FAs cups. This does not preclude Beckenham Town FC from also entering other CFAs cup competitions as a secondary competition.

M Burke reported Priti Trivedi has been unwell. On behalf of the Cups Committee I sent her a get well card. I Wallis reported that Priti sent him a thank you letter.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS. There was no other business.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING. The next meeting will provisionally be held on Monday 23 February 2023.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 21:05 with a vote of thanks to the Honorary Chairman.



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