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**MINUTES OF THE  
LONDON FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION  
SOUTH EAST DIVISIONAL MEETING  
MARIDIAN SPORT CLUB, CHARLTON, SE7  
ON WEDNESDAY 11 JANUARY 2023**

Chairman Michael Burke opened the meeting by welcoming Members.

**1. ATTENDIES:-** L Di Cesare, A Ingram, L Newham and I Wallis.

**2. APOLOGIES:-** S Poyraz, D Hooker, M Deveney and W Neicho.

**ABSENT:-** N Bearham, M Okeye and L Thomson.

**3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING:-** They were accepted as an accurate record.

**4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:-** There were no matters arising from the minutes.

**5. CORRESPONDENCE:-** There were no correspondence.

**6. SE DIV VISIT TO WESFA COMMITTEE MEETING:-** For those not attending the last meeting L Newham gave a résumé of the meeting.

L Newham and M Burke attended the WESFA committee meeting on Thursday 10 November 2022. We posed the question 'What can the LFA do for you?'

The league was most concerned that their telephone calls are not answered. Whereas phone calls to Kent FA and Essex FA are answered immediately. The league Treasurer phoned the LFA office but to no avail. Out of desperation she went on social media and let out her frustration. Not long after she received a call from the LFA.

The league felt that the LFA office should be manned at weekends as most leagues play either on a Saturday or Sunday. They also felt that a Safeguarding phone line should be manned at weekends.



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There is a distinct lack of mentoring and support for referees by the LFA. It was agreed that the Divisional Secretary shall write to the Secretary of the LFA Referees Committee drawing this to their attention.

Clubs should be instructed on how to mark a referee. In the past the form for marking a referee in LFA Cup games had a box to place a mark. For instance 'Did the referee keep up with play?

When applying to affiliate on line clubs are automatically entered into an LFA Cup even if the club does not want to enter a cup. This has to be filled in before one can progress onto the next page.

Fund for improving pitches. The league showed concern that many of the goalposts are rusty and a collision with one could open a wound which could become infected.

Next February the league will hold a club meeting. The LFA SE Division is invited and the league also extends the invitation to a referee to speak to the clubs.

**7. WOMEN AND GIRL'S FOOTBALL – A INGRAM** Abigail's own club, Girls United FC, were given two days notice of their LFA cup game which they conceded. Ian Wallis, Chairman of LFA Cups Committee, said he would bring the matter to the attention of the Committee at our meeting on 16 January and reply to Abigail.

Steering Groups meeting last Thursday. Update shows the Charlton and Greenwich areas is a cold spot for the lack of players.

It seems that many clubs are unaware of the LFA website especially those clubs with a new secretary.

**8. SAFEGUARDING:-** There were no safeguarding matters.

**9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:-** It was agreed the next meeting shall be held on Wednesday 15 March 2023.



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**9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:-** L Newham reported that he had received a telephone call from players who wished to leave the club they are currently playing for and form a new club. L Newham advised that they leave it until March and register as a new club. This will give the club time to get their house in order ie secretary, treasurer, league and ground. L Newham felt as a division this is the type of call we should be receiving.

There was a long discussion on the number of absentees at our meetings. The lack of apologies from some absent members was most annoying to members present. It was the unanimous decision of the members present that those members who have not attend any meetings this season and those who have failed to send an apology or corresponded with the division the Chairman is to write to the LFA CEO seeking that those members services are no longer required by the LFA SE Division and that their names be struck from the Division.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 2030 with a vote of thanks to the Honorary Chairman.



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**CHAIRMAN**

**MEMBERS OF THE LFA SOUTH EAST DIVISION**

**You are requested to attend the SE Division Meeting  
to be held at WEDNESDAY 15 MARCH 2023  
at  
MERIDIAN SPORTS CLUB, CHARLTON, SE7  
commencing at 1930.**

**AGENDA**

1. Members Present
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of previous SE meeting (Jan 23)
4. Matters arising from the minutes
5. Correspondence
6. Abigail Ingram – Women's Football
7. Safeguarding
8. Date of next Meeting
9. Any Other Business

David Hooker – Will you please kindly book a room at the Meridian for the meeting on 15 March.

Thank you  
Michael Burke



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