



**SECRETARY CUPS COMMITTEE**

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**MINUTES OF THE  
LONDON FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION  
CUP COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON  
MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2023  
AT  
GUILDHALL LONDON**

Chairman Ian Wallis opened the meeting at 19:00.

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

**LFA OFFICE STAFF.** J Horne.

**APOLOGIES.** G Etchell and G Watson.

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING.** The minutes were accepted as an accurate record. Proposed L Newham Seconded K Wilmot.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES.** There were no matters arising.

**SAFEGUARDING.** J Horne informed the meeting that for each LFA cup final he carried out a risk assessment on each ground that held a final. This task should be carried out by the LFA Safeguarding Team. K Wilmot informed the meeting that all grounds we use for finals are annually inspected for safeguarding. He also advised that as Councillors we have all completed a safeguarding course and could carry out this task.

**CUP COMPETITIONS.** I Wallis said he was extremely impressed the way all our finals were carried by J Horne and his team. This was reiterated by the members present. K Wilmot felt there was a distinct lack of marketing for our finals. Also there was a lack of publicity on the LFA. In all our cup final programmes we should print an LFA plan for say the next three years informing the clubs and public of our intentions. The dates and venues of all our LFA cup finals are not shown on the LFA website.



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**LOOK FORWARD TO NEXT SEASON.** Last season we gave each ground a trophy to celebrate the holding of an LFA final. We failed to do so this season. J Horne it was unfortunately forgotten for this season but will be reinstated for next season.

K Wilmot suggested that ribbons bearing the colour(s) of the winning team should be attached to the cup. J Horne said we have sufficient ribbons to carry out that task.

M Burke said the LFA Senior Cup was given unexpected publicity in the national press twice when David Beckham turned up to watch his son Romeo playing for Brentford 'B' against Erith & Belvedere and Hendon FC. He suggested we make use of this publicity and send a letter to all London professional clubs and also semi-pro clubs who do not enter the Senior Cup. This was agreed and I Wallis and K Wilmot will share this task.

### **RULE CHANGES.**

19(b) Proposed D Wolff seconded A Sanchez-Bultrago that the wording 'except in the Senior Cup' be removed. Voting unanimous.

Youth Section page 35 of the current LFA Handbook. Size of teams for boys and girls. J Hind said she would first like to talk to the Girls Advisory Group to get their stance of the amalgamation. I Wallis suggested we vote on the proposal and agree it or not. Should the Girls Advisory Group agree to the size of teams for boys and girls then it can be included in next season's rules. Proposed K Wilmot Seconded D Wolff voting unanimous.

2(c) states 'must play their home ties within the M25 boundary'. Proposed M Burke Seconded L Newham 'If opponents and the match officials agree the match can be played outside the M25'. D Wolff proposed the following amendment 'must play inside the M25 if Cup Committee, match officials and opponents agree but subject to Cup Committee approval'. Amendment Seconded K Wilmot Voting For 7 Against 1. Carried.

2(l) There was a long discussion on the meaning of 'Viable alternative' in the rule. It was decided to leave well alone.

7(f) Delete 'LFA CEO' and insert Cups and Competitions Officer. Also delete '7 days' and insert 3 days. It was suggested that 7 days should be retained so as to



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give clubs sufficient time to draw up their appeal. There was no proposed for either of the two proposals.

8(c) Clubs competing in the Senior Trophy without floodlights shall play all ties away. Proposed M Burke Seconded L Di Cesare. Amendment proposed by D Wolff seconded by L Newham 'deleted shall and insert may' Voting for the amendment For 4 Against 3 Abstention 1s.

18(b) (ii) delete 'or more matches' to read 'once a player has played in two matches they cannot play in the LFA Junior Cup. Voting unanimous.

**CORRESPONDENCE.** There were no correspondence.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS.** There was no other business.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING.** The next meeting will provisionally be held on Monday 4 September 2023 subject to confirmation.

Chairman I Wallis thanked all the Cup Committee Members for their time, effort and input over the season and wished them a very pleasant summer.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 21:10