

Minutes of a meeting of the CUP COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE held at the Guildhall on Monday 29th November 2021, 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.J. Etchell, G. Harknett, H. Tackoukraft, D.A. Wolff, Ms P. Trivedi (Head of Football Services).

Apologies for absence: M. Burke.

Absent: O. Flynn.

Chairman's Introduction

ILW expressed relief that we are able to hold a face to face meeting after so long. He welcomed L Di Cesare who has been newly recruited to the Committee.

Minutes of the previous Meeting

They were accepted as an accurate record.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

DAW enquired about the clubs who had previously been trying to enter cups but were delayed because of the affiliation difficulties. JH confirmed that all such problems were eventually resolved.

Safeguarding

GH reported that he had received reports of "Fake Scouts" attending youth games in South East London and Kent for the purpose of grooming 13-14 year old players. JH was already aware of these allegations and the matter has been referred to the Safeguarding team for investigation.

Ms PT advised that club visits are now underway to ensure that safeguarding standards are being maintained.

Cup Competitions 2021-22

JH advised that the cup competitions are now progressing well despite further computer problems – the old CAS system is now obsolete and Full Time has wrongly sent match notifications to club managers and not secretaries. This has caused many problems and has meant that each club has had to be notified separately, a very time consuming exercise.

GH asked whether there is going to be a back-up plan for dealing with these issues.

There have been an unacceptably high number of clubs (mainly in the youth cups) conceding first round walkovers this season, and this is almost certainly linked to the computer problems and the free entry after the 2020-21 cups were discontinued. A lengthy discussion took place as to whether we should impose fines this year or not.

DAW proposed that fines be imposed but did not obtain a seconder, so for this season clubs who have conceded walkovers will not be fined.

Cup Fees

Ms PT wanted to discuss the charges for cup entry and for admission to our cup finals, but as we did not have the existing figures to hand it was agreed to hold this subject over to the next meeting.

Correspondence

London Seagulls v Ministry of Ball (Sunday Junior Cup).
Abandoned match. Awaiting result of disciplinary case.

Cockfosters v Red Devils (U14 Sunday Cup).
Awaiting hearing to be arranged. Abandoned match.

Redman Rovers v Borussia Jewdinese
Away team failed to turn up. Pitch fee £64 outstanding. We will chase up for payment.

FC Tooting Bec/Tooting Bec
Two separate clubs have affiliated with the same secretary and have both entered cups. No apparent breach of any rules.

Cup Final Venues

Considerable time was spent discussing preferred venues for the adult cup finals as below:-

Senior Cup	-	Wimbledon (or Dulwich Hamlet)
Senior Trophy	-	Cray Valley PM
Junior Cup	-	Wingate & Finchley (or Hendon)
Sunday Challenge	-	Welling (or Metropolitan Police)
Sunday Trophy	-	Barking
Sunday Junior	-	Barking
Veterans	-	Glebe (or Meridian)

It is hoped to secure venues for the youth Finals via the Football League academies. Fisher Stadium is now very difficult to hire. LN suggested we consider the Leisure Centre at Kidbrooke.

Any Other Business

Ms PT advised that BBC3 were shortly screening a documentary about women's cup football.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 31st January 2022

The Meeting closed at 8.50pm