

Essex Walking Football League

Management Committee meeting

Monday 3rd August 2026

Billericay Town FC



Present: Derek Hornsey, Trevor Ridley, Robin Ogilvie, Kevin Preston, Richard Coleman, Gary Murphy.

Apologies: Simon Crump.

Meeting started at 9:50am.

Player Eligibility

Due to two Clubs fielding non-registered players in the Leagues Cup competition the committee discussed what the current League Cup rules are and whether they need clarification. It was agreed that Robin Ogilvie should redraft the League's Cup rules to make it clear who is eligible to play for a team in the Cup competitions.

The committee decided that the two teams who had fielded unregistered players would have points deducted. Richard Coleman, League secretary, would send both clubs 'Disciplinary Notifications'.

Fixture 2027

It was agreed that the League should look to make use of Great Baddow as an addition venue for Saturday league games – Trevor Ridley to book five dates in 2027. It was also agreed that the league should continue to make use of Heybridge for over 74s games and that these should be played on the same Tuesdays as over 60s games at Billericay.

It was agreed that Cup games should be moved to the end of the season due to the disruption caused by postponements due to high temperatures. It is hoped that this will allow more flexibility.

Trevor and Kevin will now start working on fixture dates and inform Billericay and Gary Murphy of Heybridge what the requirements are.

Referee Course

Robin Ogilvie reported that he has put together about 75% of the Referee Refresher course as detailed at the last committee meeting. Robin is hopeful of completing the first draft for circulation by the end August. The aim is to run the course in preparation for the 2027 season.

There was a useful discussion on methods of improving referee's performance especially new walking football referees.

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A.O.B

It was requested that TR email committee members the link to the committee minutes when they are posted to the League website.

It was reported that the Walking Football Association (WFA) and the Football Association (FA) are working together to standardise the Laws of the Game. It is believed that the WFA will be a walking football delivery partner of the FA.

Meeting closed at 11:40am.