

# Essex Walking Football League

## Management Committee meeting

Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024



Meeting held at Billericay Town FC and started at 10:00am.

Those present: Derek Hornsey, Trevor Ridley, Gary Murphy, Peter Osborne, Simon Crump.

Apologies: Richard Coleman, Kevin Preston, Robin Ogilvie.

### **Registration Secretary:**

Peter Osborne, Registration Secretary, presented his report on the frequency of errors and omissions on match day team sheets as provided by teams. These errors and omissions included: Date of Birth missing; Player Name missing or incorrect; Shirt number missing; No Manager and/or Manager signature. It was also noted that in one case a suspended player was included on the team sheet.

The committee decided to write to all Clubs to remind them of the importance of accurately completing Team Sheets. It was also decided that a policy of sanctions would be developed, and Clubs would be informed of what these will be. A document detailing the various League fines will be developed and circulated to Clubs.

The issue of “mis-matched games” that players can play in, which is only an issue for the over 50s Divisions, was discussed and the simple solution of making the ruling that players cannot play for more than one team in any one month was agreed.

### **Fixtures Secretary:**

There was no report. It was decided by the committee that the various Cup draws would be held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May at Billericay.

### **Referee Secretary:**

There was much discussion about the consistency of refereeing with some referees being seen as too lax with others being seen as too strict. Peter Osborne agreed to circulate the previously developed Referees' Action Plan/Blueprint for discussion. The League will also look to developing its own Continuous Professional Development workshop for referees.

### **Representative Manager:**

Gary Murphy reported that the Essex over 65s had withdrawn from the WFLA tournament in Redditch due to the early start time of 10am. Simon Crump reported on a successful first foray into competitive walking football for the Essex over 50s where the team results were W2 D1 L2. Simon was particularly impressed with the high quality of refereeing on the day. A future WFLA interleague tournament is being planned for 2025 using more convenient times and locations.

### **Treasure:**

Trevor Ridley presented the Income and Expenditure for the financial year to date which shows a health balance of £5130.43. This does not account for outstanding pitch hire debtors of some £1000.

Monies in the Metro Bank account, held in the name of the League, need to be transferred to the main RBS account and all Metro Bank statements made available to the treasurer.

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## **Discipline:**

The committee spent some considerable time discussing an incident at an over 50s Division 1 game on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May at Chelmsford where a team vacated the pitch prior to the end of the game meaning the match was abandoned. The committee decided to sanction the Club, will inform the Club of its decision and will await a response within seven days prior to proceeding to enforcing any sanction. At the time of the meeting no report had been received from the offending Club.

## **Any Other Business:**

Medals and trophies need to be ordered. There need to be new Cups for the over 50s Divisions 3 and Division 4 and for the over 70s Division 2.

Next Committee Meeting will be on the 10am on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 at Billericay Town FC.