Swindon & District Football League

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Annual General Meeting – Wed 14th June, 2023.
133rd AGM AGENDA - Start 7pm

1. Welcome from Peter Mildenhall, League President
2. Apologies – read by Martyn Rosewell, League Chairman
3. Minutes of 2022 A G M – read by Martyn Rosewell, League Chairman
   - To consider any previous Matters/Business Arising
4. Election of Officers and Management Committee
5. Chairman's address
6. Treasurers address
7. League secretary address – rule amendments
   Fees & fines adjusted down to combat cost of living increases
   No registration forms
   No team photographs.
8. League Safeguarding Officer - Introduction
9 Referee Appointment Officer Address
10 Election of new clubs to fill vacancies
11. Constitution of League for coming Season
   11a - Proposed Season 2023-24 dates:
   - Starting: 2nd September, 2023 – 16th December, 2023
   - Post-Christmas: 6th January 2024 - 27-April 2024
   - County cup dates – To be confirmed
   - Pyramid
   - SDFL Cups - format & dates to be discussed
12. Virtual Handbooks being replaced by web pages - PC
13. Any Other Business
   - 13a - England Accredited Clubs and League initiatives – JL
   - 13b – WGS Updates - WCA
   - 13c – Respect & Player welfare - WCA
   - 13d- County Affiliation new initiatives - WCA

14. Awards/2022-23 Roll Of honour
   - Premier Division Winners – Shield & Dagger
   - Division One Winners – Coleview Purples

   - Swindon Challenge Cup winners – Shield & Dagger
   - Don Roger/George Thomas Cup winners – Chiseldon

   - Junior Referee of the Year – James Maulgue
   - Senior Referee of the Year – Ted Lewis
   - Club Secretary of the Year – Craig Taylor – Nationwide
   - Team "Fairplay" award - tba

   - Premier Division Golden Boot – tba
   - Division One Golden Boot - tba
15. Date of Next Annual General Meeting (MR) – Wednesday 19th June 2024 proposed

Close

	Swindon & District Football League **132nd Annual General Meeting** Coleview Community Centre Wednesday 15th June 2022
Present	**Management Committee :** Pete Mildenhall (PM)- President, Peter Cejer (PC) meeting minutes, Martyn Rosewell (MR) Meeting Chairman, Ian Rosewell (IR), Mark Parish-Haines (MPH), Colin Tewkesbury (CT) **Clubs: (** new clubs***):** Blunsdon Development, Chiseldon, Coleview*, Cricklade res., Down Ampney, Highworth Town Development, Lower Stratton, Moredon, Nationwide, Poulton*, Purton FC Dev*,Ramsbury, Spectrum, Stratton Juniors Dev* **Referees:** Jeremy Moyes
Apologies	**Committee Apologies:** John Luckhurst, Jimmy Horwood, Chris Ricketts **Club** • Nalgo - Apologies received from Jimmy Horwood. • Swindon Centurions - Apologies received from Scott Canniford, away with work, could not get anyone to attend on his behalf. No objections to rule amendments • Intel - Apologies received from Mark Shute, both away could not get anyone to attend on their behalf. No objections received to rule amendments. • Bassett Bulldogs – Apologies received from Phil Harris, both gone down with Covid 19, could not get anyone to attend on their behalf. Object to AGM non-attendance fine, if notified in advance? • Cricklade First – Apologies received from Nick Salter, on holiday, sending a player to vote on his behalf. • North Swindon – Late apology received this afternoon

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8. Treasurer's address & Auditors
9. Election of new clubs to fill vacancies
10. League secretary address

10a. Proposed Rule & Fine/Fee Changes for 2022-23 and 2023-24

11. Constitution of League for coming Season

11a - Proposed Season 2022-23 dates

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- Post-Christmas: 7th January 2023 - 29-April 2023
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12. Virtual Handbooks
13. Any Other Business (Wilts FA – Shane Coomb)

- 13a - England Accredited Clubs and League initiative - WCA officers
- 13b – WGS Updates - WCA officers
- 13c – Respect & Player welfare

14. Awards/2021-22 Roll Of honour

- Premier Division Winners – Blunsdon FC (Promoted to Wiltshire Senior League)
- Division One Winners – Chiseldon FC
- Division Two Winners – Pewsey Vale FC

- Up-A-Ladder Cup winners – Chiseldon FC
- Don Roger/George Thomas Plate winners – Shield & Dagger FC

- Junior Referee of the Year – Sam Pinches
- Senior Referee of the Year – Andrew Fox
- Secretary of the Year – Colin Tewksbury – Cricklade FC

- Premier Division Golden Boot – Lee Toomey – Blunsdon FC
- Division One Golden Boot - Ricky Hewitson - Spectrum
- Division Two – Golden Boot - Jerome Dodson – Siddington

15. Date of Next Annual General Meeting (MR) – Wednesday 14th June 2023

Appendices: P&L, Balance Sheet, Fines and charges amendments

1.Presidents Welcome Good evening & a warm welcome to you all, it's good to get back to a face to face AGM, although Covid is still amongst us, as you will hear through the apologies. My thanks go to all you secretaries & team mangers for assisting in completing fixtures by reversing games, playing on 3G and neutral venues plus in some cases with incomplete teams. I would also like to thank my fellow committee members for all the hard work they have put in over the last year, without you there would probably be no football.	
2. Apologies & Agenda MR took us through the agenda	
4. Minutes of 2021 AGM These were accepted as a record of last meeting. Proposed. Spectrum, Seconded. Lower Stratton Additional comments from the MR – thanks to the clubs, at the last AGM our intent was to complete a season and cup with COVID still around, and although there were hiccups along the way we got there.	
5. Election of Officers Committee posts remain largely as last season, but we are looking for a Welfare Officer and a Treasurer with PC looking to share the position before stepping down. The current positions remain Chairman MR, Secretary JL, Registration CT, Fixtures PM, Referees MPH, Results IR, Cups MR/JH, Club Liaison JH, Committee member CR. Thanks to Andy Fox who held the position of Discipline Secretary but has had to step down. Proposed by. Ramsbury, Seconded Spectrum	
6. Chairman's address Extreme thanks to John Luckhurst, He works tirelessly with other leagues and the FA to look after all our interests. He's served for 8 years, and he's chuffed to bits that everyone is signed & paid up for the first time in memory. With comments and discussion going around during today's the meeting, in brief we successfully ran 3 leagues and 2 cups in a part-COVID season. Well done to clubs and thanks to all the committee.	
7. Referee's Secretary address **As circulated prior to the AGM** (MPH): "We had 53 referees register with the SDFL last season and this enabled us to cover **all** your matches. So far, we have registered 52 for next season, with at least another 2 showing their intent to join before our season starts.	

As RAO for the League, I am very happy with the communication that I have with you all and the feedback that I have received during the season. This has helped develop the buddy scheme in operation and where we are all seeing great things happening.
Please can I remind you that the match officials are to be paid at least 15 minutes before Kick-off along with the exchange of team sheets.

Next season, as part of the improvements being introduced, the referees will complete a 2 - part form, after each game, for my records. The first part a report about the match, the second about details of contacts made.

I cannot stress enough, how important it is that you continue to contact the Referee before 8pm on the Thursday of each week before your match, to confirm details of your fixture with them.

From the Floor: Points emphasised by MPH. All our games were covered, we have a buddy scheme. Next season we have 53 registered referees. If there are spare refs we hope to have 3 officials on Prem games.

Please keep in contact with your refs by Thursday 8pm. Pay your ref before the game.

Questions/Discussions from the floor

7.1 Ref pre-payment. Given MPH stated refs should be paid 15 minutes before the match starts Ramsbury mentioned some refs don't get to the game with 15mins to go, so you can't pay them 15 minutes before. MPH stated refs are expected to arrive 35mins before KO, and asked to be advise if this wasn't happening,

7.2 Teamsheets, photos & player eligibility

3 part teamsheets are being re-introduced with a sheet to be given to the referee to assist officials.

MR requests to add team photos when reporting results. It isn't a rule, but it can help as a good habit to get in to. Asking players to turn around so you can see numbers is a possibility. Keith White suggested that the Ref be advised if there is a dispute, merely to help note that there was some issue before the match. Jeremy Moyes suggested that the ref should have no interest.

MPH pointed out that if a game does not go ahead the referee should still be paid if you decide not to play because of ineligibility.

PC stated his opinion that everyone should be in the habit to **sort eligibility before the game starts**, the effort to sort it out after the game through discipline via the committee only lengthens the headache, invariably leaves clubs aggrieved and creates work no one wants.

7.3 Three officials

Craig from Nationwide pointed out they were given **3 officials** in a division 2 match without being advised. This impacted the club severely on cost. MPH was asked to make sure that clubs were fully aware they had 3 officials and accepted that a club might say thanks but no thanks.

The committee would expect to see top of the table, semis, potential for fireworks etc games to be covered by 3 officials if these were available, but clubs would always be advised.	
8.Treasurer's report **8.1 As circulated prior to the AGM** (PC) "This year is little different in many ways, the league takes registrations and membership, which pretty much covers the award of trophies, printing, virtual handbook and our FA affiliations, and any other costs and should allow a small surplus to keep us afloat. However, points to consider below. **Impounded Deposits.** (How come?) Clubs conducting themselves in an orderly manner get their deposits back, but if they can't be bothered to tell us what they are doing when we ask, or still owe fines, then those deposits are forfeited. **Fines.** (Ouch!) It's always with some regret that we impose fines on clubs, we're not here to impose hardship on clubs but we are obliged to impose penalties to prevent clubs spoiling the show for their opponents if it is easy to call off a game. The fines of £455 are almost entirely those for late cancellations. We will continue to allow postponements in good time at no penalty, provided due warning is given, but all we can do is apply the rules the clubs ask us to administer. We treat all clubs the same, but calling a game off at the last minute means both clubs players, and officials miss out on their Saturday football fix plus it leads to extra admin organising fixtures and sorting pitches. Having said most fines are for cancelling fixtures, league officers should not be chasing for teamsheets, results and referee details when all are 2 minute tasks for a club as a simple courtesy being blindly ignored. Whilst most clubs are fine, why are we chasing the same folk who just can't be bothered. Step up to the plate. **Web Costs.** This year the committee decided to spend more, £600, to get some professional web support, to set up and improve our web and media presence. We expect this to be a one off charge, but if it means our communications are better received by clubs we feel it is worth the cost, and will consider it as an ongoing cost if successful. **Next seasons proposed increased player registrations and late calling off of games**. Whatever the rules say where fines are concerned, ALL are easily avoidable with simple courtesy, and any charge raised by the discipline committee can be appealed if the circumstances really are unavoidable. However, the committee consider that the current penalties mean some clubs just can't be bothered and consider the penalty is irrelevant. This is hugely unfair on the opposition, and we feel the penalty should reflect that. With all the social media and team comms out there: Teamer, Whatsapp, Facebook or whatever you use, get yourselves sorted and get players out there. You can register players all but up to kick off and playing every week means those who waver see the commitment is worthwhile and you get the benefit from weekly games. **Honoraria.** The committee has been put out considerably this year, and this thanks people who put in effort almost daily to guide and administer nearly 30 clubs and sort out FA requirements. **Finals**. It's a shame STFC opened their doors for the last game, and people missed the chance to see a couple of fine games at RWTFC with players having the chance of a stadium experience. Entrance covers stadium hire we consider more than worthwhile. This year we	

invested in a couple of card readers so we could take card payments and that proved most helpful. **Sponsorship and call for Advertisers & Support.** Thanks to Don Rogers for continuing to support our 'plate' cup competition, to Up A Ladder for our main cup and of course Jimmy Horwood at Hamsterzorb.com for the league sponsorship. We also had support form Adam Szczerkowski at MPD Print who generously provided our cup final programs – his nephew Simon played in the league and managed Regent for a number of years. Also thanks to Ollie Stobbs at Aura Graphics who created a great new banner for us to celebrate winners. Getting your name on the web supports us as grassroots football, so contact us and get your business name out there. **Pitch Fund.** Managed independently. A grant from the FA goes to the council for improving the quality of the pitches. This year we spent approx. £3500, with 2500 to spend in the coming season **Looking for a new Treasurer.** Now that pretty much every transaction is on-line there isn't much chasing required, so please present yourselves to us if you would like to help the league, and we'll get you on board." There were no questions from the floot. The accounts were presented to an independent non-football, non-SDFL CIMA qualified accountant and agreed as accurate. Proposed. Pete Mildenhall, Seconded. Highworth	
8.2 P&L (see appendix)	
8.3 Balance Sheet (see appendix)	
9.Election of New Clubs During the season we lost: Redhouse development, Paragon never started unfortunately. Clubs that have left are: AFC Swindon, Ashton Keynes, Hatherop, Priory Vale, Siddington, KO Plastering, Pewsey Vale & Sportz Central **We have gained and welcome** Brain Cooper Secretary of Poulton ex Ciren league, feel they will be better served for travel in Swindon than Stroud. Alex Davies. Cricklade Firsts Liam Butcher - Stratton Juniors Development – aim to get the young kids playing adult football Purton. Andy Cowan – Another development team Jacob? – Coleview. Group of friends from this area. 16 years old players can play adult football and any school questions are not needed, rather the difficulty is a 'welfare' consideration, regarding safeguarding. Players who already have a junior FAN do not need to be re-registered. Proposed Highworth, Seconded by Cricklade Second.	
10. Secretary's address	

Circulated pre-AGM. (JL)

"This was the 132nd season of the League and this is my 8th Annual Report as Hon General Secretary.

I would firstly like to extend the League's sincere thanks to our sponsors: Hamsterzorb.com, (Jimmy Horwood), who are the main sponsors of the League; Up-A-Ladder (Nick Salter), the sponsor of the KO Cup, and Don Rogers Sports, sponsor of the Plate competition. We kept the League fees at zero last season to help your finances recover from the Covid 19 losses, and it was thanks to these sponsors we were able to do that.

We finally completed our football fixtures for the first time in three years, thanks to great co-operation from you. You took on board the constant flow of Covid 19 guidance that was issued. There was a real coming together to get the job done, from League officers and clubs, a real team effort.

However, the satisfaction of that achievement was tainted towards the end of the season by reports of increasing "Respect" issues towards referees, players and their supporters, and we were often in dialogue with the Football Services team at the County FA for their help and guidance? Maybe this was a result of being in lockdown for 2 years, we don't know, but the League and the County FA are looking at fresh initiatives for the coming season.

We had seen growth with a number of new teams, including Development teams, enabling us to run with three Divisions last season. We are beginning to see more younger people (under 18's) both playing and taking up refereeing, and we must protect, them, and not expose them to the poor behaviour, that started to creep into our games last year. There are new mandatory Safeguarding requirements for all of our clubs (who have players under 18 in their squads) coming into force. The Wiltshire FA will be running Safeguarding Courses, and we will get information out to you as soon as we receive it. We are looking for ideas and initiatives from you to encourage even more people to our League by making your Saturday experience better.

The pyramid agreement with the Swindon and Trowbridge District Leagues and Wiltshire Senior League continues, and I would like to congratulate Blunsdon for their achievement of winning our League and being accepted by the Wiltshire League as a Senior club.
The League still aspires to get Charter Standard League status now called England Accredited Clubs, more about this initiative later.
As we were all just getting used to the Whole Game System (WGS), for player registrations and transfers, along came the new FA Player Registration system. We continued to use paper registration forms and or emails, and paper team sheets. The requirement for a player's e-mail address and a photograph also continued, which helps reduce the incidents of alleged ineligible players. Team photographs before kick-off (including named substitutes), became a feature of our Cup rounds and we would like this to continue with League and Cup fixtures next season.

We have invested time and money in Social Media, and if you would like anything posted regarding your club there is a contact page for you to use.

There are a considerable number of Rule Revisions proposed. These are mostly related to fees and tariffs to bring our League more in line with what others are charging.

Best wishes to all of you, have a good summer break and a successful season in 2022 - 2023. Let's hope that the coronavirus and the weather allow us to have an uninterrupted season"

10.1 Rule changes

MR explained that rule changes were to close gaps on ambiguity, and to align ourselves with other leagues in the area. There are a number of minor changes in SCOR (the FA's Standard Code of Rules) that our rules are structured around.

LEAGUE·SUPPLEMENTARY·STANDARD·CODE·OF·RULES·(SCOR)·CHANGES·–·2022-2023,·2023-2024·SUBJECT·TO·CLUBS·APPROVAL¶

No.¤	RULE¤	PROPOSED·AMENDMENTS¤	RATIONALE¤
4¤	·i)¶ Entry·to·Cup/Plate¶ ¤	·····*Entry·to·ALL·SWINDON·&·DISTRICT·LEAGUE·CUP/PLATE·competitions·is·mandatory·for·all·clubs·entering·the·league·and·clubs·will·be·charged·the·respective·entry·fee,·in·addition·to·their·league·entry·fee.*¶ ¤	All·clubs·expected·to·compete.·It·is·a·prestige·competition,·but·late·entrants/withdrawals·cause·major·problems·within·the·Competion.·¤
18¤	Q¤	·····*Mandatory·provision·of·team·photographs·(including·named·substitutes),·when·requested·by·the·Management·Committee,·supplied·with·team·sheet.·Failure·to·comply·with·this·Rule·will·result·in·a·fine·in·accordance·with·the·Fines·Tariff.*·¶ ¤	Replaces·Rule·18B·iv·(introduction·of·PRS)¤
¤	¤	*League·and·Cup/Plate·fees·proposed·increases*¤	See·table¤
¤	¤	Fine·tariff·proposed·increases¤	See·table¤

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There were no questions from the floor regarding rules

Proposed: Chiseldon. Seconded Spectrum

10.2 Fines & Charges

See appendix for increases

The committee accepted a point made from the floor that leeway will be given although this clearly depends on how the club communicates. The committee are not desperate to apply discipline and appeals are always possible.

It's should always be possible for clubs to "reverse" fixtures. Games called off for pitch reasons in particular should be expected to be played at an alternative venue rather than simply called off. The committee would reasonably expect a match that doesn't follow this simple principle to get games played, to penalise the offending club and charge the costs for the rescheduled fixture to be awarded if an appeal or challenge is made.

Proposed: Chiseldon. Seconded Spectrum

11. Constitution of the leagues

PM recommended 2 divisions.

Prem: Nalgo, Redhouse, Highworth, Chiseldon, Down Ampney, Nationwide, Intel, Bulldogs, Spectrum, Cricklade Firsts, Shield & Dagger. 6 of the old Division 1 from last season.
Division 1: Lower Stratton, North Swindon, Blunsdon Dev, Ramsbury, Cricklade res., Moredon, Swindon Centurions, Coleview, Poulton, Purton dev, Stratton Juniors dev.

11.2 County Cup

PM advised the County Cup dates as far as he is aware, all tbc: 17-Sept, 8 Oct, 5 Nov, 3 Dec, 7 Jan, 4 Feb Semi, 25 Mar final. The County Cup has precedence so any fixtures we schedule will move around those dates. There are some Gloucester County cup dates which we don't yet know.	
11.3 SDFL Cup Competition MR proposed a format that was accepted by the clubs: The first round all clubs play, with winners to go in to Premier cup, and losers into the plate, then play group games over the course of the season, with an end of season knockout and a stadium final. In the case of any fixture congestion, whether for the cup or league, the committee are aware of and will accommodate any world cup fixtures where England play, but remember there are options to play games with early kick offs.	
12. Virtual Handbook. PC advised how this saves the league printing costs, and although the rules are rarely read in detail we do need them to administer the league, so for any debate, the rules are as in the published virtual handbook. As far as contact details are concerned, now everyone has Whatsapp, Text & email details the old reasons for a printed copy are well past. A password protects the general public from spamming every club official so please respect that. **Points of interest:** It's the away team changes kit. MPH reminded us that black shirts clash with the ref so are a 'non colour', and repeated don't ask the ref to wear a bib.	
AOB • Any registration queries to CT • All results to IR – we are asking adding team marks to make sure we have a proper 'sportsmanship/fair play award' Shane Coomb. Update from Shane from Wilts County FA. • There is more information coming regarding safeguarding. Remember you won't be playing football if you're not abiding by safeguarding. • With discipline the FA have a roadshow in the first week of June with the FA regional manager explaining how Wilts are doing. • Regarding discipline, remember everything starts as an allegation, with Shane expecting to raise charges where a dispute is clear. • Discipline panels were always Wiltshire based, but we have a new pilot scheme with members across the country. • Performance & case load. Our stats are similar to last year, so credit to the clubs and the referees	

14. We finished with the role of honour as in the agenda with a presentation to CT on his secretary award.		
The meeting closed at 8.53 pm		
15. Date of Next Annual General Meeting (MR) – Wednesday 14th June 2023		

Author	Peter Cejer, 16-June 2022
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7.2 P&L

SWINDON & DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE
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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS 2021-2022

CLUB DEPOSITS ACCOUNT					TOTAL	
AS AT END OF 20/21 SEASON					1250.00	
ADD (DEDUCT) FOR 21/22 SEASON	300				300.00	
PROTECTED BALANCE					1550.00	

PITCH IMPROVEMENTS FUND						
AS AT END OF 20/21 SEASON	6503.32					
ADD (DEDUCT) FOR 20/21 SEASON	-3643.36				0.00	
BANK INTEREST	0.63					
BALANCE					2859.33	

LEAGUE ACCOUNT		Actual	Budget			Actual	Budget
NET INCOME		21/22	22/23	NET EXPENDITURE		20/21	22/23
DEPOSITS FORFEITED							
LEAGUE ENTRANCE @25		175.00					
APPLICATIONS, @ £15		105.00		FA AFFILIATION		129.00	
REGISTRATION / TRANSFER		1029.00					
CUP ENTRY @£25		650.00					
				AGM ROOM HIRE		0.00	
CUP TURNSTILE		460.90		CUP - PITCH, REFS etc		225.86	
SPONSORSHIP & ADVERTISING		50.00					
				STATIONERY / PRINTING		288.00	
				- Virtual Handbook	120.00		
				- Teamsheets	168.00		
				HONORARIA		555.00	
FINES		455.00					
- Matches called off				TROPHIES (medals + Engraving)		566.40	
				- Trophies ordered (x68) @7.85			
				- Engraving only			
				- Perpet'ls, League awards, g boot			
				EXPENSES		12.98	
				WEB		685.13	
MISC - comprising:		300.98		MISC - Comprising		324.80	
- Referee Bursary repayments	115.00			- Referee Bursary @115	115.00		
- Extra Trophies for clubs @£11	185.00			- Card readers	40.98		
- SumUp paymeny card test	0.98			- PICRights Web Images use	169.00		
EXPENDITURE > INCOME		0.00	0.00	INCOME > EXPENDITURE		438.71	0.00
GRAND TOTAL		3225.88	0.00			2787.17	0.00

Peter Cejer Hon. Treasurer, 08-Jun-2022

Martyn Fidler (CIMA). Auditor

7.3 Balance Sheet (see Appendix)

BALANCE SHEET 2021-2022	
Lloyds WORKING ACCOUNT (excluding DEPOSITS, PITCHES, NATIONWIDE Account)	
2021-22 SEASON - Income less expenditure	438.71
8-Jun 2022 Lloyds Balance	7071.77

NATIONWIDE ACCOUNT		
2021-22 SEASON - Balance		105.29
	TOTAL	105.29
	SUB TOTAL	7177.06

ACCRUED EXPENDITURE - We take away next season's transactions from our bank balance		
	IN	**OUT**
New Season Clubs joining (including deposits received)	1260.00	
	TOTAL	-1260.00

CLOSING SEASON 2021-22 @ 8 June 2022	**TOTAL**	5917.06

DEPOSITS HELD - nobody should touch these, they belong to the clubs		
31 TEAMS pending transfers to/from League Account & Returns	**TOTAL**	1550.00

PITCH IMPROVEMENTS FUND	
START BALANCE	6502.06
ADD (DEDUCT) FOR 2020-2021 SEASON	-3642.73
TOTAL	2859.33

FIXED ASSETS	**COST**	**ACC/DEP**	**VALUE**
Office (PatM->CT): 7PJ7N-YDFR9-G7H6M-GKY4C-W2K34	119.00	119.00	0.00
Acer Laptop (PM->PC) e5n0dc038927195 Donated to Robert Buckland Scheme	289.99	289.99	0.00
Acer Laptop (JL) e5n0dc038927195 Donated to Robert Buckland Scheme	289.99	289.99	0.00
Office (JL) CRPNH-MKQH6-Q9Y6R-Y9KT7-94PXQ Donated to Robert Buckland Scheme	119.00	119.00	0.00
Banner (with MR)	96.00	96.00	0.00
New Winners Banner	50.00	15.00	35.00
Wristbands to manage cup final entry (with MR)	29.99		29.99
Trophies: Premier Division winners (with MR) Advertiser Cup (PC) George Thomas Cup (PC) Gordon Richards Cup (PC) Secretary Shield (Bulldogs) Referee Cup (PC) - sent for re-silvering Chairman's Shield (PC)			8300.00
Trophy Display Cabinet (with PC)			50.00
Domain Registration: swindondistrictfootballleague.co.uk			
Medals with Don Rogers approx 50 @ approx £8	400	0	400.00
Camera (with MPH)	200.00	200.00	0.00
Badges (with MPH)	232.80	0	232.80
TOTAL ASSETS	1826.77	1128.98	9047.79

Peter Cejer Hon. Treasurer, 08-Jun-2022

Martyn Fidler (CIMA). Auditor



FEES TARIFF		
RULE NO.	DESCRIPTION	MAX FEE
4 (A)	APPLICATION FEE (NEW TEAMS) 2023/2024 Rationale – up from £15 to cover admin costs	£25.00
4 (B)	ANNUAL LEAGUE FEE (NOT SECOND TEAMS) 2023/2024 Rationale – up from £25 to cover admin costs	£40.00
4 (C)	DEPOSIT (NEW CLUBS) Rationale – up from £50 to cover admin costs	£75.00
7 (C), 7 (E), 7(G)	PROTEST/APPEAL FEES 2022/2023 Rationale - to cover admin costs	£25.00
18 (D)	PLAYER REGISTRATION FEE 2022/2023 Rationale – up from £1 in line with other Leagues	£3.00
18 (H)	TRANSFER FEE no change	£5.00
23 (E)	REFEREE FEES PREMIER DIVISION 2022/2023 REFEREE FEES DIVISION 1 & 2 2022/2023 Rationale – in line with other leagues	£30 + 41p/mile £27 + 41p/mile
23 (E)	ASSISTANT REF FEES PREMIER DIVISION 2022/2023 ASSISTANT REF FEES DIVISION 1 & 2 2022/2023 Rationale – in line with other leagues	£28 + 41p/mile £25 + 41p/mile
24 B	CUP ENTRY FEE (MANDATORY) 2023/2024 Rationale – to cover competition costs	£35.00

FINES TARIFF		
RULE NO.	DESCRIPTION	MAX FINE
2 (G)	FAILURE TO AFFILIATE – NO FINE, PLACED ON RESERVE LIST Rationale – in line with other Leagues	£25
2 (I)	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH FA INITIATIVES – NO FINE AT PRESENT Rationale – in line with other Leagues	£25
2 (K)	UNAUTHORISED ENTRY OF TEAMS INTO COMPETITIONS Rationale – in line with other Leagues	£25
3	FAILURE TO OBTAIN CONSENT FOR A CHANGE OF CLUB NAME 2022/2023 Rationale – in line with other Leagues	£50.00
4 (C)	FAILURE TO PAY A DEPOSIT - NO FINE, NOT ACCEPTED IN LEAGUE – no change	£ NIL
4(E)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE AFFILIATION NUMBER/DETAILS FORM 2022/2023 Rationale – to cover admin costs	£50.00
5(E)	COMMUNICATIONS CONDUCTED BY PERSONS OTHER THAN NOMINATED OFFICERS – NO FINE AT PRESENT. Rationale – in line with other Leagues	£25.00
6 (H)	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH AN INSTRUCTION OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – DISCRETION OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE Rationale – in line with other Leagues	£25.00
6 (I)	FAILURE TO PAY A FINE WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME Rationale – in line with other Leagues	£50.00
8 (H)	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT AGM 2023/2024	£50.00

	Rationale – clubs must be represented to vote of League matters	
9	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT SGM 2023/2024 Rationale – clubs must be represented to vote of League matters	£25.00
10	FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE REQUIRED WRITTEN AGREEMENT OR TO NOTIFY CHANGES TO SIGNATORIES - NO FINE AT PRESENT Rationale – in line with other leagues	£25
11(A)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL BEFORE DEADLINE	LOSS OF DEPOSIT
11 (B)	FAILURE TO COMMENCE/COMPLETE FIXTURES	LOSS OF DEPOSIT
11(D)(ii)	CEASES TO OPERATE DURING PLAYING SEASON 2022/2023	LOSS OF DEPOSIT
11 D (iii)	NOT DISBANDING BEFORE FIXTURES COMMENCE 2022/2023	LOSS OF DEPOSIT
11 E	WITHDRAWING TEAM TO JOIN ANOTHER COMPETITION 2022/2023	LOSS OF DEPOSIT
16(A)	FAILURE TO HAVE THE REQUIRED PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE	Suspend club
16(B)	FAILURE TO HAVE THE REQUIRED PERSONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE	Suspend club
18 (A)	FAILURE TO CORRECTLY REGISTER A PLAYER – PLAYER CANNOT PLAY	£NIL
18 (B) (iii)	FAILURE TO HAVE THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF REGISTERED PLAYERS PRIOR TO THE SEASON COMMENCING 2022/2023 Rationale- to cover admin costs	£25.00
18 (P)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE TEAM PHOTOGRAPH WITH TEAM SHEET ON REQUEST Rationale – to cover admin costs	£25.00
18 (F)	REGISTERING OR PLAYING FOR MULTIPLE CLUBS, OR INACCURATE COMPLETION OF A REGISTRATION FORM- PLAYER CANNOT PLAY	£ NIL
18 (G)(ii)	REGISTRATION IRREGULARITIES - PLAYER CANNOT PLAY	£ NIL
18 (L)	FIELDING MORE THAN THE PERMITTED NUMBER OF PLAYERS WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN SENIOR COMPETITTION MATCHES – POINTS AWARDED 2022/2023 Rationale – to discourage clubs playing ineligible players	£100.00
18 (M)	PLAYING AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER – POINTS AWARDED 2022/2023 Rationale – to discourage clubs playing ineligible players	£100.00
18 (P)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE TEAM PHOTOGRAPH WITH TEAM SHEET WHEN REQUESTED BY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2022/2023 Rationale – to discourage clubs playing ineligible players	£25.00
19 (F)	DELAYING KICK OFF DUE TO NO CHANGE OF COLOURS 2022/2023 Rationale – in line with other Leagues	£25.00
19 (G)	FAILURE TO NUMBER SHIRTS 2022/2023 Rationale – in line with other Leagues	£25.00

20(A)	DELAYING KICK OFF DUE TO FAILURE TO PROVIDE REQUIRED EQUIPMENT 2022/2023 Rationale – in line with other Leagues	£5 per 5 mins
20 (C)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE DETAILS OF A FIXTURE 2022/2023 Rationale – to cover admin costs	£25.00
20 (D)	PLAYING MATCH WITH LESS THAN REQUIRED NUMBER OF PLAYERS	£1 per player
20 (E) (xi)	FAILURE TO PLAY FIXTURE (more than 7 days notice) 2022/2023 Rationale – too many games being re-scheduled disrupting league / cup schedule. EACH SUBSEQUENT OFFENCE THEREAFTER WILL ATTRACT 2022/2023	£50.00 £10.00
20 (E) (xiii)	FAILURE TO PLAY FIXTURE (less than 7 days notice) 2022/2023 Rationale – too many games being cancelled, disrupting league cup schedule EACH SUBSEQUENT OFFENCE THEREAFTER WILL ATTRACT 2022/2023	£80.00 £10.00
20 (E) (xiv)	FAILURE TO PLAY FIXTURE (on day of match) 2022/2023 Rationale – too many games being cancelled, disrupting league and cup schedule EACH SUBSEQUENT OFFENCE THEREAFTER WILL ATTRACT 2022/2023	£100.00 £10.00
21 (A)	LATE RESULT NOTIFICATION FORM 2022/2023 Rationale – in line with other leagues	£25.00
21 (B)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT 2022/2023 Rationale – in line with other Leagues	£25.00
21(C)	RESULT NOTIFICATION NOT SIGNED BY APPROPRIATE SIGNATORIES	£10.00
23 (A)	REFUSING LEAGUE APPOINTED OFFICIAL ON MATCH-DAY Rationale – to cover admin costs	£25.00
23 (D)	FAILURE TO CONFIRM FIXTURE **2** DAYS BEFORE MATCH 2022/2023 Rationale – to cover admin costs	£25.00
23 (F)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE CLUB ASSISTANT REFEREE 2022/2023 Rationale – in line with other leagues	£25.00
23 (H)	FAILURE TO PAY MATCH OFFICIALS FEES & EXPENSES BEFORE GAME (unless agreed with the official beforehand) 2022/2023 Rationale – to cover admin costs	£25.00
23 (H)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE REFEREE'S MARK (or a report why you haven't? 2022/2023 Rationale - to cover admin costs	£25.00
23 (I)	FAILURE TO PAY MATCH OFFICIALS WHERE A MATCH IS NOT PLAYED (abandoned, cancelled, where play is stopped and not resumed after kick off) 2022/2023 Rationale – to cover admin costs	£25.00

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SDFL 133rd AGM 14th June 2023 Management Committee Proposed for 2023-2024

POSITION	NOMINEE	PROPOSER	SECONDER
CHAIRMAN	Martyn Rosewell	John Luckhurst	Pete Mildenhall
SECRETARY	John Luckhurst	Pete Mildenhall	Peter Cejer
TREASURER	Wayne Petrie	Peter Cejer	Martyn Rosewell
REF APPOINTMENTS	Mark Parish-Haines	John Luckhurst	Pete Mildenhall
DISCIPLINE	Oliver Sweeney	Mark Parish-Haines	Martyn Rosewell
FIXTURES	Pete Mildenhall	John Luckhurst	Martyn Rosewell
REGISTRATION	Colin Tewkesbury	John Luckhurst	Pete Mildenhall
RESULTS	Jimmy Horwood	Martyn Rosewell	John Luckhurst
CUPS (JOINT)	Martyn Rosewell/Jimmy Horwood	John Luckhurst	Pete Mildenhall
SAFEGUARDING	Keith White	John Luckhurst	Martyn Rosewell
CLUBS LIAISON	Jimmy Horwood	John Luckhurst	Pete Mildenhall
	RETIRED Ian Rosewell, Chris Ricketts, Peter Cejer		

SWINDON & DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS 2022-2023

CLUB DEPOSITS ACCOUNT						TOTAL	
				CLUBS LEAVING: Priory Vale, Ashton Keynes, Blunsdon, Wheatsheaf,Centurions, Hatherop		300.00	
NEW CLUBS: Poulton,Stratton Juniors,Cricklade Reserves, Coleview		200					
PROTECTED BALANCE (20 Clubs 2022-3)						1000.00	

PITCH IMPROVEMENTS FUND							
AS AT END OF 21/22 SEASON		2859.33					
ADD (DEDUCT) FOR 22/23 SEASON						1380.60	
BANK INTEREST		4.56					
BALANCE						1483.29	

LEAGUE ACCOUNT	In another. Fin. Yr.	Actual			In another. Fin. Yr.	Actual	
NET INCOME		**22/23**		**NET EXPENDITURE**		**22/23**	
DEPOSITS FORFEITED - previous years		250.00		FA AFFILIATION		230.00	
				REFUNDS			
DEPOSITS		100.00		- DEPOSIT		50.00	
LEAGUE ENTRANCE @25	500.00	50.00		- LEAGUE		25.00	
CUP ENTRY @£25	500.00	50.00		- CUP		25.00	
CLUB APPLICATIONS, @ £15		30.00					
				DONTATIONS		20.00	
PLAYER REGISTRATION / TRANSFER		2051.00		- Prospect Hospice - 20	5.00		
TRANSFER		50.00		- BHF	50.00		
CUP TURNSTILE	1020.12	0.00		CUP - PITCH, REFS etc	364.00	120.00	
SPONSORSHIP & ADVERTISING		0.00					
- Don Rogers Cup -							
				STATIONERY / PRINTING		234.00	
				- Virtual Handbook £96			
				- Teamsheets £138			
				HONORARIA	595.00	0.00	
APPEALS (Reqd by SDFL Discipline)		50.00		APPEALS RETURNED		50.00	
FINES		615.00					
- Matches called off				TROPHIES (medals + engraving)		637.81	
- Inellegible players £100							
- Not sending in Teamsheets £25				EXPENSES		45.60	
- not attending AGM £20							
				WEB		86.33	
MISC - comprising:				MISC - Comprising		474.69	
- DVLA Scam - £284.89		284.89		- DVLA Scam Refunds £284.89			
- TBA				- Re-silvering trophy £142.80			
				- Your Sport Swindon video £15			
				- AGM Room Hire £32			
EXPENDITURE > INCOME		0.00	0.00	INCOME > EXPENDITURE		1532.46	0.00
	2020.12				1014.00	1006.12	
GRAND TOTAL		3530.89	0.00			1998.43	0.00

Peter Cejer Hon. Treasurer, 30-Apr-2023

Martyn Fidler (CIMA). Auditor

BALANCE SHEET 2022-2023		
Lloyds WORKING ACCOUNT (excluding DEPOSITS, PITCHES, NATIONWIDE Account)		
	8-Jun 2022 Lloyds Balance	7071.77
P&L Income > Expenditure	1532.46	
Bank Balance at Year End minus what we had at the Start		1532.46
	30-Apr 2023 Lloyds Balance	8604.23

NATIONWIDE ACCOUNT		
2021-22 SEASON - Balance		105.29
	TOTAL	105.29

	SUB TOTAL	8709.52

ACCRUED EXPENDITURE - We take away/add other years transactions from our bank balance		
	IN	**OUT**
Cup Turnstile	1020.12	
League & Cup fees	500.00	
Cup Pitch & Expenses		364.00
Donations		55.00
Assistant Ref fees for end of season games		148.76
Cup final expenses		43.80
Cup raffle prizes		75.00
Audit Fee		15.50
Raffle prize donated to Prospect		5.00
3 Years printing for winners banner		36.00
Honoraria		595.00
	TOTAL	182.06

CLOSING SEASON 2022-23 @ 30 April 2023		
	TOTAL	8891.58

DEPOSITS HELD - nobody should touch these, they belong to the clubs		
20 TEAMS	**TOTAL**	1000.00

PITCH IMPROVEMENTS FUND		
START BALANCE		2859.33
ADD (DEDUCT) FOR 2022-2023 SEASON		1376.88
	TOTAL	1482.45

FIXED ASSETS	**COST**	**ACC/DEP**	**VALUE**
Office (PatM->CT): 7PJ7N-YDFR9-G7H6M-GKY4C-W2K34	119.00	119.00	0.00
Laptop (CT): Model ASUS X412F.Serial No L4N0CV07J857164	399	200.00	199.00
New Winners Banner 2022 (MR)	50.00	15.00	35.00
2x Sumup AIR1E215 Card readers (PC) sn #108012003463 sn #108012003876	40.00	0.00	40.00
Wristbands to manage cup final entry (with PC)	29.99		29.99
Trophies: Premier Division winners (MR) Division One winners (MR) Advertiser Cup (MR) George Thomas Cup (MR) Gordon Richards Cup (PC) Secretary Shield (MR) Senior Referee Cup (TLewis) Junior Referee Shield (JMaulgue) Chairman's Shield (PC)			8300.00
Fattorini Swindon Cup Medal	15.00		15.00
Trophy Display Cabinet (with PC)			50.00
Domain Registration: swindondistrictfootballleague.co.uk			
Medals with Don Rogers 51 @ approx £8 As at 30-Apr-2023	408	0	408.00
Camera (with MPH)	200.00	200.00	0.00
Badges (with MPH)	232.80	0	232.80
TOTAL ASSETS	1493.79	534.00	9309.79

Peter Cejer Hon. Treasurer, 30-Apr-2023

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Treasurer's Report
AGM 17th June 2023

League rule 15C gives our financial year end as 30 April

Banking & Accounts. We have three accounts shown in the balance sheet, to keep funds separate from our day-to-day account which at 30 April 2023 was **£8604.23.**

- **Club Deposits Account** shouldn't be touched until clubs leave. 20 clubs @£50 is **£1000**
- Our **Pitch Maintenance Grant** Account receives funds from the FA for pitch improvements. The decreasing yearly 5 year grant pays council contractors for improvement works to Penhill. It does not cover cutting or line-marking. Spent £1380.60 of the grant this season, balance **£1482.45** pending arrival of the grant for this season.
- We also have an old **Nationwide account**. Balance **£105.29**

Income

1. **Deposits forfeited.** A number of clubs from this and the previous season left the league with fines or discipline outstanding and as such forfeited their deposits.
2. **Cup & League entry fees.** Paid by each club yearly.
3. **Players Registration Income**. We charge clubs £3 to register a player and £5 for transfers.
4. **Club applications** (an admin fee when joining the league)**, Cup & League Entry fees; Fines.** These are what they say they are. This season the bulk of fines are for calling off games. The fines have been voted and agreed by **YOU** the clubs, the committee applies them for you. On field discipline (cards/abandons etc) goes straight to the FA and NOT the League.
5. **Sponsorship.** We have no league sponsorship and are always on the look out for sponsors or advertisers to support our community of grassroots football. Don Rogers Sports continue to sponsor the George Thomas 'plate' competiton. Without them we would have to spend £300+ for medals and trophies.
6. The **cup turnstile** entry was excellent this year with the good weather helping bring in a substantial sum.
7. **Misc.** We were scammed by someone with our bank details applying for vehicle tax. It seems the DVLA don't check. We didn't lose anything but it was a pain having to ask for refunds

Expenditure



1. **Medals & Trophies.** These cover a bulk league expenditure. Our accounts have done well this year INCOME > EXPENDITURE because we have used these from stock bought in previous seasons, but we now need to re-stock for next season. **Don Rogers** has sponsored our cup plate competition by supplying medals for finals for many years. Their prices and discount are fair, so we continue to use their services.
2. **Donations.** The committee recognised BHF and the Prospect Hospice in memory of community stalwarts we have lost.
3. **Cup.** The league covers the cost of the cup final recouped from gate receipts.
4. **Handbooks/Printing.** Moved online, which saves printing costs, as long as the 'club contacts' are kept up to date on the Web 95% of the purpose of the handbook is adequately covered.
5. **Honoraria.** These have historically been given to committee members to cover phone/printing/travel and other expenses. Though not quite targeting those the same way with email and unlimited phone minutes it works out at each club buying each committee member a coffee from COSTA once a season.
6. **Miscellaneous.** Web Hosting and AGM room hire

That's it from me – cheerio and good luck to our new Treasurer. 😊. Peter Cejer Cejer

19-May-2023: Auditor: Martyn Fidler CIMA

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LEAGUE SECRETARY ADDRESS 14 June 2023

INTRODUCTION

On behalf of the Swindon and District Football League I am pleased to present my League's Secretary Annual Report for Season 2022/2023. The past twelve months have been marked by significant activity both on and off the pitch and in many ways will be seen as a pivotal year for the League.

Last June at this meeting we discussed the challenges facing local Football and highlighted areas that were perceived as being particularly crucial. I am happy to report that significant progress has been achieved in many of these areas and anticipate that further improvements will be made in the months ahead.

The League has witnessed an eventful year with much excitement and the usual array of issues and challenges. It has been difficult but equally rewarding, but in the end, we achieved a lot. The biggest challenge has been the abject weather, but you are a resilient group and with adopting a flexible approach we managed to complete the seasons fixtures. Thanks must go to Pete Mildenhall our fixture secretary, for his dogged approach to the challenges that came his way, every week of the season.

FOOTBALL

Clubs in Wiltshire now have more choice with the introduction of a Division 2 South in the Hellenic, and a Division One in the Wiltshire Senior League, and we saw some migration to those Leagues, leaving us with fewer teams than the previous season. This meant that we had to lose a complete Division, but I think you will agree the Premier Division has been the most competitive, for years, with the title being decided on the last day of the season. Hearty congratulations go to the Shield and Dagger for a League and Cup double. It was also a battle in Division 1, with Coleview Purples finally overcoming Cricklade Reserves challenge to win the title, and this was their first season in the League.

Fortunately, we didn't lose any teams during the season, but there is no doubt that some Clubs are struggling to survive financially, others struggling to field Teams and others struggling to retain their Volunteers. With this in mind the Management Committee reversed their decision to increase fees and fines for 2023 -2024, and we hope that we all start to see a fall in the cost of living increases we have seen this past year.

The adverse weather conditions were the worst for many years, with frozen, then flooded, pitches. That we came through despite the inevitable fixtures backlog, and that complaints about fixtures rescheduling were kept to a minimum, says a great deal about you, and your commitment. I can only applaud all concerned for their efforts.

This was the last season that player registration forms will be used, Next season the Central Registration of Players through WGS will come into force. Clubs must ensure 100% compliance with Registration Rules by ensuring that their Players are correctly registered within the permitted Timescales and Regulations.

REFEREES

Once again, our local Referee pool provided an outstanding service with Official Referees being appointed to all but one of our fixtures last Season – a remarkable statistic and one that is undoubtedly the envy of all other local Leagues. I must commend the efforts of Mark Paris-Haines the League RAO, and his Buddy

mentor Jeremy Moyes. Referee development remains a key focus and an integral part of our League. Alongside recruitment there has been a concerted effort to improve the standard of refereeing through coaching and performance reviewing of Referees

ADMINISTRATION

There were monthly Management Committee Meetings and numerous Sub-Committee Meetings held throughout the year – either on zoom or teams, attended by your elected Officers.

I would like to thank the 2 retired Officers, Ian Rosewell, and Chris Ricketts, that left part way through the season, for their contributions and efforts. Their roles were shared out to the rest of the Committee.

I am happy to welcome 2 new Officers, Keith White – League Safeguarding, and Ollie Sweeney – Discipline, but more about them later.

I am very aware that some Clubs have little or no knowledge of the administrative activities of the League, and I encourage more of you to get involved, and to experience the pressure to get the League business done. I feel it is important to make sure that the next generation of League Officials see what is involved thereby ensuring that the burden of running the League doesn't fall on the same small number of people, who are giving their skills and experience and time on a voluntary basis.

I consulted with all of you, by using League Bulletins, and in mid-season I sought your views / recommendations on any additions / alterations to the League's Rules that you deemed appropriate. With none forthcoming from you, the Management Committee acted upon the feedback we had been getting around the rules on the registration process, fees and fines increases, and the need for a pre-match squad photo, and these were the only changes put forward by us, to the FA rules committee.

FINANCE

Sponsorship is vital, and a matter of concern that our efforts to secure sponsorship and funding for the League have dried up. Finding new Sponsors in the present economic climate is proving difficult. So, if you know of any-body that wants to help us out, please give them my contact details?

Increased revenue from Registration Fees has helped our position. The League is in a stable condition, as Peter Cejer will explain in his financial report, which regrettably may be his "swan song" as he looks to retire his position from the Committee. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Peter for everything he has done for the League since 2010, if indeed he does manage to escape!

PUBLICITY

There is great interest in what happens in the Swindon & District Football League. Many people attend our games, and it would be great if we could get match reports and photographs uploaded to our League website. This used to done, by a third party, but when charges started to be introduced, the Committee decided that without sponsors the money was needed elsewhere.

The League's Hall of Fame acknowledges and celebrates the huge contributions made to our League since 1891 by so many people. We need you to tell us about your heroes since the establishment of the League.

The revamp of the website, by Peter Cejer, will offer greater scope to promote ourselves and will significantly benefit you by providing more up-to-date information, but we need volunteers to make that happen?

The virtual handbook has been replaced, with integrated pages in the revamp, saving the League the expense of the handbooks being produced.

INITIATIVES

We are continually evolving by our own demands for improvement and by our association with the County FA, and as a consequence it is imperative that we review and amend our procedures on an ongoing basis.

- **Club County FA Affiliation** – mandatory changes around child welfare. All adult teams will need to ensure all of the new requirements are completed in your club portal, otherwise your affiliation will be rejected by the FA. This affects all of you, regardless if you have under 18's or not at the time of FA affiliation. To help you, the League are pleased to announce that we now have our own League Safeguarding Officer- Keith White. You will be hearing from Keith a little bit later.

  Club insurance can only be purchased on line through Whole Game at the time of Affiliation. Blufin Player Insurance has been replaced by Marsh Sports.

- **Pyramid** - As the District League continues to improve our links with others, we can confirm there will be four feeder Leagues to the Wiltshire Senior Premier League from the start of next season.

  Hellenic League Division 2.

  Swindon & District League Premier Division.

  Trowbridge & District League Division 1.

  Wiltshire Senior League Division 1.

- **England Accredited League** - The Swindon & District Management Committee are '**PROUD**' to announce that we are now an '**FA England Accredited Football League**". The 'FA England Football Accreditation' replaced the 'FA Charter Standard Accreditation' in 2021. The Accreditation will be playing a big part in making our football environment safe, fun and inclusive by raising standards, raising awareness and taking action, making the Accreditation worthwhile to be part of.

  The FA England Football programme exists to positively improve people's football experience through the Accreditation. The FA England Football Programme is open to all grassroots Clubs, and aims to raise standards in the grassroots game through supporting the **development** of its member Clubs. Having achieved the Accreditation, demonstrates that the League offers well-run and sustainable football. **We are proud** to prioritise qualified coaching and safeguarding, as well as the values of the 'FA's Respect Programme' as part of our game.

THE WAY AHEAD

As a League we recognise we are in times of change and we are planning carefully to manage those changes. As clubs you will be expected to do more for yourselves through your Club portals on line. We are your first point of contact, but if you have any concerns, these are useful numbers for the COUNTY FOOTBALL SERVICES TEAM

Shane Comb
Football Services Manager
01793 486047 Option 3 / 07956 212301 / Shane.Comb@WiltshireFA.com

Maria Lai
Designated Safeguarding Officer
01793 486047 Option 3 / 07340 272564 / Maria.Lai@WiltshireFA.com

CONCLUSION

I would like to thank my fellow officers on the Management Committee, for their considerable efforts on behalf of the League, Especially Martyn Rosewell, the Chairman, whose wealth of experience, common sense, and football “know-how” has kept us all on the same path. It is a privilege to work with you all and indeed I enjoyed your company, on Cup Final day in the sunshine.

I wish to thank you and your Club volunteers for your ongoing and vital contributions. There is no doubt that you are the heartbeat of our local Football and we could not function without you.

The League wishes to record its thanks to Central Swindon North Parish Council for making their pitches available during the Season, and we partner with them to improve the playing surfaces of the pitches at Sevenfields, and Southbrook. We now look forward to the unveiling of the Moredon Hub, with its new 3G and grass pitches becoming available later this year.

As we prepare to close another chapter in our 133rd Year History I welcome the challenges of 2023/24 and look forward with enthusiasm, as we strive to make the Swindon District Football League the best and fun place to play your matches in Wiltshire.

Sincerely yours in Football

John Luckhurst

Swindon & District Football League

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Referee Appointment Secretary Address. 14-June-2023

Introduction

I would like to start off by saying a huge thank you to all the match officials last season, for their loyalty and commitment to the Swindon & District Football League, once again for the 5th season I have managed to cover all games except one.

I would also like to take this opportunity to also thank Jeremy Moyse for all his hard work in supporting me with the buddy scheme, a lot of work goes on behind the scenes during the season in supporting all referees within the SDFL. - I would also like to thank our buddy mentors who are volunteers in this position **Senior Buddy Mentor: Keith White, Buddy Mentor: Andrew Fox, Buddy Mentor: Shaun Mcombie, Referee Support Officer/Buddy Mentor: Ted Lewis, and Referee Support Officer: Brian Bennet Murdoch**. Next season we welcome **Chris Harris** to the buddy scheme as a mentor, our small team is growing and is very beneficial in supporting all and new referees in grassroots football.

Communication

Once again communication between myself and the teams last season was outstanding, it is always good to hear feedback from our clubs regarding the referees in the league, negative and positive feedback is always welcome.

Referee Marking

Regarding the referee marking after each game is still somewhat disappointing, some clubs do seem to mark the referee very low for enforcing the laws of the game, to mark a referee low scores because your team has picked up Red/Yellow cards during the game is unfair and does not help the referee - if the F.A. ask for seasonal marks on those going for promotion. It is also important to note that giving a lowest mark possible that does not require you to write a report is also unhelpful, just like last season if I see this continuing I will reach out to clubs asking for the reasonings why such a low mark was entered.

Judge the Referee's performance over the whole game. Don't be too influenced by one particular incident, don't mark the Referee down unfairly because your team was unlucky and lost the game; or because some disciplinary action was taken against your players - referees are there to enjoy the game as much as the players and some seek to have a future as a referee and progress.

91 – 100: The Referee was extremely accurate in decision-making and very successfully controlled the game using management and communication skills to create an environment of fair play, adding real value to the game.

81 – 90: The Referee was very accurate in decision-making and successfully controlled the game using management and communication skills to create an environment of fair play**.**

71 – 80: The Referee was accurate in decision-making and controlled the game well, communicating with the players and making a positive contribution towards fair play.

61 – 70: The Referee was reasonably accurate in decision making, controlled the game quite well and communicated

with the players, establishing a reasonable degree of fair play.

51 – 60: The Referee had some shortcomings in the level of accuracy of decision-making and control, with only limited success in communicating with players, resulting in variable fair play. 50 and below: The Referee had significant shortcomings in the level of accuracy of decision-making and control and poor communication with players, which resulted in low levels of fair play.

Appointments

As in previous years, as soon as the fixtures go out for the up and coming season the appointments will be done for the year, however, this may change due to cup games and Wilts Cup games, please make sure you have your Full-Time notifications on for updates.

Once again, can I please remind clubs that the appointments are done by myself and it's my decision - please do not contact me asking for the referee to be replaced - all appointments are final, if you are unhappy with a referee within the league then I ask you to write to me directly with your concerns.

Towards the end of last season, we saw a number of games covered by three match officials, this was fantastic and something I have been trying to introduce for the past 4 years - I will continue to appoint 3 match officials to games that I feel will require such, although as per last season if you would like to have three match officials for your game then please do ask - we are at a stage now where we have the officials to appoint assistants.

Referees and Team Colors

I would like to remind all clubs that the color black is not permitted to be worn by teams, (this does not include shorts & socks) although 'some' referees - and we are seeing more and more wear different colors the color black is the official color for match officials to wear, and fall back on if needed to do so.

If you have any concerns or your thinking of getting a new kit in 'black' - then please contact me before buying, it is better to be safe and spend a fortune.

Regarding team kits, please remember that all shirts need to be numbered.

Team Sheets & Match Fees

Please remember as we move into next season that team sheets (completed) with the full match fee is given to the Referee at least 20mins before K.O. or is offered.

Fees are frozen for next season.

Match Day fees are broken down as follows:
Premier Division Referee: £30.00 + 41p a mile.
Premier Division Assistants: £27.00 + 41p a mile.
Division 1 Referee: £28.00 + 41p a mile.
Division 1 Assistants: £25.00 + 41p a mile.

Referee Secretary

Rev Paris-Haines

SDFL LOCAL COMPETITION RULES CHANGES – FOR 2023-24 - RATIONALE

No.	RULE	AMENDMENTS	RATIONALE
18	A(i)	~~signed a fully and correctly completed Competition registration form in ink,~~ ~~countersigned by an Officer of the Club and witnessed by an Officer of the opposing Club, and submitted to the Competition within two days (Sundays excluded), subsequent to the Competition match.~~ ~~*(under the Covid 19 restrictions, emails from the player were used in preference of handling paper registration forms*~~	Removed rule as paper registration forms no longer in use. League initiative (LDP)
185	P	~~*Mandatory provision of team photographs (including named substitutes), when requested by the Management Committee, supplied with team sheet. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.*~~	Photo id no longer required. Taking too long to follow up after each game, the time being taken outweighed any benefits seen.
20	E	**PYRAMID - Promotion to the Wiltshire County League** Hellenic League Division 2 added to rule.	Hellenic now part of the Pyramid.
23	K	*Match Officials shall be supplied with* ~~*access to a virtual handbook with a copy*~~ *of the Competition Rules free of charge.* Replaced with 23(K) *Match Officials shall be supplied with access to a copy of the League and Cup Competition Rules free of charge.*	All League information now on League website. Replacing the virtual handbook. League initiative- cost saving

SDFL COMPETITION RULES – RECOMMENDED CHANGES FOR 2023-24 - RATIONALE

No.	RULE	AMENDMENTS	RATIONALE
4	F	*(F)* ~~*In the event of clubs failing to comply with the above Rule E, clubs will be given a further 4 weeks (31st July) to provide the league of its County Affiliation number for the coming season. Failure to provide this could result in their league application being withdrawn after which their place could be taken by a team on the reserve list. In the event that affiliation is then completed within the extended deadline the League would consider paying back the fine to the Club, on the basis, the delay is from sources outside the clubs direct control.*~~	Removed rule F as it contradicted Rule E
5	B	~~*At the discretion*~~ *of the committee, no person shall hold more than one position on the Management Committee.* *Changed to with agreement of Management Committee*	Needed clarifying
6	J	~~*The presentation of a cheque which is subsequently dishonoured by the Bank or Building Society, will incur a fine in accordance with the fines tariff, plus any associated bank charges accrued*~~	Deleted, as its in rule 6.0 below
6	N	*In any matter not specifically mentioned in these Rules, the Management Committee shall have the powers to take such action and impose such penalties necessary, and all such decisions shall be final.*	Club has the right to appeal added. More clarity
7	B	*Any dispute occurring between Clubs in the Competition shall be referred for determination by the Management Committee whose decision shall be binding upon all parties.*	Club has the right to appeal added. More clarity
8`	a	. ~~*Attendance at an AGM is required from all clubs participating in or wishing to participate in the competition, see Rule 8D*~~	Deleted, as in rule 8D Duplicated
8	g	~~*unless a duly agreed proxy has been received by the Competition Secretary before the meeting.*~~	Removed, proxy More clarity
12	d	*Any Club or Team failing to complete its fixtures in any season shall (*~~*unless the conditions are beyond their control, or the accredited delegates present at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting decide otherwise by a majority of two-thirds of the votes cast*~~*) be debarred from membership the following season* *Changed to unless agreed by the Management Committee*	Removed conditions. More clarity
14	c	. A copy of the proposed alterations to Rules to be considered at the AGM or SGM shall be submitted to the Sanctioning Authority or The FA (as applicable) and approved at least 28 days prior to the date of the meeting	Added and approved More clarity

No.	RULE	AMENDMENTS	RATIONALE
18	h	*Except ~~when specific approval has been given by the~~ by approval of the Management Committee, a club cannot sign or transfer more than one player from another Club at any one time, unless a period of 14 days has elapsed between each signing*	Deleted specific More clarity
18	o	*Unless the Management Committee ~~gives special dispensation~~, gives approval, any player who plays 5 or more games in a current season for a team in the Swindon & District League is ineligible to play for another team from the same Club in any lower Division match of the Swindon & District League during the same season*	Deleted special dispensation, replaced with gives approval More clarity