

BFCISA Committee Meeting

Notes from Monday 7 September 2026

Apologies: David Thompson, Chris Wells, Simon Jackson, James McDonough, Alister Leaver

Participating: Oliver Norris, Graham Fox, Joe Redmond, Sue Graham, Martin Biddulph, John Robertson, Chris Johnson

Meeting start time: 7:30 pm

Meeting closed: 8:50pm

Notes from the last meeting

Notes from the last meeting accepted by the Committee and approved for upload to the BFCISA website

Membership

The latest number of BFCISA members is 432

Finances

The bank balance is £3,274.42, an increase of £52.55 due to a receipt of money from Stripe relating to recent new recruits

BFCISA Annual Survey

There has been a pleasing response to this year's survey and submissions continue to be received. Accordingly, it was agreed to extend the deadline to Sunday 13 September.

The Independent Football Regulator (IFR)

This new legislation, effective November 2026, has the potential to be very significant. The IFR website states it has been "established to protect and promote the sustainability of English football, for the benefit of fans and the local community that football clubs serve".

Committee members shared their preliminary understanding of the legislation and its potential implication upon BFC. The BFCISA Committee wants, on behalf of its members, to be pivotal in the structure and communication that BFC puts in place to secure the necessary licence.

Level Playing Field

The Level Playing Field is an initiative that "promotes a positive, inclusive experience for disabled sports fans". Its website also states that "disability is the largest minority group in any population". Chris Johnson informed the Committee that representatives of the Level Playing Field are willing to engage with BFCISA to further explain the initiative and work alongside BFCISA, through Chris J, to

assist in related matters impacting disabled fans wishing to attend Burnley Football Club, home and away.

Any Other Business

There was a discussion on sharing the workload between committee members, especially the general administration, such as managing the Inbox of emails which often contains member requests for help. The discussion branched out into suggesting small sub-groups to work on specific topics, for example the IFR, newsletter prep and communicating feedback from the Annual Survey to members, each sub-group reporting back to the full committee on progress and issues encountered.

Next Meeting

Monday 21 September at 7.30pm via Zoom (usual link, as previously provided)