



BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2025 MINUTES: 18TH JUNE 2025

STARTING AT **7.15 PM** AT GREAT BARFORD VILLAGE HALL

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

2. FORMAL ELECTION and WELCOME to NEW CLUBS and TEAMS

- Westoning Club, St Joseph's [Saturday], Flitwick Eagles, Leighton Woodside, Luton Phoenix
- The Chairman also welcomed the Mayor of Bedford Borough, Mr Tom Wootton, to the meeting.

3. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024

- Acceptance proposed by Management Committee – seconded by **Flitwick Town FC** and accepted unanimously.

4. MATTERS ARISING None.

5. REPORT from the TREASURER and ADOPTION OF ACCOUNTS for season 2024-2025

- A report from the Independent Examiner, Mr R Jewell ACMA, was available to all clubs. The accounts were presented up to 31st May 2025. The report indicated that the league is in a sound financial position and it should look to invest some of the £50,000 in an interest-bearing account.
- The report also highlighted a problem with the accounting period, and the fact that the accounts could not be certified as the accounting period was not yet completed. To ensure the accounts are certified in readiness for the AGM, The Treasurer proposed the accounting period for season 2024-2025 be modified to 1st July 2024-31st May 2025, and in all future seasons from 1st June-31st May. This was accepted unanimously without questions. The accounts will be re-presented to the Independent Examiner for certification and subsequent publication to all clubs.
- Adoption of the accounts was proposed by **Caldecote FC** and seconded by **Everton Athletic FC** and accepted unanimously.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS, INDEPENDENT MEMBERS and CLUB REPRESENTATIVES TO THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

OFFICE of President	Mr B T Watson
To record the list of Life Vice-Presidents:	Messrs P J Onion, J Warner, D Cousens, R Simmonds
OFFICE of Chairman	Mr P Francis
Including Fixtures, Registrations, and Media	
OFFICE of Referees Secretary	Mr R Horswell
OFFICE of General Secretary/Treasurer	Mr G B Snelson
Including Fixtures responsibilities	
Management Committee Members	Messrs S Dutton, K Redman, B Hallybone, M Baxter
Club Representatives	Mr D Gauntlett [Shefford Town & Campton FC] Mr P Smailes [Biggleswade FC] Mr K Poulton [Elstow Abbey]
Members co-opted for season 2024-2025	Messrs R Everitt [The 61FC Luton], A Anderson [Kempston Athletic FC]

The nominations were voted for *en bloc* and elected or re-elected unanimously.

7. ELECTION OF LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE ON BEDFORDSHIRE FA

- **Mr D Gauntlett [sitting member]** was proposed by **Flitwick Town FC**, and re-elected unanimously.

8. ALTERATION TO RULES SEASON 2025-2026

- All **FA SCOR mandatory changes** were explained and will be included in the League Rules for season 2025-2026.

- **LEAGUE PROPOSALS: RULE 18[I]** A Player may not be registered for a Club nor transferred to another Club in the Competition after 15th April in each **[DELETE 'year' ADD 'season']**, except by special permission of the Management Committee

- **VOTING FOR 44, VOTING AGAINST 1. The change was accepted by a majority.**



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- **RULE 21[B]** The HOME CLUB 'shall ensure the result submitted is correct'. The voting for this change was accepted by **44 votes in favour and 1 against**.
- **RULE 21[c]** The match result notificationtogether with the details of any red **[DELETE 'and yellow']** cards..... The voting for this change was accepted by **45 votes in favour and 0 against**.
- However, the words were rewritten in accordance with Bedfordshire FA directive to reflect more accurately the wording shown in SCOR.
- **SCHEDULE 'A'**

FEES TARIFF		
4 [B]	ADD - ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION	£100
4 [B]	DELETE --ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION [PREMIER DIVISION]	£125
4 [B]	DELETE --ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION [DIVISIONS 1 & 2]	£100
4 [B]	DELETE --ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION [LOWER DIVISIONS]	£75
4 [B]	ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION [NON-ACCREDITED]	£125

- **VOTING FOR 38, VOTING AGAINST 6, with 1 abstention. The change was accepted by a majority.**

9. ADOPTION OF CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2024-2025

- Proposed by **Totterhoe FC Reserves**, seconded by **Everton Athletic FC**, and adopted unanimously.

10. DRAFT LEAGUE CONSTITUTION SEASON 2025-2026

- This was presented to the meeting. Clubs were given a short deadline to make known any requests for change. It was made clear that requests would not always be accepted.

11. PRESENTATIONS

- Dennis Martin Award for Referees
- **Mrs Mary Martin presented the award to Stephen Didlick.**
- Divisional winners plaques and announcement of awards
- **The Mayor Bedford Borough, Mr Tom Wootton, returned the 1904 Jubilee Challenge Cup, now for the Premier Division Champions, and presented it to AFC Oakley BBF.**
- **The Mayor continued by presenting all the other trophies to the cup and divisional winners.** The General Secretary/Treasurer read the list of the monetary awards to clubs which, including the cup final returns and sponsorships, totalled £5,810.

12. ROLL CALL OF CLUBS IN ATTENDANCE

- The following Clubs were not in attendance and, as directed by the Clubs at the meeting, were all fined £50. **Atletic FC, Buffs FC, Clifton FC, Lewsey Park FC, Luton Panthers FC, Thurleigh FC and Turvey FC.**

13. INFORMATION FOR SEASON 2025 -2026

- SEASON and FIXTURE DATES
- **Target date for commencement of fixtures: Saturday 6th September 2025.**
- **Final Constitution to be agreed and published as soon as possible following this AGM. Any amendments to be published no later than Thursday 17th July 2025.**
- **Fixtures to be available Monday 4th August 2025, subject to availability of SSMFL fixtures.**
- **Season dates to be agreed. Note: Premier [NLS Feeder League] end date determined by The FA. [23rd August 2025 to 9th May 2026 with extension to 30th May 2026 if necessary]**

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS RELEVANT TO THE A.G.M. None

- The Chair closed the meeting at 7.56 p.m.
- GB Snelson, General Secretary