



BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

PRESIDENT: MR B. WATSON

HON GENERAL SECRETARY: MR G. B. SNELSON

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MINUTES: MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 1ST JUNE 2023

AT CRANFIELD PAVILION STARTING AT 7pm

MEMBERS: BT Watson [President], P Francis [Chair, Registration and Media Secretary], M Baxter, R Horswell [Referee Secretary], K Redman, GB Snelson [General and Fixture Secretary],

CLUB REPRESENTATIVES: R Simmonds [Elstow Abbey FC, Vice -Chair & League Charter Standard Coordinator], P Smailes [Biggleswade FC], D Gauntlett [Shefford Town & Campton FC].

INVITATION TO ATTEND: Mr P Onion [Life Vice-President] – not in attendance

APOLOGIES: B Hallybone [Assistant Referee Secretary], A Young [Treasurer].

A. MEETING WITH NEW CLUBS: Bande Rouge FC, Cambridge FC, Liddington Colts

- ❖ Clubs accepted into the League for season 2023-2024, on a one season probation which is current practice.

B. CLUBS/TEAMS APPLIED – NOT YET INTERVIEWED: Dunstable FC, Amptill Town 'A'

C. POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL TEAMS: Biggleswade FC Development, Brache Phoenix Reserves

1. PREVIOUS MEETING

- ❖ The minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on 4th May 2023 were signed as a true record.

2. MATTERS ARISING

- ❖ None

3. CORRESPONDENCE

- ❖ **The Football Association:** Confirmation of relegations from Step 6 to Feeder Leagues – no allocation to BCFL.
- ❖ **Bedfordshire FA:** All covered elsewhere in the minutes.

4. FINANCE

- ❖ **CORRECTIONS FROM April and May minutes:**

Saturday 8th October 2022 **Stotfold Junior fined £10 WARNED**
 Saturday 5th November 2022 **Biggleswade FC Reserves fined £15 WARNED**
 Saturday 31st December 2022 **Lewsey Park fined £15 WARNED**
 Saturday 7th January 2023 **AFC Kempston Town Hammers Res fined £15 WARNED**
 Saturday 4th March 2023 **Luton Panthers fined £15 WARNED**
 Saturday 18th March 2023 **Bedford Town Youth Development fined £15 WARNED**
 Saturday 18th March 2023 **FC Polonia [Luton] fined £15 WARNED**
 Saturday 25th March 2023 **Stopsley United fined £15 WARNED**
 Saturday 1st April 2023 **Bedford SA fined £15 WARNED**

- ❖ Saturday 15th April 2023. Division Three. Westoning Recreation v AFC Bedford United. **AFC Bedford United unable to raise a side. [SECOND OCCURRENCE]**
 - **AFC Bedford United fined £25 £40 and deducted one [1] two [2] penalty points.**
 - **ADD £15 fine difference against AFC Bedford United and DEDUCT one [1] extra penalty point**
- ❖ Wednesday 26th April 2023. Division Two. Bedford SA v AFC Bedford United. **AFC Bedford United unable to raise a side. (2nd Occurrence) [THIRD OCCURRENCE]**
 - **AFC Bedford United fined £25 £40 and deducted two [2] three [3] penalty points.**
 - **ADD £15 fine difference against AFC Bedford United and DEDUCT one [1] extra penalty point**
- ❖ Wednesday 26th April 2023. Division Four. Luton Panthers v Catsbrook Wanderers. **Catsbrook Wanderers unable to raise a side (2nd Occurrence)**
 - **Catsbrook Wanderers fined £25 and deducted one [1] two [2] penalty points.**
 - **DEDUCT one [1] extra penalty point**
- ❖ **SUMMARY OF FINES: 2305.14 FC Haynes £50 £65**
 - **ADD £15 fine difference against FC Haynes**
- ❖ Wednesday 5th April 2023. Premier Division. Queens Park Crescents v Sharnbrook. **Queens Park Crescents unable to raise a side. [FRST OCCURRENCE]**
 - **Queens Park Crescents fined £25 and deducted one [1] penalty point.**
- ❖ Wednesday 26th April 2023. Premier Division. Elstow Abbey v Queens Park Crescents. **Queens Park Crescents unable to raise a side. [SECOND OCCURRENCE]**
 - **Queens Park Crescents fined £25 £50 and deducted one [1] two [2] penalty points.**
 - **ADD £25 fine difference against Queens Park Crescents and DEDUCT one [1] extra penalty point**
- ❖ Monday 1st May 2023. Premier Division. Biggleswade FC Reserves v Queens Park Crescents. **Queens Park Crescents unable to raise a side. [THIRD OCCURRENCE]**
 - **Queens Park Crescents fined £75 and deducted three [3] penalty points.**

- ❖ **FOR SUMMARY OF FINES & COSTS SEE ITEM 15 BELOW.**

5. TROPHIES & MEMENTOES

- ❖ Completed for current season.

6. TRANSFERS

- ❖ None.

7. ALTERATIONS TO HANDBOOK

- ❖ Nothing to report.

8. REFEREE SECRETARY REPORT & REFEREEING MATTERS

- ❖ 98.2% of all games during the season were covered by registered referees.

9. FIXTURE REPORT

- ❖ **UNPLAYED FIXTURES**
 - ▶ Tuesday 2nd May 2023. Division One: Totternhoe Reserves v Wootton Blue Cross. **Wootton Blue Cross unable to raise a side.**
 - **Wootton Blue Cross** fined as per rule [details below]. Match points [3] to **Totternhoe Reserves**
 - ▶ Saturday 6th May 2023. Division One. Henlow v Cranfield United Reserves. **Henlow unable to raise a side**
 - **Henlow** fined as per rule [details below]. Match points [3] to **Cranfield United Reserves**
 - ▶ Saturday 6th May 2023. Division Two. Harlington Juniors v Wilstead. **Wilstead unable to raise a side. (2nd Occurrence)**
 - **Wilstead** fined as per rule [details below]. Match points [3] to **Harlington Juniors**
 - ▶ Saturday 6th May 2023. Division Three . Kempston Rovers [BCFL] v Lea Sports Reserves. **Lea Sports PSG Reserves unable to raise a side. (2nd Occurrence)**
 - **Lea Sports PSG Reserves** fined as per rule [details below]. Match points [3] to **Kempston Rovers [BCFL]**
 - ▶ Saturday 6th May 2023. Division Four. Meltis Rangers v Caldecote U23 . **Caldecote u23 unable to raise a side.**
 - **Caldecote u23** fined as per rule [details below]. Match points [3] to **Meltis Rangers**
 - ▶ Monday 8th May 2023. Division Three. M&DH Clapham Sports v Sporting Carpathians Reserves. **Sporting Carpathians Reserves unable to raise a side. (3rd Occurrence)**
 - **Sporting Carpathians Reserves** fined as per rule [details below]. Match points [3] to **M&DH Clapham Sports**
 - ▶ Monday 8th May 2023. Division Four. Luton Panthers v M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves. **M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves unable to raise a side.**
 - **M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves** fined as per rule [details below]. Match points [3] to **Luton Panthers**
 - ▶ Wednesday 10th May 2023. Division Four. Bedford Wanderers v Flitwick Town 'A'. **Bedford Wanderers unable to raise a side. (3rd Occurrence)**
 - **Bedford Wanderers** fined as per rule [details below]. Match points [3] to **Flitwick Town 'A'**
 - ▶ Saturday 13th May 2023. Division Three. Sharnbrook Reserves v Caddington. **Caddington unable to raise a side.**
 - **Caddington** fined as per rule [details below]. Match points [3] to **Sharnbrook Reserves**
 - ▶ Saturday 13th May 2023. Division Four. CS Rovers v Kempston Athletic. **Kempston Athletic unable to raise a side.**
 - **Kempston Athletic** fined as per rule [details below]. Match points [3] to **CS Rovers**
 - ▶ Saturday 13th May 2023. Flitwick Town 'A' v Meltis Rangers. **Meltis Rangers unable to raise a side. (5th Occurrence)**
 - **Meltis Rangers** fined as per rule [details below]. Match points [3] to **Flitwick Town 'A'**
 - ▶ Wednesday 17th May 2023. Bedford SA v Stopsley United. **Stopsley United unable to raise a side. (2nd Occurrence)**
 - **Stopsley United** fined as per rule [details below]. Match points [3] to **Bedford SA**

CLUB/TEAM			FINE	PTS	
Wootton Blue Cross	02/05/2023	FAILURE TO PLAY FIXTURE [MIDWEEK FIRST OCCURRENCE]	£15	-1 pt	20[Ei]
Henlow	06/05/2023	FAILURE TO PLAY FIXTURE [SATURDAY FIRST OCCURRENCE]	£25	-1 pt	20[Ei]
Wilstead	06/05/2023	FAILURE TO PLAY FIXTURE [SATURDAY SECOND OCCURRENCE]	£40	-2 pts	20[Ei]
Lea Sports PSG Reserves	06/05/2023	FAILURE TO PLAY FIXTURE [SATURDAY SECOND OCCURRENCE]	£40	-2 pts	20[Ei]
Caldecote u23	06/05/2023	FAILURE TO PLAY FIXTURE [SATURDAY FIRST OCCURRENCE]	£25	-1 pt	20[Ei]
Sporting Carpathians Reserves	08/05/2023	FAILURE TO PLAY FIXTURE [MIDWEEK THIRD OCCURRENCE]	£40	-3 pts	20[Ei]
M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves	08/05/2023	FAILURE TO PLAY FIXTURE [MIDWEEK FIRST OCCURRENCE]	£15	-1 pt	20[Ei]
Bedford Wanderers	10/05/2023	FAILURE TO PLAY FIXTURE [MIDWEEK THIRD OCCURRENCE]	£40	-3 pts	20[Ei]
Caddington	13/05/2023	FAILURE TO PLAY FIXTURE [SATURDAY FIRST OCCURRENCE]	£25	-1 pt	20[Ei]
Kempston Athletic	13/05/2023	FAILURE TO PLAY FIXTURE [SATURDAY SECOND OCCURRENCE]	£40	-2 pts	20[Ei]
Meltis Rangers	13/05/2023	FAILURE TO PLAY FIXTURE [SATURDAY FIFTH OCCURRENCE]	£40	-3 pts	20[Ei]
Stopsley United	17/05/2023	FAILURE TO PLAY FIXTURE [MIDWEEK SECOND OCCURRENCE]	£25	-2 pts	20[Ei]

10. REGISTRATIONS, RESULTS, PRESS & MEDIA SECRETARY REPORT

Charges Notices carried forward from May Report.

- ❖ **Queens Park Crescents** : Have now accepted the charge that they played Adam Iqbal against Biggleswade FC Reserves on 1st May 2023 whilst under Bedfordshire FA Suspension. (game drawn 2-2)
 - **Queens Park Crescents** fined £20 as per rule, and deducted one [1] penalty match point.
 - Match points [3] awarded to **Biggleswade FC Reserves**, score 0-0.
- ❖ **Sharnbrook**. Have now accepted that they played Jordan Knight (unregistered player) in their game on 29th April 2023 against AFC Kempston Town Hammers. (game won 5-0)
 - **Sharnbrook** fined £20 as per rule, and deducted one [1] penalty match point.
 - Match points [3] awarded to **AFC Kempston Town Hammers**, score 0-0.

Charge Notices

- ❖ **Clubs in breach of league rule 18M:**
 - ▶ Monday 2nd May 2023. **Wootton Blue Cross Reserves**. Having played Noah Marsh against **AFC Bedford United** whilst under a Beds FA suspension. (Game abandoned) **Match declared VOID pending Beds FA ruling.**

- ▶ Wednesday 3rd May 2023. **M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves**. Having played Cameron Browne against Bedford Wanderers whilst under a Beds FA suspension. (Game won 4-0)
 - **M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves** fined £20 as per rule, and deducted one [1] penalty match point.
 - Match points [3] awarded to **Bedford Wanderers**, score 0-0.
- ▶ Wednesday 3rd May 2023. **Revivalists FC**. Having played Jack Giggs in their game against **Flitwick Town 'A'** whilst under a Beds FA suspension (game lost 4-2)
 - **Revivalists** fined £20 as per rule, and deducted one [1] penalty match point.
 - Match points [3] awarded to **Flitwick Town 'A'**, score 0-0.
- ❖ **Clubs in breach of League Rule 18M/20F/21C in having played ineligible players**
 - ▶ **Caddington FC** That in their game against Sharnbrook Reserves on Saturday 6th May 2023 they named on their team sheet exchanged with the match day referee and Sharnbrook Reserves prior to kick off Troy Birch who took no part in the game his place being taken by Louis Octave an unregistered member of Caddington FC (game won 4-3). Caddington FC proceeded to submit their online match notification, including the name of Louis Octave.
 - **Caddington FC** fined £150 as per rule, and deducted three [3] penalty match points.
 - Match points [3] awarded to **Sharnbrook Reserves**, score 0-0.
 - ▶ **Caldecote Reserves** That in their game against FC Haynes they named on the team sheet exchanged with the match day referee and FC Haynes prior to kick off. Aidan Bull, Cameron Fraser and Jamie Walker all of whom are registered only for the u23 team of the Club. (Game lost 1-8)
 - **Caldecote Reserves** fined £20 as per rule, and deducted one [1] penalty match point.
 - Match result to stand.

Report Notices

- ❖ **Clubs in breach of League Rule 21B in failing to report the result of their game by the required deadline.**
 - ▶ Wednesday 3rd May 2023. **Shefford Town & Campton Reserves**.
 - Fined £15 as per rule
- ❖ **Clubs in breach of League Rule 21C in failing to load their Full Time Result Sheet by the required deadline.**
 - ▶ Saturday 29th April 2023. **Bufs FC, Catsbrook Wanderers, Elstow Abbey and Elstow Abbey Reserves, FC Polonia (Luton), Harlington Juniors Reserves, Sharnbrook, Wootton Blue Cross**.
 - All fined £15 as per rule
 - ▶ Monday 1st May 2023. **Queens Park Crescents** Fined £15 as per rule.
 - ▶ Wednesday 3rd May 2023. **Elstow Abbey**. Fined £15 as per rule
 - ▶ Thursday 4th May 2023. **Westoning Recreation**. Fined £15 as per rule
 - ▶ Saturday 6th May 2023. **Biggleswade FC Reserves, Catsbrook Wanderers, Wootton Blue Cross**.
 - All fined £15 as per rule
 - ▶ Monday 8th May 2023. **Catsbrook Wanderers, Sharnbrook, Stopsley United**.
 - All fined £15 as per rule
 - ▶ Wednesday 10th May 2023. **Sharnbrook, Sporting Carpathians**.
 - All fined £15 as per rule
 - ▶ Saturday 13th May 2023. **AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves, Caldecote Reserves, Catsbrook Wanderers, Revivalists, Westoning Recreation**.
 - All fined £15 as per rule
 - ▶ Monday 15th May 2023. **Riseley Sports** Fined £15 as per rule.
 - ▶ Wednesday 17th May 2023. **AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves**. Fined £15 as per rule.
 - ▶ Tuesday 23rd May 2023. **Bedford Town Youth Development, Wootton Blue Cross**.
 - All fined £15 as per rule
- ❖ **Clubs in breach of League Rule 21C in failing to load onto their Full Time Result Sheet by the required deadline details of the Yellow/Red cards issued to their players.**
 - Monday 1st May 2023. **Queens Park Crescents** Fined £10 as per rule.
 - Saturday 6th May 2023. **Stotfold Juniors** Fined £10 as per rule.

11. NATIONAL LEAGUE SYSTEM including FACILITIES

- ❖ Nothing new to report

12. REPRESENTATIVE FOOTBALL

- ❖ Nothing to report.

13. ENGLAND FOOTBALL ACCREDITED LEAGUE

- ❖ **It is reported that BCFL Club accreditations are currently in a very healthy state.**
- ❖ Non-accredited clubs continuing into season 2023-2024 will not be eligible for support [financial or goods] from the League until accredited.



14. RESPECT and COUNTY FA DISCIPLINE [Bedfordshire Clubs]

Nothing new to report

15. SUMMARY OF FINES and COSTS for JUNE 2023

REF	CLUB	FINE
2306.01	AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves	£30
2306.02	Bedford Town FC Youth Development	£15
2306.03	Bedford Wanderers	£40
2306.04	Biggleswade FC Reserves	£15
2306.05	Bufs FC	£15
2306.06	Caddington	£175
2306.07	Caldecote Reserves	£60
2306.08	Catsbrook Wanderers	£60
2306.09	Elstow Abbey	£30
2306.10	FC Polonia [Luton]	£15

2306.11	Harlington Juniors Res	£15
2306.12	Henlow	£25
2306.13	Kempston Athletic	£40
2306.14	Lea Sports PSG Reserves	£40
2306.15	M&DH Clapham Sports Res	£35
2306.16	Meltis Rangers	£40
2306.17	Queens Park Crescents	£45
2306.18	Revivalists	£35
2306.19	Riseley Sports	£15
2306.20	Sharnbrook	£65
2306.21	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	£15
2306.22	Sporting Carpathians	£55
2306.23	Stopsley United	£40
2306.24	Stotfold Juniors	£10
2306.25	Westoning Recreation	£30
2306.26	Wilstead	£40
2306.27	Wootton Blue Cross	£60

16. APPLICATIONS & WITHDRAWALS

- ❖ **APPLICATIONS accepted:** Bedford Albion Development, Bletchley Scot FC and New Bradwell St. Peter Development, LU Donz FC, : Bande Rouge FC, Cambridge FC, Lidlington Colts
 - Slip End United have withdrawn their application.
- ❖ **WITHDRAWALS:** Newman United fined £75 as per rule 11. Club deposit of £75 forfeited to pay fine.
 - The 61FC Reserves – for this season only – lack of players because of first team commitments
 - Kempston Rovers Academy. Club deposit of £75 used towards paying end of season invoice for registrations and transfers.

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- ❖ Mr Roland Simmonds announced he is stepping down as a member of the Committee, mainly due time pressures. Thanks were expressed, and recorded here, by Mr Simmonds for the opportunity to have served on the Committee, and by members of the Committee thanking Roland for the work he has done since joining the Committee in 2012.
- ❖ Post meeting, it was proposed that Roland be offer a Life-Vice Presidency of the League. To be put to the AGM.
- ❖ There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm p.m.

- ❖ G. B. Snelson, General Secretary

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