



BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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MINUTES: MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 23RD JULY 2020

VIDEO CONFERENCING MEETING [ZOOM] starting at 7pm

INVITED MEMBERS: Messrs TM Sadler [President], BT Watson [Chairman], P Francis [Vice-Chairman, Registration and Media Secretary], M Baxter, M Benson [Treasurer], B Hallybone [Referee Secretary], R Horswell [Assistant Referee Secretary], K Redman, GB Snelson [General and Fixture Secretary]. **CLUB REPRESENTATIVES:** Mr R Simmonds [Elstow Abbey FC & League Charter Standard Coordinator], D Gauntlett [Shefford Tn & Campton FC].

LIFE VICE PRESIDENT: Mr P Onion

1. PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- ❖ The minutes of the Management Committee meetings held on 2nd July 2020 were noted and agreed for signature.
- ❖ If agreed, the General Secretary will arrange for the minutes to be signed by the meeting chairman.

2. MATTERS ARISING

- ❖ Minutes of League Special General Meeting [video] completed – to be distributed with the minutes of this meeting over the weekend of 25/26 July 2020.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

- ❖ Various items of correspondence were received by the General Secretary. All those requiring action or for information are recorded elsewhere in these minutes. These included various minutes and notices from The FA and Bedfordshire FA. Again, those requiring action by, or special information to, the League are covered elsewhere in these minutes. Otherwise correspondence is available on request to the General Secretary.
- ❖ **The Football Association**
 - **Numerous** – all important information regards season 2020-2021 forwarded to Clubs or covered by Special General Meeting [video] held 17th June 2020.
- ❖ **Bedfordshire FA**
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- ❖ **Elstow Abbey FC** – loan repayment terms agreed.

4. FINANCE

- ❖ Draft accounts for 2019 now available. Audited accounts may be available in time for the AGM, otherwise the draft accounts will be presented.
- ❖ Outstanding payments from Clubs reviewed.

5. TROPHIES & MEMENTOES

- ❖ Nothing to report.

6. TRANSFERS

- ❖ Nothing to report

7. ALTERATIONS TO HANDBOOK

- ❖ None to record. New season handbook to be available by mid August at the latest.

8. REFEREE SECRETARY REPORT & REFEREEING MATTERS

- ❖ Bradley Hallybone has decided to stand down from role of Referee Secretary, but is willing to continue to help out. Richard Horswell will take over as Referee Secretary supported by Bradley Hallybone.

9. FIXTURE REPORT

- ❖ **See item 18 below.**

10. REGISTRATIONS, RESULTS, PRESS & MEDIA SECRETARY REPORT

- ❖ The number of players registered at the time was noted, the registration system being open from 1st July.

11. NATIONAL LEAGUE SYSTEM including FACILITIES

- ❖ **See item 18 below.**

12. REPRESENTATIVE FOOTBALL

- ❖ Nothing to report.

13. CHARTER STANDARD LEAGUE

- ❖ Nothing to report.

14. RESPECT and COUNTY FA DISCIPLINE

- ❖ Nothing to report.

15. CURRENT FINES

Nothing to report – **see item 18 below**

16. APPLICATIONS & WITHDRAWALS

- ❖ As listed on Club Invoice record. There are currently 82 entries from teams, equating to 62 Clubs.

17. LEAGUE DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW

- ❖ Nothing to report.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- ❖ **SEASON 2020-2021 ARRANGEMENTS.** The following email was sent out to Clubs on Wednesday 22nd July:

- **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:** The Management Committee meet on Thursday 23rd July to address a number of issues, including the date of the AGM. This is planned not as an online meeting but one at Great Barford Village Hall. The date pencilled in is Wednesday 12th August. We currently have 82 team entries - 62 Clubs - and almost certainly we shall have to limit the number of representatives at the AGM to one per club. With the Management Committee and possible Beds FA staff, it gives a total around 75 persons. This is too big for a single gathering in the current climate and so the Committee will look at possibly splitting the meeting into two sessions.
- The following was agreed at the meeting:
 - **#AGM at Great Barford Village Hall Wednesday 12th August 2020 starting at 6.45pm**
 - **# see below for later information**
 - **Two separate sessions because of social distancing. Session One for Premier and Division One Clubs [proposed constitution]. Session Two for all remaining Clubs.**
 - **Session One to confirm their constitution, agree a start date for fixtures [NLS Step 6 proposed to start 5th September] and ensure all Clubs have completed their Covid Risk Assessment and appointed their Covid Officer. *The League must not approve the Risk Assessment, nor make any comments, but simply acknowledge the Club has completed one.***
 - **Session Two as Session One except to agree a start date for fixtures and then a constitution.**
 - **It was decided not to request a bar.**
 - **Arrangements for collection of footballs, etc was agreed.**
- The rule changes for the season have already been agreed at the Special General Meeting. The AGM will tidy up any new or outstanding matters from the SGM, including the Presentation of Accounts; the League Constitution, and possible season dates.
- There will be the usual give-aways at the AGM - footballs and scratch cards to all clubs, first aid kits to new clubs. Team shelters if we have them in time as well as rope barriers.
- The Premier Division and Division One are planned to have 16 teams each with a possible start date of 5th September. For this to happen there is a lot of work for Clubs to ensure Covid safety.
- It may be more difficult for teams in the lower divisions because of their facilities, and these divisions may have to be smaller and start later.

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- ❖ **#at a later date it became obvious that the arrangements agreed above for the AGM were impractical, and that the meeting should go ahead on the same date as an online meeting using video conferencing software [MS Teams].**

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- ❖ There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40 p.m.
- ❖ G. B. Snelson, General Secretary

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