



BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

PRESIDENT: MR B. WATSON

HON GENERAL SECRETARY: MR G. B. SNELSON

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MINUTES: MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2021

AT ELSTOW PLAYING FIELD PAVILION, STARTING AT 7pm

MEMBERS: Messrs BT Watson [President], P Francis [Chair, Registration and Media Secretary], M Baxter, B Hallybone [Assistant Referee Secretary], R Horswell [Referee Secretary], K Redman, G Sales, GB Snelson [General and Fixture Secretary], A Young [Treasurer]. **CLUB REPRESENTATIVES:** R Simmonds [Elstow Abbey FC & League Charter Standard Coordinator], D Gauntlett [Shefford Town & Campton FC]. **APOLOGIES:** Mr G Sales

A. NEW and prospective MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- ❖ The Chair welcomed Mr Alan Young who has agreed to manage the administration of the League Finances for the coming season. For this season r Young is co-opted onto the Management Committee as League Treasurer.
- ❖ Mr Phil Smailes is invited to attend the October Committee meeting as a prospective Club Representative [Biggleswade FC]

1. PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- ❖ The minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on 1st July 2021 were agreed for signature.

2. MATTERS ARISING

- ❖ None

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**
 - No promotions or new allocations in NLS restructure.
- ❖ **Bedfordshire FA**
 - Recruitment Pack for Beds FA Council Membership. Circulated to Management Committee members as requested.

4. FINANCE

- ❖ Alan Young, as League Treasurer, reported on current balances of the League Accounts, referring also to the need for new online banking arrangements.
- ❖ The Treasurer reported on the invoices raised by the General Secretary for outstanding pre-season payments [**references 2021.09-02 to 06 inclusive**], with three-figure debts from St. John's Luton and Sundon Park Rangers still unpaid. The League shall now give the former Clubs to clear the debt by the end of September before the debt is passed to all registered players.
- ❖ Another invoice for September Luton Park pitch bookings [**references 2021.09-A to -N inclusive**] showed just one team behind with payments up to the 8th September deadline. The park pitch invoice will be reviewed on a weekly basis.
 - **Mr Young left the meeting at this point, after raising one item of Any Other Business.**

5. TROPHIES & MEMENTOES

- ❖ Nothing to report.

6. TRANSFERS

- ❖ None

7. ALTERATIONS TO HANDBOOK

- ❖ Handbook published/about to be published.

8. REFEREE SECRETARY REPORT & REFEREEING MATTERS

- ❖ **Availability:** good in the main except for Sept 11th [FA Vase week]. Fixtures in future seasons may need to consider the perennial shortage of officials on this particular Saturday.
- ❖ The League has sponsored one referee through registration, with that official now regular ly taking BCFL matches.
- ❖ **Neutral Assistants and Club Assistants:** No progress to report.

9. FIXTURE REPORT

- ❖ As of 9th September, fixtures have been released to 9th October. *Post meeting note:* released to 16th October.
- ❖ **Unplayed Match:** Division Four. 4th September 2021. Kempston Rovers BCFL v Bedford Santos.
 - **Bedford Santos** unable to raise a team.
 - **Club fined as per rule, see item 13 below, reference 2021.09-10 and deducted one [1] match point. Match points [3] awarded to Kempston Rovers [BCFL], score 0-0.**
- ❖ **ALL CLUBS ARE REMINDED THAT CHANGING ROOMS MUST BE AVAILABLE TO ALL PLAYERS AND MATCH OFFICIALS AT LEAST ONE HOUR PRIOR TO KICK OFF.**

10. REGISTRATIONS, RESULTS, PRESS & MEDIA SECRETARY REPORT

Report Notices

- ❖ issued by email on Sunday 22th August 2021. Breach of league rule 18B in failing to register 11 players by the deadline of Midnight 21st August 2021 for the 2021-22 season.
 - **Tunisian Community.** (complied Friday 27th August 2021)
 - **FINED AS PER RULE, see item 15 below, reference 2021.09-07**
- ❖ issued by email on Sunday 5th September 2021. Breach of league rule 21B in failing to report the result of their game on Saturday 4th September 2021 by the 5.30pm deadline

- **Harlington Juniors** (text received 5.35pm), **Woodside Adult** (text received 6.53pm)
- **Clubs WARNED, see item 15 below, references 2021.09-08 and -09**

Registrations Season 2021-22

- ❖ Total made at Midnight 21st August 2021. **1761**. All but one club complying with rule 18B. A little concerning that 14 clubs only complied inside the last 24 hours of the deadline despite four reminders being sent at four day intervals during August 2021.
- ❖ Total made at Midday Saturday 4th September 2021. **2211**

Clubs absent from AGM

- ❖ The following continuing clubs were not present for the League's Annual General Meeting on 7th July 2021:

- **AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College**
- **AFC Oakley**
- **Atletico Europa**
- **Bedford Santos**
- **CS Rovers**
- **FC Haynes**
- **Flitwick Town**
- **Henlow**
- **Luton Panthers**
- **Renhold**
- **Stopsley United**
- **Totternhoe Reserves**
- **Wootton Blue Cross**

- **All Clubs fines as per rule, see item 15 below, references 2021.09-11 to -23 inclusive.**

- ❖ Emailed the 16 clubs plus the two clubs who joined after the AGM on August 10th 2021 to advise that should they require a supply of Team Sheets/Results Sheets and Referee Report sheets they were available to collect. Postal arrangements could be made at the clubs expense. Of the 18 clubs three clubs have since withdrawn from the league, eight clubs were delivered their supply whilst attending pre-season friendly matches, one club replied to say they had enough left over from season 2020-21.
- ❖ **CS Rovers requested them to be posted [cost £5.69 invoice to be issued]**. Two Clubs collected their supply, leaving two clubs yet to make arrangements.

WGS/ Full Time Team Administrators

Numerous clubs have experienced problems with setting up Team Administrators for the new season but with the help of the support team at the Beds FA they have got there in the end. At the start of the season all clubs/teams had at least one person set up has a Team Administrator. However a major glitch in the Full Time system did result in the early season Full Time match /referee notifications being sent to the wrong member of the club, again this has now all been resolved. Plus there were several instances of player registrations not transferring across the two systems, again all at start of the season apart from two have been resolved for those registered by midnight Friday. The glut of registrations on Saturday morning may yet bring further instances. In addition, one club granted permission to play a player who they could not register on WGS and the support team at the Beds FA were unable to solve the problem ahead of their first game last Saturday.

Transfers

Have adopted the previous seasons policy that where players have registered or in some cases been registered for one club and now wish to switch and play elsewhere, the switch with the first club registration approval being made without a need for a transfer to take place. Transfers thus starting from the opening day of the season on Saturday 4th September 2021.

11. NATIONAL LEAGUE SYSTEM including FACILITIES

- ❖ **CRAWLEY GREEN RESERVES**
 - **Eight sets of Pitch Barriers delivered to club in time to their match on 4th September**
- ❖ **MARSTON SHELTON ROVERS, SHARNBROOK, AFC KEMPSTON TOWN & BEDFORD COLLEGE [at Kempston Hammers], STEVINGTON [at Pavenham], and FLITWICK TOWN**
 - **Team Shelters to be purchased and loaned to the above clubs.**

12. REPRESENTATIVE FOOTBALL

- ❖ Nothing to report.

13. CHARTER STANDARD LEAGUE

- ❖ Nothing new to report. Clubs should work towards accreditation whilst awaiting, from The FA, the date from which applications will again be accepted.

14. RESPECT and COUNTY FA DISCIPLINE

- ❖ Nothing to report.

15. CURRENT FINES

REF	CLUB	DATE	DESCRIPTION	FINE/ cost	PTS	RULE	DUE DATE
2021-09.01	General	31/08/2021	LUTON PARK PTCH PAYMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2021		N/A		as detailed in seperate document
2021-09.02	Atletico Europa	01/09/2021	PAYMENT FROM PREVIOUS SEASON [£31]				PAID
2021-09.03	Bedford Santos	01/09/2021	PAYMENT FROM PREVIOUS SEASON [£12]				PAID
2021-09.04	St. John's [Luton]	01/09/2021	PAYMENT FROM PREVIOUS SEASON [£114.10 - deposit forfeited to reduce balance]	£114.10			30 September 2021
2021-09.05	Sundon Park Rangers	01/09/2021	PAYMENT FROM PREVIOUS SEASON [£377.90 - deposit forfeited to reduce balance]	£377.90			30 September 2021
2021-09.06	Totternhoe Reserves	01/09/2021	PAYMENT FROM PREVIOUS SEASON [£143]				PAID

2021-09.07	Tunisian Community	21/08/2021	FAILURE TO HAVE THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF REGISTERED PLAYERS PRIOR TO DUE DATE	£40	18[Bii]	30 September 2021
2021-09.08	Harlington Juniors Res	04/09/2021	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT BY DEADLINE [FIRST OCCURRENCE]	£0	21[B]	WARNING
2021-09.09	Woodside Adult	04/09/2021	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT BY DEADLINE [FIRST OCCURRENCE]	£0	21[B]	WARNING
2021-09.10	Bedford Santos	04/09/2021	FAILURE TO PLAY FIXTURE	£25	-1 20[Ei]	30 September 2021
2021-09.11	AFC Kempston Town & BC	07/07/2021	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT AGM	£50	8[H]	30 September 2021
2021-09.12	AFC Oakley	07/07/2021	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT AGM	£50	8[H]	30 September 2021
2021-09.13	Atletico Europa	07/07/2021	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT AGM	£50	8[H]	30 September 2021
2021-09.14	Bedford Santos	07/07/2021	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT AGM	£50	8[H]	30 September 2021
2021-09.15	CS Rovers	07/07/2021	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT AGM	£50	8[H]	30 September 2021
2021-09.16	FC Haynes	07/07/2021	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT AGM	£50	8[H]	30 September 2021
2021-09.17	Flitwick Town	07/07/2021	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT AGM	£50	8[H]	30 September 2021
2021-09.18	Henlow	07/07/2021	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT AGM	£50	8[H]	30 September 2021
2021-09.19	Luton Panthers	07/07/2021	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT AGM	£50	8[H]	30 September 2021
2021-09.20	Renhold	07/07/2021	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT AGM	£50	8[H]	30 September 2021
2021-09.21	Stopsley United	07/07/2021	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT AGM	£50	8[H]	30 September 2021
2021-09.22	Totternhoe Reserves	07/07/2021	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT AGM	£50	8[H]	30 September 2021
2021-09.23	Wootton Blue Cross	07/07/2021	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT AGM	£50	8[H]	30 September 2021
2021-09.24	Crawley Green u23	01/04/2021	FAILURE TO COMMENCE/COMPLETE FIXTURES	£75	11[B]	30 September 2021

16. APPLICATIONS & WITHDRAWALS

- ❖ **APPLICATIONS: ACCEPTED:** Potton United FC Reserves, Bedford Town FC Youth Development, Barton Rovers FC Reserves, Luton Panthers FC, Brache Phoenix FC, Newman United FC, Woodside FC, Clifton FC Reserves, Harlington Juniors FC Reserves, M&DH Clapham Sports FC Reserves, Sporting Carpathians Reserves, Wootton Blue Cross FC Reserves. Since the last meeting and post AGM: **Soccerlisse FC, Wootton Blue Cross u23**
- ❖ **RENAMED:** Kempston Athletic to **KA Great Barford FC**, Real Haynes to **FC Haynes** Since the last meeting and post AGM: **KA Great Barford FC back to Kempston Athletic**
- ❖ **WITHDRAWALS:** Ampthill Town FC Development, Langford FC Reserves, Pines [Luton] FC, Houghton Athletic FC, Luton Leagrave FC, Luton Allstars FC, St. John's [Luton], Sundon Park Rangers Development.
- ❖ Since the last meeting and post AGM: **Bedford Town FC Youth Development, Sundon Park Rangers, Arlesey Town Reserves, Brickhill Wanderers**
 - **Clubs forfeit deposit in lieu of fine**
- ❖ **Crawley Green u23** – Club fined as per rule, see item 15 above, reference 2021.09-24

17. LEAGUE DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW

- ❖ Nothing further to report.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- ❖ **DEFIBRILATORS: EVERY CLUB IS TO MAKE THE GENERAL SECRETARY AWARE IF ONE IS ACCESSIBLE ON MATCH DAYS.**
- ❖ The League is to arrange one or more Referee Social/Instructional events, in conjunction with Bedfordshire FA, before the end of the year
- ❖ **ALL PREMIER CLUBS, WHENEVER POSSIBLE, MUST PROVIDE AFTER-MATCH REFRESHMENTS FOR THEIR OPPONENTS AND MATCH OFFICIAL[S]. It is therefore the responsibility of the away team to support the efforts of the host club, or be liable to cover any costs incurred.**
- ❖ **Mr Terry Sadler** – it was agreed to purchase a gift for Mr Sadler in recognition of his services to the League over a number of years.
- ❖ **Date of Annual General Meeting: 15th June 2022** provisionally in Great Barford Village Hall.
Formation of Divisions season 2021-2022: The provisional formation on 1st July 2021 was completed with 82 teams in 5 divisions. As at 11th September 2021 there are still 5 divisions but the number of teams has reduced to 74 teams.
- ❖ There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45 p.m.
- ❖ G. B. Snelson, General Secretary



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