



BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

PRESIDENT: MR T. SADLER

HON GENERAL SECRETARY: MR G. B. SNELSON

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MINUTES: MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 7TH MARCH 2019

7pm at Elstow Playing Field Pavilion, Wilstead Road, Elstow MK42 9YD

- ❖ **MEMBERS:** Messrs TM Sadler [President], P Francis [Vice-Chairman, Registration and Media Secretary], S Chamberlain, B Hallybone, R Horswell, K Redman, GB Snelson [General and Fixture Secretary].
- ❖ **CLUB REPRESENTATIVES:** Messrs R Simmonds [Elstow Abbey FC and League Charter Standard Coordinator], D Gauntlett [Shefford Town and Campton FC].
- ❖ **BEDFORDSHIRE FA:** Messrs A Scott [League Representative on Bedfordshire FA].
- ❖ **LIFE VICE PRESIDENTS:** Mr PJ Onion. J Warner
- ❖ **APOLOGIES:** Messrs BT Watson [Chairman and Treasurer], Amrit Singh Bains, M Benson. Josh Spavins [Football Development Officer, North, Bedfordshire FA].

1. PREVIOUS MEETING

- ❖ The minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on 7th February 2019 were signed as a true record.

2. MATTERS ARISING

- ❖ Hy-Pro footballs - there are reported cases of these match balls splitting. General Secretary to talk with Hy-Pro – on going.
- ❖ **CS Rovers:** This matter is now the subject of appeal.
- ❖ **FC Polonia (Luton):**
In breach of league rule 18 N in that in their game on Saturday 14th January 2019 they named on their teamsheet and played Mateusz Domisz against Wootton Village who at the time was serving a Beds FA suspension. Beds FA informed by email 14th January 2019. Game lost 4-3. Player in fact Sent off in the game. Club replied by email 21st January with screenshot of WGS showing suspension served. The games to be served included one that was abandoned on 15th December 2018 against Wixams Wanderers, which therefore did not qualify to be used.
➢ Matter with Beds FA – on going.
- ❖ **Cranfield United:**
As recorded in the February minutes of the Management Committee: *In breach of league rule 18N/20F in that in their game on Saturday 26th January 2019 against Crawley Green Reserves (won 3-0) they played one Luis Adrein (substitute) who was not named on their teamsheet exchanged with Crawley Green Reserves and the match referee prior to kick off. Club replied by email Friday 1st February 2019 denying charge and wishing to be represented at committee. Club attended the meeting at 8pm.*
 - Committee Member Dan Gauntlett declared an interest and left the room, taking no part in the decision.
 - Whilst understanding the error to be accidental, the Committee nevertheless found the charge proved in rule.
 - Match points [3] gained in the match to be deducted.
 - No additional match points deducted
 - Fine [£40] suspended to the end of the season and will only be payable following a further breach of rule 20[F].
 - Match points [3] awarded to Crawley Green Reserves, score 0-0.
- Having consulted with The FA, the Bedfordshire FA allowed the League to re-consider the above decision in light of Rule 20F, part of which was not considered at the February meeting. However, the Committee decided this was not necessarily a new situation and that other Clubs/Teams had made what was described as 'innocent errors' with respect to ineligible players, and in all previous cases the decision was made as per rule without replaying the match. The Committee therefore decided the original decision to stand.

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**
 - FA Vase entry applications by 1st April – forwarded to all clubs
 - FA Inter-League Cup entry applications by 1st April. It was agreed the League enter the competition once again.
- ❖ **Bedfordshire FA**
 - Request for League Rules by 12th March. Completed.
- ❖ **Ickwell & Old Warden** [Terry Winter] reference Club Assistant Referees. Noted without any recommendations.
- ❖ **Bedford Albion** – request for financial support for Level 2 coaching course fees. The League will help where it can – further information required from the Club. **Action: General Secretary.**

4. FINANCE

- ❖ **Payments for Luton Borough Council Park Pitches** [excluding The 61FC [Luton] and Crawley Green]. An online account has been made available as follows:

Account Number	50319325
Sort Code	20-71-35

- Payment (£49.90) to be made by 12-midday on Friday (for a Saturday match), and 12-midday on the day of a mid-week match. All payments for December 2018 have been made to Luton Borough Council.
- ❖ **PAYMENT UPDATE** The following fines/costs/payments have not been made by the due dates. All Clubs listed below on page 2 are fined as per rule, **see item 15 below, reference 2019.03-01 to -02 inclusive**

REF	CLUB	DATE	DESCRIPTION	FINE	PTS	RULE	DUE DATE
2019.02-15	Black Swan [Luton]	19/01/2019	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT BY DEADLINE	£15		21[B]	04 March 2019
2019.02-17	Black Swan [Luton]	19/01/2019	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIME	£15		21[C]	04 March 2019
2019.02-01	Elstow Abbey	08/12/2018	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH AN INSTRUCTION OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	£15		6[H]	04 March 2019

- ❖ **FIXTURE SUSPENSIONS:** The following fines/costs/payments, including fines for non-payment, have not been made by the due dates. The fixtures of all Clubs listed below are suspended, as per rule, from Sunday 10th March 2019 and will not be reinstated until payment is made. For payment details see item 15 below. **Fixture suspensions can only be lifted if payments are made by 23.59 on a Wednesday.** Failure to pay will extend the suspension period by a further week for each failure.

REF	CLUB	DATE	DESCRIPTION	FINE	PTS	RULE	DUE DATE
2019.01-09	Atletico Europa	08/12/2018	FAILURE TO EXCHANGE TEAMSHEET as per rule	£10		21[A]	04 March 2019
2019.01-11	Atletico Europa	22/12/2018	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIME	£15		21[C]	04 March 2019
2019.02-06	Atletico Europa	28/01/2019	FAILURE TO PAY A FINE WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME - 2019.01-09 and 2019.01-11	£15		6[I]	04 March 2019

FIXTURES SUSPENDED FROM 10TH MARCH 2019

2019.01-08	Flitwick Town 'A'	29/12/2018	FAILURE TO FULFIL FIXTURE - Saturday 1st occurrence [non-Premier]	£25	-1	20[Ei]	04 March 2019
2019.02-10	Flitwick Town 'A'	19/01/2019	FAILURE TO PROVIDE DETAILS OF A FIXTURE	£15		20 [C]	04 March 2019
2019.02-05	Flitwick Town 'A'	28/01/2019	FAILURE TO PAY A FINE WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME - 2019.01-08	£15		6[I]	04 March 2019

FIXTURES SUSPENDED FROM 10TH MARCH 2019 PAID BY DUE DATE.

2019.01-04	Queens Park Crescents	01/12/2018	FAILURE TO EXCHANGE TEAMSHEET as per rule	£10		21[A]	04 March 2019
2019.02-04	Queens Park Crescents	28/01/2019	FAILURE TO PAY A FINE WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME - 2019.01-04	£15		6[I]	04 March 2019

FIXTURES SUSPENDED FROM 10TH MARCH 2019

2019.01-10	Thurleigh	15/12/2018	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIME	£15		21[C]	04 March 2019
2019.02-14	Thurleigh	12/01/2019	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT BY DEADLINE	£15		21[B]	04 March 2019
2019.02-07	Thurleigh	28/01/2019	FAILURE TO PAY A FINE WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME - 2019.01-09 and 2019.01-11	£15		6[I]	04 March 2019

FIXTURES SUSPENDED FROM 10TH MARCH 2019

5. TROPHIES & MEMENTOES

- ❖ Nothing to report.

6. TRANSFERS

Mark Blower	Pines (Luton) to Totternhoe Reserves.
Xenon Paul	Marston Shelton Rovers to Wootton Blue Cross.
Ben Lee-Phillips	Flitwick Town to Real Haynes.
Jesse Van Agen	Wilstead to Elstow Abbey.
Thomas Tagoe	Biggleswade FC Reserves to Totternhoe Reserves.
Charlie Yates	Crawley Green Reserves to Lea Sports PSG.
Connor Blennerhassett	Totternhoe Reserves to The Pines (Luton)
Gary Palmer	Sporting Lewsey Park to Totternhoe Reserves.
Joshua Muschett	Cranfield United to Wootton Blue Cross.
Connor Richardson	Crawley Green Reserves to St Joseph (Saturday)
Nick Buttigieg	Wootton Blue Cross to Harlington Juniors.
Tom Higley	Crawley Green Reserves to Wootton Blue Cross.
Jay Sharpe	The 61 FC Luton Reserves to Black Swan (Luton)
Matthew Kirby Daniels	Christians in Sport (Luton) to Crawley Green Reserves
Josh Geekie	Sandy to Wootton Village.
Kane Griffith	Wootton Blue Cross to Harlington Juniors.

7. ALTERATIONS TO HANDBOOK

- ❖ **Kempston Athletic.** Scott Sharpe. Secretary New Telephone Number 07831803240.

8. REFEREE SECRETARY REPORT & REFEREEING MATTERS

- ❖ Report received via Bedfordshire FA: the following Clubs/Teams are in breach of Rule 20C:
 - **Flitwick Town 'A'** 16th February – late contact with referee
 - Fined as per rule, **see item 15 below, reference 2019.03-03**
 - **Square FC** 2nd March – late contact with referee
 - Fined as per rule, **see item 15 below, reference 2019.03-04**

9. FIXTURE REPORT

- ❖ **Previous Free Date requests:**
 - **Harlington Juniors First** 16th March 2019. Agreed
 - **St. Josephs [Saturday] First** 16th March 2019
 - **Cranfield United Reserves** 16th March 2019
 - **AFC Oakley M&DH First** 6th April 2019
- ❖ **New Free Date requests** – all agreed.
 - **Biggleswade FC Reserves** 16th March
 - **Kempston Athletic** 23rd March
 - **Stevington Reserves** 27th April
- ❖ **Other Requests**
 - **Riseley Sports First** – away matches 6th and 13th April 2019
- ❖ **The following matches were not played or completed:**
 - Saturday 16th February 2019. Division Two. Kempston Athletic v **Unite MK Reserves**. Unite MK Reserves unable to raise a side [3rd occurrence].
 - Fined as per rule, **see item 15 below, reference 2019.03-05**
- ❖ **Cup Finals**
 - Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy 6th March **Stevington** 4 **Wilstead** 0
 - Bedfordshire FA Intermediate Cup 17th April **Henlow** v Dustable Town u21 at Kempston Rovers FC ko 7.30pm
 - Bedfordshire FA Junior Challenge Cup 12th April **CS Rovers** v **Thurleigh** at Potton United FC ko 7.30pm
 - League Britannia Cup – to be advised
 - League Centenary Cup – to be advised
 - League Jubilee Cup – to be advised
 - League Watson Shield: Saturday 27th April at Elstow Abbey FC ko 3pm
- ❖ Season extension on Luton Borough Council pitches. Noted that many park pitches will be unavailable prior to the date that fixtures are completed. Discussions in hand to find alternative arrangements.
- ❖ **Bedford Albion** – request to postpone matches on 6th April. Request denied – Fixture Secretary decision ratified.
- ❖ League Cup Final programmes will be digital this season and available on the League website. Printed teamsheets will be available at the matches.

10. REGISTRATIONS, RESULTS, PRESS & MEDIA SECRETARY REPORT

- ❖ The Registrations Secretary reported on matters associated with Whole Game System and Full Time.
- ❖ **Total Players Registered** at midday 2nd March 2019: **2720**
- ❖ **General Note:** Clubs are reminded to save their referee mark in FA Marks before entering player's statistics, failure to do so results in no referee mark being shown.
- ❖ **Report Notices**
 - **Black Swan:** In breach of league rule 21B for failing to report the result of their game on Saturday 9th February 2019 against Luton Leagrave AFC by the deadline of 5.30pm. Result text received at 6.45pm.
 - Fined as per rule, **see item 15 below, reference 2019.03-06**
 - **Queens Park Crescents:** In breach of league rule 21C in failing to loaded onto Full Time their result sheet for their game on Saturday 16th February against Wootton Blue Cross by the deadline of Midnight Wednesday 20th February 2019. Result sheet loaded Thursday 21st February 2019.
 - Fined as per rule, **see item 15 below, reference 2019.03-07**
 - **Sporting Lewsey Park:** In breach of league rule 21C in failing to loaded onto Full Time their result sheet for their game on Saturday 16th February against St Joseph (Saturday) by the deadline of Midnight Wednesday 20th February 2019. Result sheet loaded Thursday 21st February 2019.
 - Fined as per rule, **see item 15 below, reference 2019.03-08**
- ❖ **Charge Notices**
 - **Stevington Reserves:** In breach of league rule 18N/20F in that in their game on Saturday 2nd February 2019 against Wootton Village (won 4-2) they played one Clifton Tatham who was not named on their teamsheet exchanged with Wootton Village and the match referee prior to kick off. The player was therefore ineligible to play.
 - Charge rule 18N/20F proved
 - Match points [3] won in the match deducted from Stevington Reserves, plus an additional one [1] point.
 - Match awarded to Wootton Village, score 0-0
 - Stevington Reserves fined as per rule, **see item 15 below, reference 2019.03-09**
 - **Flitwick Town 'A'** : In breach of league rule 18M in that in their game on Saturday 16th February 2019 against Harlington Juniors (lost 2-3) they played four classified senior team players against the limit of three allowed by rule.
 - Charge rule 18M proved
 - Additional one [1] match point deducted from Flitwick Town 'A'
 - Flitwick Town 'A' fined as per rule, **see item 15 below, reference 2019.03-10**
 - **Bedford Albion Reserves:** In breach of Watson Shield Cup Rule 3 in having played Rahui Loi in their Watson Shield tie versus Harlington Juniors on Saturday 2nd March 2019 (won 3-0) who was not eligible to take part in the game having already played for Renhold United in this seasons Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy. Correspondence to consider.
 - Charge cup rule 3 proved
 - Bedford Albion Reserves removed from Watson Shield
 - Tie awarded to Harlington Juniors
 - Bedford Albion Reserves fined as per rule, **see item 15 below, reference 2019.03-11**

11. NATIONAL LEAGUE SYSTEM including FACILITIES

- ❖ **TEAM SHELTERS:** Clubs can view the options using the following Amazon link [there will be other links available].



- ❖ https://www.amazon.co.uk/Net-World-Sports-Portable-Football/dp/B01N5MT492/ref=cts_sp_2_vtp
- ❖ Clubs wishing to purchase through the League, and to take advantage of a substantial saving on two shelters as the League will pay the basic cost for one shelter, can contact the General Secretary to request a quote. Minimum purchase two shelters.

12. REPRESENTATIVE FOOTBALL

- ❖ Entry made into National Leagues Cup

13. CHARTER STANDARD LEAGUE

- ❖ Currently standing at 82% compliant – 11 Clubs not yet CS.

14. RESPECT and COUNTY FA DISCIPLINE

- ❖ Please be aware that Respect Sanctions [C2 Cautions for showing dissent by word or action and S6 Sending off for using offensive, insulting or abusive language] **carry very heavy automatic penalties. Get your players to understand the seriousness of being cautioned or sent off for dissent.**
 - The following team has reached stage R6 [6 cautions] and has received a warning from Bedfordshire FA. The warning requires payment of a Discipline Administration fee of £15. New additions in **GREEN**.
 - PREMIER DIVISION: Marston Shelton Rovers, Queens Park Crescents, Riseley Sports, Ickwell & Old Warden, Caldecote, Cranfield United, Stevington, AFC Oakley M&DH, **Wootton Blue Cross, Crawley Green Reserves.**
 - OTHER DIVISIONS: Black Swan [Luton], Bedford Albion Reserves, Lidlington United Sports Club, St. Josephs [Saturday], Henlow, Pines [Luton], **Caldecote Reserves, Cople & Bedford SA, Bedford Albion, Wixams Wanderers.**
 - The following teams have reached stage R10 [10 cautions] £75 Fine plus £15 admin fee applicable [payable to Beds FA]:
 - PREMIER DIVISION: Queens Park Crescents £75 Fine plus £15 admin fee applicable [payable to Beds FA];
 - OTHER DIVISIONS: **Black Swan [Luton]** £50 Fine plus £15 admin fee applicable [payable to Beds FA].

15. CURRENT FINES

- ❖ Fines/warnings/costs levied at the March 2019 meeting:

REF	CLUB	DATE	DESCRIPTION	FINE	PTS	RULE	DUE DATE
2019.03-11	Bedford Albion Res	02/03/2019	PLAYING AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER – FIRST OCCURRENCE - CUP TIE	£20		18[N]-CUP 12	25 March 2019
2019.02-15	Black Swan [Luton]	19/01/2019	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT BY DEADLINE	£15		21[B]	
2019.02-17	Black Swan [Luton]	19/01/2019	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIME	£15		21[C]	
2019.03-01	Black Swan [Luton]	04/03/2019	FAILURE TO PAY A FINES WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME - 2019.02-15 & - 2019.02-17	£15		6[I]	
2019.03-06	Black Swan [Luton]	09/02/2019	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT BY DEADLINE	£15		21[B]	
BLACK SWAN [LUTON] TOTAL TO PAY:				£60			25 March 2019
2019.02-01	Elstow Abbey	08/12/2018	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH AN INSTRUCTION OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	PAID		6[H]	
2019.03-02	Elstow Abbey	04/03/2019	FAILURE TO PAY A FINES WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME - 2019.02-01	PAID		6[I]	
2019.03-03	Flitwick Town 'A'	16/02/2019	FAILURE TO PROVIDE DETAILS OF A FIXTURE	£15		20[C]	
2019.03-10	Flitwick Town 'A'	16/02/2019	PLAYING AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER – FIRST OCCURRENCE	£20	-1	18[M][N]	
FLITWICK TOWN 'A' TOTAL TO PAY:				£35			25 March 2019
2019.03-07	Queens Park Crescents	16/02/2019	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIME	£15		21[C]	25 March 2019
2019.03-08	Sporting Lewsey Park	16/02/2019	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIME	£15		21[C]	25 March 2019
2019.03-04	Square FC	02/03/2019	FAILURE TO PROVIDE DETAILS OF A FIXTURE	£15		20[C]	25 March 2019
2019.03-09	Stevington Reserves	02/02/2019	PLAYING AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER – FIRST OCCURRENCE	£20	-1	18[N]	25 March 2019
2019.03-05	Unite MK Res	16/02/2019	FAILURE TO FULFIL FIXTURE - Saturday 1st [non-Premier] - 3rd occurrence	£50	-3	20[Ei]	25 March 2019

- ❖ **PAYMENT DETAILS FOR MARCH 2019** – excluding payments for Luton Borough Council park pitches [see item 4 above]:
- ❖ CHEQUES are to be made payable to **Bedfordshire Football League** and sent to:
- ❖ The Treasurer, Barry Watson, **6 Hookhams Lane, Renhold MK41 0JT**
- ❖ Clubs wishing to pay by BACS:

- ❖ LEAGUE BANK DETAILS: Nat West sort code 60-02-13 account 51308622
- ❖ Please ensure Club details appear on transfer.
- ❖ [Also please advise BY TEXT on 07831413839](tel:07831413839)

16. NEW TEAMS and WITHDRAWALS

- ❖ **Withdrawals:** No further withdrawals
- ❖ **New Teams** – **Wootton Village Reserves**, **Potton FC**, **Lea Sports Reserves** and **Stotfold FC Development**. Plus enquiries. Meeting with new Clubs/Teams to be arranged for April 2019.

17. LEAGUE DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW

- ❖ To be continued during season 2018-2019

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- ❖ **Venue for AGM 2019.** Confirmed at Great Barford Village Hall on **WEDNESDAY 19th JUNE 2019**. Doors open 6.30pm - meeting starts 7.30pm.
- ❖ Management Committee meeting for May 2019 to be held Wednesday 1st May 2019 not Thursday 2nd May.
- ❖ **Proposed Rule changes season 2019-2020**
 - All proposed rule changes to be agreed ahead of Management Committee meeting of 4th April 2019 as the proposals are to be submitted to Bedfordshire FA by 1st April 2019. **Sub-Committee appointed.**
 - **Rule 2G appendix 'A':** Technical areas: Permitted occupants of the technical area will be named substitutes and a maximum of 3 club officials (8 people in total) Any person acting as a physio/emergency first aider within the technical area MUST be identified to the referee when the Team Sheet is submitted.
 - Minors under the age of 16 are not permitted. Smoking or the consumption of alcohol are prohibited.
 - *Occupants of the technical area are always to behave responsibly. Misconduct by any occupant of the technical area will be reported by the Referee to the FA.*
 - **Rule 23E schedule A:** Referee Fees: £40 Premier and £35 for all other divisions. **Assistants.**
 - **Rule 20F:** DELETE: The referee shall be informed of the names of the substitute Players not later than FIFTEEN [15] minutes before the start of the Competition Match and a Player not so named may not take part in that Competition Match. ADD: The referee shall be informed of the names of **all players, including** the substitute Players. **Both teams must exchange Team Sheets with each other in the presence of the referee** not later than FIFTEEN [15] minutes before the start of the Competition Match and a Player not so named may not take part in that Competition Match.
- ❖ Premier Division Facilities: Re-assessment of all facilities prior to the June AGM. Letter to Shefford Town & Campton requesting explanation of restrictions on use of Campton facilities, particularly as League provided funding to assist with the redevelopment of those facilities.
- ❖
- ❖ Date of next full meeting: **Thursday 4th April 2019** starting at 7pm at Elstow Village Hall.
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- ❖ There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45 p.m.
- ❖ G. B. Snelson, General Secretary

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