



BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

PRESIDENT: MR B. WATSON

HON GENERAL SECRETARY: MR G. B. SNELSON

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MINUTES: MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 6TH APRIL 2023

AT CRANFIELD PAVILION STARTING AT 6.45pm

MEMBERS: BT Watson [President], P Francis [Chair, Registration and Media Secretary], M Baxter, B Hallybone [Assistant Referee Secretary], 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].

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

APOLOGIES: A Young [Treasurer], D Gauntlett [Shefford Town & Campton FC],

A. MEETING WITH NEW CLUBS: Slip End United and New Bradwell St. Peter Development

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

1. PREVIOUS MEETING

- ❖ The minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on 2nd March 2023 were agreed for signature as a true record.

2. MATTERS ARISING

- ❖ None

3. CORRESPONDENCE

- ❖ **The Football Association:** All covered elsewhere in the minutes.
- ❖ **Bedfordshire FA:** All covered elsewhere in the minutes.

4. FINANCE

- ❖ **FOR SUMMARY OF FINES & COSTS FOR APRIL 2023 – SEE ITEM 15 BELOW.**

5. TROPHIES & MEMENTOES

- ❖ On order

6. TRANSFERS

Connor Kavanagh.	Cranfield United to Bedford Town U23
Nathan Evans.	Bedford Town U23 to Cranfield United
Delroy Phillips.	AFC Kempston Town Hammers to Renhold.
Ryan Spencer.	Barton Rovers Reserves to Luton Panthers.
Iain Robinson.	Shefford Town & Campton to Buffs FC.
Connor Pashley.	Stotfold Junior to Stotfold Development.
Taylor Kilcoyne.	Kempston Rovers BCFL to Elstow Abbey.
Michael Freeman.	Sandy to Clifton.
Cutis Bloxham.	Stotfold Development to Caldecote
Dimitris Kasioulis.	Kempston Athletic to FC Haynes.
Stewart Robertson.	Sandy to Bedford Wanderers.
Archie Watson.	Stotfold Development to Shefford Town & Campton.
Quincy McKay.	Barton Rovers Reserves to Stopsley United.
Leroy White.	The 61 FC Luton Reserves to Brache Phoenix.
Jordan Wright.	Queens Park Crescents to AFC Oakley
Jack Davus.	Shefford Town & Campton to Elstow Abbey.
George Roberts.	Marston Shelton Rovers to Elstow Abbey
Ross Milton.	Marston Shelton Rovers to Elstow Abbey
Tom Parker.	Marston Shelton Rovers to Elstow Abbey
Tyler Davenport.	Marston Shelton Rovers Reserves to Elstow Abbey.
Mark Charles.	Atletico Europa to Biggleswade FC Reserves
Jerome Lowe.	Wootton Blue Cross to Barton Rovers Reserves.
Kyron Matthews.	Revivalists to Kempston Rovers Academy.
Anish Khinda.	Queens Park Crescents to AFC Oakley
Matthew Newman.	Biggleswade United Reserves to Caldecote
Kyron Lane.	Ickwell & Old Warden to Bedford SA
Jake Cullum.	Marston Shelton Rovers to Elstow Abbey.
Rio Testa.	Marston Shelton Rovers to Elstow Abbey.
Dominic Loadman.	Wootton Blue Cross to Riseley Sports.

7. ALTERATIONS TO HANDBOOK

- ❖ Nothing to report.

8. REFEREE SECRETARY REPORT & REFEREEING MATTERS

► 25th February 2023

- ❖ Premier Division **AFC Kempston Town Hammers v Caldecote**
 - [i] late confirmation of game to referee [rule 20C] & [ii] no low referee mark report form [rule 23H]
 - **[i] AFC Kempston Town Hammers fined £15**
 - **[ii] AFC Kempston Town Hammers fined £10**

- ❖ Division One **Bedford Albion v AFC Oakley Reserves**
 - No low referee mark report form [rule 23H] from Bedford Albion
 - **Bedford Albion fined £10**
- ❖ Division Four **Catsbrook Wanderers v M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves**
 - No low referee mark report form [rule 23H] from Catsbrook Wanderers
 - **Catsbrook Wanderers fined £10**

► 4th March 2023

- ❖ Division One **Wootton Blue Cross v Tottenham Reserves**
 - Late confirmation of game to referee [rule 20C] - Friday morning
 - **Wootton Blue Cross fined £15**
- ❖ Division Two **Wilstead v Brache Phoenix**
 - Late confirmation of game to referee [rule 20C] - Friday morning
 - **Wilstead fined £15**

► 11th March 2023

- ❖ Premier Division **Queens Park Crescents v Sharnbrook**
 - Late confirmation of game to referee [rule 20C] - 9-45 Saturday morning after referee sent an email
 - **Queens Park Crescents fined £15**

❖ **FOR SUMMARY OF FINES & COSTS FOR APRIL 2023 – SEE ITEM 15 BELOW.**

9. FIXTURE REPORT

- ❖ **UNPLAYED FIXTURES**
 - Saturday 4th March 2023. Division Two. Sporting Carpathians v The 61 FC Luton Reserves. **The 61 FC Luton Reserves were unable to raise a side (2nd Occurrence)**
 - **The 61 FC Luton Reserves fined £40 and deducted two [2] penalty points.**
 - **Match points [3] awarded to Sporting Carpathians**
 - Saturday 4th March 2023. Division Three. Newman United v Ickwell & Old Warden. **Newman United unable to raise a side. (2nd Occurrence)**
 - **Newman United fined £40 and deducted two [2] penalty points.**
 - **Match points [3] awarded to Ickwell & Old Warden**
 - Saturday 11th March 2023. Premier Division supported by Sportsform Queens Park Crescents v Sharnbrook. **Queens Park Crescents failed to comply with league rule 20E[iii] to switch venues.**
 - **Queens Park Crescents warned:** any further proven breach of this rule this season will be treated as a non-fulfillment.
 - Saturday 1st April 2023. Jubilee Cup. AFC Bedford United v Westoning Recreation. **AFC Bedford United unable to raise a side. (1st Occurrence)**
 - **AFC Bedford United fined £25**
 - **Tie awarded to Westoning Recreation**
 - Wednesday 5th April 2023. Premier Division supported by Sportsform **Queens Park Crescents v Sharnbrook. Match abandoned.**
 - **Awaiting Beds FA decision.**
 - Saturday 1st April 2023. Centenary Cup. Bedford Albion v Milton Keynes Dons Set u19. **Bedford Albion failed to comply with league rule 20E[iii] to switch venues.**
 - **Bedford Albion warned:** any further proven breach of this rule this season will be treated as a non-fulfillment.
 - Saturday 25th March 2023. Division Three. **FC Haynes Reserves v Kempston Rovers BCFL. Abandoned Game due to serious player injury after 86 minutes score at the time 3-3**
 - **Score at time of abandonment to stand.**

● Messrs Watson and Snelson left the meeting at this point.

10. REGISTRATIONS, RESULTS, PRESS & MEDIA SECRETARY REPORT

- **Kempston Rovers Academy v Clifton – Saturday 11th March 2023:** Charged with playing an unregistered player in breach of league rules 18M/21C, namely Kyron Matthews, and then falsifying the online match notification with Asif Mzee who did not appear on their exchanged team sheet. (match won 4-2)
Charge proved: **Kempston Rovers Academy fined £150 and deducted the points gained in the match plus an additional three [3] penalty points.**
Match awarded to **Clifton**, score 0-0.
- **Stotfold Development v Queens Park Crescents - Wednesday 15th March 2023 Britannia Cup:** Charged with playing an ineligible player in breach of cup rule 3[b], namely, Mohammed Reheem Jabber who having played for Biggleswade United in the BFA Senior Cup was not eligible to play in this seasons Britannia Cup. [match lost 3-2]
Charge proved: **Queens Park Crescents fined £20**
Result to stand.
- **Bufs FC v Cranfield United Reserves – Saturday 1st April 2023 Centenary Cup:** Charged with playing an ineligible player [second occurrence] in breach of cup rule 3[b], namely Iain Robinson, who having played for Shefford Town & Campton in the BFA Senior Cup was not eligible to play in this seasons Centenary Cup. [match won on penalties]
Charge proved: **Bufs FC fined £50**
Tie awarded to Cranfield United Reserves.
- **Clubs in breach of league rule 21B: failing to report the result by the required deadline.**
 - Saturday 4th & 25th March 2023. **Flitwick Town Reserves fined £30**
 - Saturday 4th & 25th March 2023. **Sharnbrook fined £30**
 - Saturday 18th March 2023. **FC Polonia (Luton) fined £15**
- **Clubs in breach of league rule 21C: failing to complete online match notification by the required deadline.**
 - Saturday 25th February 2023. **Catsbrook Wanderers fined £15**
 - Saturday 25th February & 4th, 18th & 25th March 2023. **Sharnbrook [+ Reserves] fined £60**
 - Saturday 25th February 2023. **Stopsley United fined £15**
 - Saturday 4th March 2023. **Biggleswade FC Reserves fined £15**
 - Saturday 4th March 2023. **Luton Panthers fined £15**

Saturday 11th March 2023. **Bedford Wanderers fined £15**
 Saturday 11th March & 18th March 2023. **Bufs FC fined £30**
 Saturday 11th March & 18th March 2023. **CS Rovers fined £30**
 Saturday 11th March 2023. **Lea Sports PSG Reserves fined £15**
 Saturday 11th & 25th March 2023. **Sporting Carpathians [+ Reserves] fined £30**
 Saturday 18th March 2023. **Bedford Town Youth Development fined £15**
 Saturday 18th & 25th March 2023. **Elstow Abbey [+ Reserves] fined £30**
 Saturday 18th March 2023. **Kempston Rovers [BCFL] fined £15**
 Saturday 25th March 2023. **Wootton Blue Cross fined £15**

► **Clubs in breach of league rule 21C: failing to complete online match notification with details of red and/or yellow cards issued to their players.**

Saturday 25th February 2023. **Catsbrook Wanderers fined £10**
 Saturday 4th March 2023. **Bufs FC fined £10**
 Saturday 4th March 2023. **Wootton Blue Cross fined £10**
 Wednesday 15th March 2023. **Queens Park Crescents fined £10**
 Saturday 18th March 2023. **Stopsley United fined £10**

► **Registrations at Midday Saturday 1st April 2023. 3285**

► **WGS System Concerns**

- ❖ AFC Oakley In conducting a transfer of Anish Khinda it was found the system had allowed Queens Park Crescents to register him for the season and then Renhold to register him with the same details other than they used his full name Anish Kehar Khinda.
 - With the player not having played for either club during the season, no breach of rules has taken place and the matter resolved by his registration with Renhold being cancelled and his transfer completed from Queens Park Crescents.
- ❖ System failed to pick up the registration of Cullum Kelly by CS Rovers being the same person as Cullum Sword-Kelly registered with Newman United. CS Rovers informed they needed to register him under the name of Callum Sword-Kelly which would not be approved until Newman United had settled their final exit invoice.
- ❖ System failed to pick up the registration of Luke Bulhagier by Barton Rovers Reserves being the same person as Luke Buhagiar already registered with FC Haynes. (other than the slightly different spelling of his surname all other details 100% the same)
 - Registration with Barton Rovers Reserves rejected. Transfer from FC Haynes required.

11. NATIONAL LEAGUE SYSTEM including FACILITIES

- ❖ Request from **AFC Oakley** for facility grant to extend pitch barriers. A provisional grant of £1000 was agreed subject to conditions. Revised plan agreed in principle – awaiting new quotation. Matter continuing.
- ❖ *The initiative to provide each Premier Division Club with Team Shelters, whilst successful in the early days, is proving expensive as the shelters are being damaged by the weather. Further investigation is needed to source alternatives.*

12. REPRESENTATIVE FOOTBALL

- ❖ Nothing to report.

13. ENGLAND FOOTBALL ACCREDITED LEAGUE



- ❖ **The League Support and Delivery Plan [formerly League Business Development Plan]:** With support from Marc DeCarlo, Bedfordshire FA, the plan has been submitted and accepted. The League is now fully accredited and has been rewarded with a **Kit Locker voucher for £200**. Roland Simmonds to purchase suitable available items.
 - ❖ Following discussions with the Beds County FA, the BCFL are bringing to the attention of clubs the requirement for **Accreditation renewals and applications**.
 - Well done to the clubs that have successfully completed this task. However, the remainder of clubs are reminded that they will be expected to provide their submissions by the end of April 2023.
 - If any clubs require further advice, please contact Mark Di Carlo at the Bedfordshire FA on 01582 567718 or mobile 07984 266441. Mark will be pleased to guide them through the steps to achieve this process.
 - Clubs are reminded that when renewing their Accreditation or applying for the first time, they will need to complete the Development Plan and have a current qualified First Aider in place for each team.
- Incentives to clubs provided by the BCFL to achieve this award are
- A reduced charge each season.
 - Footballs provided.
 - Bibs provided.
 - Other incentives as appropriate.

14. RESPECT and COUNTY FA DISCIPLINE [Bedfordshire Clubs]

- ❖ 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.**
- For reaching stage R6 [6 cautions/E3 misconduct] **Bedfordshire FA warning**. The warning requires payment of a **Discipline Administration fee of £15**.
- For reaching stage R10 [10 cautions/E3 misconduct] **Bedfordshire FA Fine, plus £15 admin fee, as follows:**
PREMIER DIVISION: £75 - OTHER DIVISIONS: £50
- For reaching stage R15 [15 cautions/E3 misconduct] **Bedfordshire FA Fine, plus £15 admin fee, as follows:**
PREMIER DIVISION: £150 - OTHER DIVISIONS: £100

15. SUMMARY OF FINES and COSTS for APRIL 2023

REF	CLUB	FINE/ cost
2304.01	AFC Bedford United	£25
2304.02	AFC Kempston Town Hammers	£25
2304.03	Bedford Albion	£10
2304.04	Bedford Town FC Youth Dev	£15

2304.05	Bedford Wanderers	£15
2304.06	Biggleswade United Res	£15
2304.07	Bufs FC	£90
2304.08	Catsbrook Wanderers	£35
2304.09	CS Rovers	£30
2304.10	Elstow Abbey & Reserves	£30
2304.11	FC Polonia [Luton]	£15
2304.12	Flitwick Town Res	£30
2304.13	Kempston Rovers Academy	£150
2304.14	Kempston Rovers BCFL	£15
2304.15	Lea Sports PSG Res	£15
2304.16	Luton Panthers	£15
2304.17	Newman United	£40
2304.18	Queens Park Crescents	£45
2304.19	Sharnbrook & Reserves	£90
2304.20	Sporting Carpathians & Reserves	£30
2304.21	Stopsley United	£25
2304.22	The 61FC [Luton] Res	£40
2304.23	Wilstead	£15
2304.24	Wootton Blue Cross	£40

16. APPLICATIONS & WITHDRAWALS

- ❖ **APPLICATIONS accepted:** Bedford Albion Development, Bletchley Scot FC, Slip End United and New Bradwell St. Peter Development
- ❖ **WITHDRAWALS:** Newman United fined £75 as per rule 11. Club deposit of £75 forfeited to pay fine.

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- ❖ **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE INSTRUCTION:** All Premier Division teams MUST partake of the after-match refreshments offered by the home Club. Failure to do so without the agreement of the home club will result in a fine under rule 6[H].
- ❖ There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10 p.m.
- ❖ G. B. Snelson, General Secretary

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