



BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

PRESIDENT: MR T. SADLER

HON GENERAL SECRETARY: MR G. B. SNELSON

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MINUTES: MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2019

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

MEMBERS: Messrs TM Sadler [President][arrived towards end of meeting], BT Watson [Chairman and Treasurer], P Francis [Vice-Chairman, Registration and Media Secretary], B Hallybone, R Horswell, GB Snelson [General and Fixture Secretary]. **CLUB REPRESENTATIVES:** Mr R Simmonds [Elstow Abbey FC and League Charter Standard Coordinator], D Gauntlett [Shefford Town and Campton FC]. **CO-OPTED MEMBER:** Marcus Baxter
BEDFORDSHIRE FA: Jose Gomes [FDO]. **LIFE VICE PRESIDENT:** Mr PJ Onion.
APOLOGIES: K Redman, M Benson, S Playford [Real Haynes FC]. **LIFE VICE PRESIDENT:** Mr J Warner

1. PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- ❖ The minutes of the Management Committee meetings held on 14th November 2019 were signed as a true record.

2. MATTERS ARISING

- Long Service award for Peter Bygraves [Ickwell & Old Warden] – shared cost with Bedfordshire FA. COMPLETED.
- **Sporting Lewsey Park** – query regards fine 2019.11-18. Explanation accepted – fine rescinded.
- **Wootton Blue Cross** – query regards fines 2019.11-14, -30, -33, -37, -39, -43. Fines 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**
 - None
- ❖ **Bedfordshire FA**
 - BCFL League Rule considerations for season 2020-2021
 - Rule 7(d) – clauses (i) and (ii) from SCOR missing

All parties to a protest or complaint must receive a copy of the submission and must be afforded an opportunity to make a statement at least 7 days prior to the protest or complaint being heard.

 - (i) All parties must have received [] days' notice of the hearing should they be instructed to attend.
 - (ii) Should a Club elect to state its case in person then it should indicate such when forwarding the written response.
 - Rule 11(a) – not in accordance with SCOR

4. FINANCE

- ❖ Payments due from previous meetings:
 - The following Clubs/Teams failed to pay fines/costs by the due date of 28th October 2019:
 - **Atletico Europa, Bedford Santos, Catsbrook Wanderers, ##Eynesbury Rovers Reserves, Houghton Athletic, Kempston Athletic, Luton Allstars, Potton FC, Renhold FC, Revivalist FC, Sandy FC, and Wootton Blue Cross.**
 - See Management Committee meeting minutes for October 2019 for details.
- ❖ **FINES/COSTS NOT PAID BY THE NEW DUE DATE OF 9th DECEMBER 2019 WILL RESULT IN AN IMMEDIATE FIXTURE SUSPENSION. ##Any unpaid fines by EYNEBURY ROVERS RESERVES will be referred to Hunts FA for action.**
- ❖ The committee agreed to consider the following fine as paid:

2019.08-06	Woburn Sands	17/08/2019	FAILURE TO HAVE THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF REGISTERED PLAYERS PRIOR TO DUE DATE	£40	18[Bii]	28 October 2019
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- ❖ Payments due from November minutes, excepting those detailed above [**references 2019.11-01 to -11 and -13**] are to be paid by 31st December 2019.
- ❖ **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 (£51.40) to be made by 12-midday on Friday (for a Saturday match), and 12-midday on the day of a mid-week match.

5. TROPHIES & MEMENTOES

- ❖ Nothing to report.

6. TRANSFERS

- ❖ Ayden Ashraf. AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College to Bedford Albion.
- ❖ Ryan Fazel. Pines (Luton) to 61 FC Luton Reserves
- ❖ Nicky Threadgold. Sandy to Biggleswade United U23.
- ❖ Mark Blower. Totternhoe Reserves to 61 FC Luton Reserves.
- ❖ Aaron O'Brien. St Joseph (Saturday) to CS Rovers.
- ❖ Aiden Fennelly. Crawley Green Reserves to Biggleswade United U23.
- ❖ Ciaran Gordan-Stearn. Biggleswade United U23 to Stotfold Development.
- ❖ Darragh Dunbar. St Joseph (Saturday) to Luton Allstars
- ❖ T J Powell. Cranfield United to Brickhill Wanderers.
- ❖ Chris Butler. Totternhoe Reserves to Crawley Green Reserves
- ❖ Lynden Smith. 61 FC Reserves to Biggleswade United U23

7. ALTERATIONS TO HANDBOOK

- ❖ Any changes will be included in a new revision of the handbook to be published on the League website in December 2019,

8. REFEREE SECRETARY REPORT & REFEREEING MATTERS

- ❖ **Breaches of League Rule:**
- ❖ 23rd November – AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College v **Queens Park Crescents** – QPC late teamsheet to the referee.
 - Club warned as per rule, **see item 15 below, reference 2019.12-21**
- ❖ 30th November – Sharnbrook v **St Joseph's [Saturday]** – late kick off caused by late arrival of visiting team.
 - Club warned as per rule, **see item 15 below, reference 2019.12-22**
- ❖ **Referee Coverage** – difficult in November with County Cups taking precedence.
- ❖ **Neutral Assistants 2020/21:** Communication with Mike Desborough [Beds FA] initiated and continuing. Very little progress or optimism towards the eventual appointment of neutral assistants. Meeting with the Bedfordshire FA the next probable step.

9. FIXTURE REPORT

- ❖ **Free Date requests agreed**
 - **FC Polonia [Luton]** – 28th December 2019 – **NO FIXTURES: free date not recorded against the team.**
 - **Sundon Park Rovers** – 21st December 2019
 - **Harlington Juniors** – 28 March 2020
 - **Amptill Town Development** – 21st December 2019
 - **Real Haynes** – 28th December 2019 – **NO FIXTURES: free date not recorded against the team.**
 - **Real Haynes Reserves** – 28th December 2019 – **NO FIXTURES: free date not recorded against the team.**
 - **Stevington** – 21st December 2019
 - **Stevington Reserves** – 21st December 2019
 - **Flitwick Town** – 28th December 2019
 - **Flitwick Town Reserves** – 21st December 2019
 - **Eaton Park Rangers** – 14th December 2019 – **REQUEST WITHDRAWN**
 - Also: **Harlington Juniors** – away fixture 7th December
 - **Real Haynes** – away fixture 14th December 2019
 - **Real Haynes Reserves** – away fixture 14th December 2019
- ❖ **New Free Date requests – all agreed**
 - **Caldecote** – 28th December 2019
 - **AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College Reserves** – 28th December 2019
- ❖ **REMINDER – Rule 20B.** Requested for free dates MUST be received by the General Secretary with calendar month's notice.
- ❖ **Unfulfilled Fixtures:**
- ❖ 16th November: Division One. Elstow Abbey v **Wilstead Reserves**. Wilstead Reserves unable to raise a side – 3rd occasion.
 - Match points awarded to Elstow Abbey, score 0-0
 - Wilstead Reserves fined as per rule, see item 15 below, reference 2019.12-01
 - Wilstead Reserves deducted three [3] match points.
 - Fixture break in December agreed for Wilstead Reserves
- ❖ 23rd November: Premier Division. **Wootton Blue Cross** v Stevington. Wootton Blue Cross unable to raise a side – 1st occasion
 - Match points awarded to Stevington, score 0-0
 - Wootton Blue Cross fined as per rule, see item 15 below, reference 2019.12-02
 - Wootton Blue Cross deducted one [1] match point.
- ❖ 23rd November: Division Four. Square FC v **Wootton Village Reserves**. Wootton Village Reserves unable to raise a side.
 - Match points awarded to Square FC, score 0-0
 - Wootton Village Reserves fined as per rule, see item 15 below, reference 2019.12-03
 - Wootton Village Reserves deducted one [1] match point.
- ❖ **Late Notification of Fixture:**
- ❖ 30th November: Division Three. **Stopsley United** v Wootton Village.
 - Stopsley United fined as per rule, see item 15 below, reference 2019.12-04

10. REGISTRATIONS, RESULTS, PRESS & MEDIA SECRETARY REPORT

- ❖ Registrations at Midday 30th November 2019 :**2659**
- ❖ **Report Notices**
- ❖ The Secretary supplied details of dates and timings for all the following breaches of **league rule 21B failing to report the result within the required timescale:**
 - Saturday 16 November 2019:
 - **Houghton Athletic, Pines (Luton), Luton Allstars(**
 - Saturday 23 November 2019:
 - **Houghton Athletic, Stevington Reserves.**
 - Saturday 30 November 2019:
 - All above Clubs/Teams fined/warned as per rule, **see item 15 below, references 2019.12-05 to -09 inclusive**
- ❖ The Secretary supplied details of dates and timings for all the following breaches of **league rule 21C failing to enter their Match Result Sheet onto Full Time within the required timescale:**
 - Saturday 9 November 2019:
 - **Catsbrook Wanderers, Elstow Abbey, Harlington Juniors, Houghton Athletic, Square FC, Wootton Blue Cross**
 - Saturday 16 November 2019:
 - **Blunham FC, Stopsley United.**
 - Saturday 23 November 2019:
 - Saturday 30 November 2019:
 - All above Clubs/Teams fined/warned as per rule, **see item 15 below, references 2019.12-10 to -17 inclusive**
- ❖ **Charge Notices**
- ❖ Charge issued by email on Sunday 27th October 2019 club in breach of league rules 18N/21C:
 - **Bedford Santos:** Having in their game against Sandy Reserves on Saturday 19th October 2019 played one Moses Gilson who at the time of the game was not a registered member of their club. Game won 3-2. Club not replying to charge within the required 7 days. Club email again Monday 4th November 2019.
 - **Bedford Santos FC** represented by Club Secretary at the League Management Committee meeting.

- **Charge of falsifying online match return [2nd occurrence] found proved** [balance of probabilities].
- Match points [3] won by Bedford Santos deleted from their record. Match points [3] awarded to Sandy Res, score 0-0.
- **Bedford Santos** fined as per rule, **see item 15 below, references 2019.12-18. Fine suspended until 31st May 2020 and will not be enforced unless a third occurrence of the same charge is found proved.**
- Bedford Santos deducted an additional six [6] match points.
- **The 61 FC Luton Reserves:** Having in their game against Houghton Athletic on Saturday 2nd November played four classified first team players whilst the rule only allows for the maximum of three just players. Match won 2-1.
 - **Status of Anagram Records Trophy to be established by The FA. Matter continuing.**
- ❖ Charge issued by email on Wednesday 27th November 2019 in breach of league rule 18N/21C:
 - **Luton Allstars:** Having played three players namely Kudzai Sitambuli, Emmanuel Owiredun and Mikael White who names are not on their teamsheet exchanged with the match day referee and Wootton Village. Game won 4-2.
 - Club to present defence of the charge at the January Committee Meeting.
- ❖ Charge issued by email on Thursday 28th November 2019 club in breach of league rule 18N
 - **Biggleswade FC Reserves:** Having in their game against Cranfield United on Saturday 23rd November 2019 played four classified first team players whilst the rule only allows for the maximum of three just players. Game Drew 1-1
 - **Charge proved.**
 - Match point [1] won by Biggleswade FC Reserves deleted from their record. Match points [3] awarded to Cranfield United, score 0-0.
 - Biggleswade FC Reserves fined as per rule, **see item 15 below, references 2019.12-19**

❖ **PLEASE NOTE ITEM 15 BELOW FOR PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS. THESE MINUTES ARE THE ONLY NOTIFICATION OF THE FINES – THEY DO NOT APPEAR ON THE FA WHOLE GAME SYSTEM NOR ON THE FA FULL TIME. SEPERATE CLUB INVOICES WILL NOT BE ISSUED.**

11. NATIONAL LEAGUE SYSTEM including FACILITIES

- ❖ **Team Shelters:** No further progress. Shelters to be purchased for **AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College, Flitwick Town, Wilstead and Stevington**. Shelters will be required for Marston Shelton Rovers on their return to Marston.
- ❖ **Marston Shelton Rovers FC** – project progressing towards completion.
- ❖ Plans were tabled for an extension to the changing rooms at **Caldecote FC**. At present there has been no request for a League Facility Grant.

12. REPRESENTATIVE FOOTBALL

- ❖ Nothing to report.

13. CHARTER STANDARD LEAGUE

- ❖ Mr Simmonds updated the meeting on the current situation.

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. Fines levied by Bedfordshire FA.**

Caution Accumulation				
	6 cautions	10 cautions	15 cautions	## 20 cautions
Premier	Warning	£75	£150	FA charge E20
	Biggleswade Utd u23			
				## auto charge on every fifth caution after 20
Other Divisions	Warning	£50	£100	FA charge E20
	Totternhoe Reserves			
	Bedford SA			
	Sandy			
	Shefford Tn&Camp 'A'			

15. CURRENT FINES

- ❖ Fines/costs levied at the December 2019 meeting:

REF	CLUB	DATE	DESCRIPTION	FINE	PTS	RULE	DUE DATE
2019.12-01	Wilstead Reserves	16/11/2019	FAILURE TO FULFIL A FIXTURE [3RD OCCURRENCE]	£50	-3	20[Ei]	31 December 2019
2019.12-02	Wootton Blue Cross	23/11/2019	FAILURE TO FULFIL A FIXTURE [1ST OCCURRENCE]	£40	-1	20[Ei]	31 December 2019
2019.12-03	Wootton Village Reserves	23/11/2019	FAILURE TO FULFIL A FIXTURE [1ST OCCURRENCE]	£25	-1	20[Ei]	31 December 2019
2019.12-04	Stopsley United	30/11/2019	FAILURE TO PROVIDE DETAILS OF A FIXTURE	£15		20 [C]	31 December 2019
2019.12-05	Houghton Athletic	16/11/2019	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT BY DEADLINE	£15		21[B]	31 December 2019
2019.12-06	Pines [Luton] FC	16/11/2019	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT BY DEADLINE	£0		21[B]	WARNING
2019.12-07	Luton Allstars	16/11/2019	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT BY DEADLINE	£15		21[B]	31 December 2019

2019.12-08	Houghton Athletic	23/11/2019	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT BY DEADLINE	£15	21[B]	31 December 2019
2019.12-09	Stevington Reserves	23/11/2019	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT BY DEADLINE	£15	21[B]	31 December 2019
2019.12-10	Catsbrook Wanderers	09/11/2019	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN TIMEFRAME	£15	21[C]	31 December 2019
2019.12-11	Elstow Abbey	09/11/2019	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN TIMEFRAME	£0	21[C]	WARNING
2019.12-12	Harlington Juniors	09/11/2019	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN TIMEFRAME	£15	21[C]	31 December 2019
2019.12-13	Houghton Athletic	09/11/2019	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN TIMEFRAME	£15	21[C]	31 December 2019
2019.12-14	Square FC	09/11/2019	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN TIMEFRAME	£15	21[C]	31 December 2019
2019.12-15	Wootton Blue Cross	09/11/2019	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN TIMEFRAME	£15	21[C]	31 December 2019
2019.12-16	Blunham FC	16/11/2019	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN TIMEFRAME	£15	21[C]	31 December 2019
2019.12-17	Stopsley United	16/11/2019	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN TIMEFRAME	£15	21[C]	31 December 2019
2019.12-18	Bedford Santos	19/10/2019	DELIBERATELY FALSIFYING ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION RELATING TO NAMES OF PLAYERS – SECOND OCCURRENCE	£150	-6	21[C] FINE SUSPENDED TO 30 June 2020
2019.12-19	Biggleswade FC Reserves	23/11/2019	PLAYING AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER – FIRST OCCURRENCE	£20	-1	18[N] 31 December 2019
2019.12-20	Wootton Village Reserves	02/12/2019	FAILURE TO COMMENCE or COMPLETE FIXTURES - UNABLE TO USE DEPOSIT TO PAY FINE.	£75	11[B]	31 December 2019
2019.12-21	Queens Park Crescents	23/11/2019	FAILURE TO EXCHANGE TEAMSHEET [LATE SUBMISSION]	£0	21[A]	WARNING
2019.12-22	St. Josephs [Saturday]	30/11/2019	DELAYING KICK OFF	£0	20[A]	WARNING

❖ **PAYMENT DETAILS FOR 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 [**PREFERABLE PAYMENT METHOD**]:
- ❖ 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**

16. WITHDRAWALS

- ❖ **Wootton Village Reserves** effective from Monday 2nd December 2019 [41% of matches played – 9/22]
 - Club fined as per rule, **see item 15 above, references 2019.12-20**

17. LEAGUE DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW

- ❖ Nothing to report.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- ❖ In order to prevent problems, all clubs should make themselves fully aware of the rules regarding transfers and the avoidance of illegal approaches.
- ❖ All HOME clubs are to ensure their Match Referee receives a Referee Form for completion after the match, and that the form is then correctly distributed by the referee.
- ❖ **AGM 2020. WEDNESDAY 17th JUNE 2020 - Venue: to be confirmed.**
- ❖ Date of next full meeting: **THURSDAY 2nd JANUARY 2020** starting at 7pm at Elstow Village Hall.
- ❖ There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30p.m.
- ❖ G. B. Snelson, General Secretary

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