



BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

PRESIDENT: MR T. SADLER

HON GENERAL SECRETARY: MR G. B. SNELSON

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MINUTES: MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 3RD DECEMBER

ONLINE [ZOOM] STARTING AT 6.15pm

MEMBERS: Messrs BT Watson [Chairman], P Francis [Vice-Chairman, Registration and Media Secretary], M Baxter, B Hallybone [Assistant Referee Secretary], R Horswell [Referee Secretary], K Redman, GB Snelson [General and Fixture Secretary].

CLUB REPRESENTATIVE: D Gauntlett [Shefford Town & Campton FC]. **BEDFORDSHIRE F.A:** Mr A

Young [C.E.O.] **APOLOGIES:** Messrs TM Sadler, M Benson [Treasurer], R Simmonds [Elstow Abbey FC & League Charter Standard Coordinator].

1. PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- ❖ The minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on 5th November 2020 was agreed for signature.

2. MATTERS ARISING

- ❖ The FA webinar for Charter Standard Leagues – attended by Messrs Simmonds and Snelson.
- ❖ Covid-19 – all Bedfordshire in Tier 2 – The FA have met with Clubs from Step 5 and 6 – currently no guidance for NLS Feeder Leagues. *Post meeting note: Guidance received from The FA and distributed to all clubs.*

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**
 - Promotion Applications - Regional NLS Feeder Leagues to Step 6. Forwarded to all Premier Division Clubs.
- ❖ **Bedfordshire FA**
 - County Cups – new dates
 - Appeal by **Kempston Athletic FC** – to be heard in January 2021 – date TBC

2020.11-36	Kempston Athletic	10/10/2020	PLAYING AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER – FIRST OCCURRENCE	£20	-1	18[N] - 20[F]	30 November 2020
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▪ *Post meeting note: Appeal set for 4th January 2021.*

- ❖ **Michael Shuster** [michael@robinroad.uk] A Better League Handbook and Communications Tool for 2021. £200 set up then £40 per month from July 2021. Noted

4. FINANCE

- ❖ New banking arrangements – close old account and open new one?
- ❖ **LUTON BOROUGH COUNCIL PITCH PAYMENTS:** Standard charge £52.50 – discounts may apply during the Covid-19 restrictions. **Please pay for your pitch into the same account shown under item 15 below.** The League is then responsible for paying Luton Borough Council. Pitch payments to be made PRIOR to the facility being used.
- ❖ **SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2020 INVOICES FOR PITCH HIRE:** now emailed directly to Treasurer.
- ❖ **UNPAID FINES and COSTS:** Treasurer report unavailable. Fines/costs list to be updated at January 2021 meeting. See item 15 below

5. TROPHIES & MEMENTOS

- ❖ Nothing to report.

6. TRANSFERS

- ❖ James Kimber Sharnbrook to M&DH Clapham Sports.
- ❖ Reece Williams Stevington to Sharnbrook

7. ALTERATIONS TO HANDBOOK

- ❖ Release 2 of the online handbook now available.
- ❖ New **Langford FC** Secretary, Lisa Trinier – 07368 885679, 23 Mayflower Lane, Langford, Beds. Email: lisa.trinier@yahoo.com

8. REFEREE SECRETARY REPORT & REFEREEING MATTERS

- ❖ Leave any appoint of Premier Division neutral assistants to season 2021-2022 unless there are officials available on selected occasions.

9. FIXTURE REPORT

- ❖ Fixtures to re-commence 5th December 2020. *Post meeting note: Bedfordshire subsequently in Covid-19 National Tier 4, and all BCFL football was postponed from 20th December until further notice. Monday 28th December 2020 – all free date requests for this date will not now count.*
- ❖ Fixtures now released on Full Time to the end of January 2021

10. REGISTRATIONS, RESULTS, PRESS & MEDIA SECRETARY REPORT

- ❖ Registrations at Midday 31st October 2020 : **2593**

11. NATIONAL LEAGUE SYSTEM including FACILITIES

- ❖ **Team Shelters:** Shelters to be purchased for **AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College/Renhold FC, Flitwick Town, Wilstead and Stevington**. Shelters will be required for **Marston Shelton Rovers** on their return to Marston.
 - Ordering of shelters to be delayed until guidelines on social distancing at matches is relaxed. Situation to be reviewed at every Management Committee meeting until further notice.

12. REPRESENTATIVE FOOTBALL

- ❖ Nothing to report.
- ❖ Team management interest from **Elstow Abbey FC**

13. CHARTER STANDARD LEAGUE

- ❖ FA CS Newsletter

14. RESPECT and COUNTY FA DISCIPLINE

- ❖ As of 4th November 2020, no teams had reached the warning stage [6 respect cautions]. Nothing further to report.

15. CURRENT FINES

UPDATE REQUIRED on outstanding fines

Outstanding from October 2020 – additional fine levied November 2020: *Post meeting note: Both lists below to be reviewed and updated at the January 2021 meeting of the Management Committee.*

REF	CLUB	DATE	DESCRIPTION	FINE/cost	PTS	RULE	DUE DATE
2020.10-08	Biggleswade United u23	26/09/2020	PLAYING AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER – FIRST OCCURRENCE	£20	-1	18[N] - 20[F]	24 November 2020
2020.11-01	Biggleswade United u23	20/10/2020	FAILURE TO PAY A FINE WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		6[I]	

From November 2020:

REF	CLUB	DATE	DESCRIPTION	FINE/ cost	PTS	RULE	DUE DATE
2020.11-13	Arlesey Town u23	10/10/2020	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT BY DEADLINE	£15		21[B]	30 November 2020
2020.11-30	Atletico Europa	31/10/2020	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT BY DEADLINE	£15		21[B]	30 November 2020
2020.11-17	Bedford Santos	10/10/2020	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		21[C]	30 November 2020
2020.11-32	Bedford Santos	31/10/2020	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		21[C]	30 November 2020
2020.11-21	Catsbrook Wanderers	17/10/2020	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT BY DEADLINE	£15		21[B]	30 November 2020
2020.11-25	Catsbrook Wanderers	24/10/2020	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT BY DEADLINE	£15		21[B]	30 November 2020
2020.11-31	Catsbrook Wanderers	31/10/2020	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT BY DEADLINE	£15		21[B]	30 November 2020
2020.11-33	Catsbrook Wanderers	31/10/2020	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		21[C]	30 November 2020
2020.11-26	Cranfield United	24/10/2020	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		21[C]	30 November 2020
2020.11-06	Harlington Juniors	26/09/2020	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		21[C]	30 November 2020
2020.11-20	Houghton Athletic	17/10/2020	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT BY DEADLINE	£15		21[B]	30 November 2020
2020.11-34	Houghton Athletic	31/10/2020	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		21[C]	30 November 2020
2020.11-36	Kempston Athletic	10/10/2020	PLAYING AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER – FIRST OCCURRENCE	£20	-1	18[N] - 20[F]	30 November 2020 APPEALED to Beds FA
2020.11-38	Langford Reserves	24/10/2020	PLAYING AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER – FIRST OCCURRENCE	£20	-1	18[N] - 20[F]	30 November 2020
2020.11-28	Luton Allstars	24/10/2020	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		21[C]	30 November 2020
2020.11-29	Riseley Sports	24/10/2020	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		21[C]	30 November 2020
2020.11-37	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	10/10/2020	PLAYING AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER – FIRST OCCURRENCE	£20		18[N] - 20[F]	30 November 2020
2020.11-08	Stopsley United	26/09/2020	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		21[C]	30 November 2020
2020.11-19	Stopsley United	10/10/2020	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		21[C]	30 November 2020
2020.11-22	Sundon Park Development	17/10/2020	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT BY DEADLINE	£15		21[B]	30 November 2020
2020.11-02	Wilstead Reserves	17/10/2020	FAILURE TO PLAY FIXTURE	£25	-1	20[E]	30 November 2020

- ❖ **Account Number 50319325 Sort Code 20-71-35.**
- ❖ PAY BY BACS TRANSFER ONLY [Bankers' Automated Clearing System] - no cheques or cash at present.
- ❖ Please add your CLUB NAME as the reference for the transfer.
- ❖ Please text 07825351113 to confirm payment has been made, or email mbenson@premiercables.com. Your receipt will then be raised.
- ❖ **PLEASE NOTE:** The account is Personal in the name of League Treasure Mr M I Benson (FYI. It is a dedicated account for the League while we change the main League accounts to an online version.

16. APPLICATIONS & WITHDRAWALS

- ❖ Nothing to report

17. LEAGUE DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW

- ❖ **FAIR PLAY AWARDS 2020-2021:** Will be based upon the full season statistics. Nothing further to report.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- ❖ **TEAM SHEETS – a reminder**
 - **RULE 20[F] states:** 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 shall be deemed ineligible and may not take part in that Competition Match.

- Clubs must retain all Team Sheets for the current season for possible inspection.
- Failure to do so will incur a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

▪ Under current Covid-19 guidelines, paper team sheets may still be exchanged but an exchange by electronic means is preferable. IN ALL CASES an exchange must be completed as per rule.

- ❖ There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.20 p.m.
- ❖ G. B. Snelson, General Secretary

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