



# BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

**PRESIDENT: MR B. WATSON**

**HON GENERAL SECRETARY: MR G. B. SNELSON**

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## MINUTES: MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

**MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022**

**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, GB Snelson [General and Fixture Secretary].

**CLUB REPRESENTATIVES:** R Simmonds [Elstow Abbey FC, Vice -Chair & League Charter Standard Coordinator], D Gauntlett [Shefford Town & Campton FC], P Smailes [Biggleswade FC]

**APOLOGIES:** Messrs A Young [Treasurer], P Onion [Life Vice-President], G Sales

### A. MEETING WITH NEW CLUBS/TEAMS

- ❖ Previously on 31st May: **BEDFORD TOWN U23 [YOUTH DEVELOPMENT], MELTIS RANGERS** and **WESTONING RECREATION**. All Clubs accepted.
- ❖ 7.00 pm: **KEMPSTON ROVERS ACADEMY U23** 7.15 pm: **MK DONSSET DEVELOPMENT**
  - Both Clubs accepted for the coming season.

### 1. PREVIOUS MEETING

- ❖ The minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022 were agreed for signature as a true record.

### 2. MATTERS ARISING

- ❖ Additions to the minutes of the April 2022 meeting – **ITEM 9 FIXTURE REPORT:**
  - ▶ Saturday 12th March 2022: Division Five : Clifton Reserves v **Woodside Adult**.
    - Woodside Adult ..... reference 2022.04-01 and deducted one [1] match point.
  - ▶ Saturday 19th March 2022: Flitwick Town Reserves v **Pitstone & Ivinghoe Reserves**.
    - Pitstone & Ivinghoe Res..... reference 2022.04-02 and deducted three [3] match points.
  - ▶ Saturday 19th March 2022. Blunham v **Bedford Santos**.
    - Bedford Santos ..... reference 2022.04-03 and deducted two [2] match points.
  - ▶ Saturday 26th March 2022. Division Four. **Bedford Santos** v Square FC.
    - Bedford Santos ..... reference 2022.04-05 and deducted three [3] match points.

### 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:**
  - NLS promotions and relegations – BCFL not affected this time.
  - Request for Feeder League Constitutions via Bedfordshire FA.
- ❖ **Bedfordshire FA:**
  - League Support & Delivery Plan – League Accreditation. See item 13 below.

### 4. FINANCE

- ❖ **INVOICE UPDATE: 2022.05A** - continuing
- ❖ **CUP FINALS** – balance sheet completed.
- ❖ **OFFICERS HONORARIA season 2021-2022** – no changes from previous season.

### 5. TROPHIES & MEMENTOES

- ❖ All mementoes for season 2021-2022 received and either presented, to be delivered or to be made available at the AGM.
- ❖ The Rutter trophy [Division 5] not awarded since 2008 and has since been mislaid. New trophy – to be allocated to Division 5 for season 2021-2022, and then as required.
- ❖ Premier Division Cup has been damaged. General Secretary to source possible repair companies.

### 6. TRANSFERS

- ❖ None

### 7. ALTERATIONS TO HANDBOOK

- ❖ Any changes to be included in online handbook for season 2022-2023

### 8. REFEREE SECRETARY REPORT & REFEREEING MATTERS

- ❖ The Committee had a general discussion on the subject of Neutral Assistants in the Premier next season. The main topics were the additional costs and the availability of officials. There is no doubt the League must introduce this initiative and remain as one of the 48 'elite' Regional NLS Feeder Leagues across England. Work will continue throughout the Summer to increase the number of officials available to the league. It is recognised there is local competition paying high fees to referees but BCFL is not currently prepared to propose matching those fees, though an increase is proposed for AGM agreement.
- ❖ To assist in both the above points, each Club in the league – but particularly Premier Clubs – are asked to nominate at least one person to be put forward for full referee training at the League's expense. These persons will be appointed by the League to half the Club's home Premier Division games as Assistants and used as necessary in the other divisions.

### 9. FIXTURE REPORT

- ❖ **Unplayed Games**
  - ▶ Saturday 7th May 2022. Premier Division supported by Sportsform. **Shefford Town & Campton Reserves** v Biggleswade FC Reserves. Shefford Town & Campton unable to raise a side [first occurrence].
    - Match points awarded to **Biggleswade FC Reserves**, score 0-0

- Shefford Town & Campton Reserves fined as per rule and deducted one [1] penalty point, **see item 15 below, reference 2022.06-01**
- ▶ Saturday 7th May 2022. Division Two supported by Hy-pro. Harlington Juniors v **Soccerlise**. Soccerlise unable to raise a side, [first occurrence].
  - Match points awarded to **Harlington Juniors**, score 0-0
  - Explanation from Soccerlise FC accepted. No fine levied but **deducted one [1] penalty point**.

## 10. REGISTRATIONS, RESULTS, PRESS & MEDIA SECRETARY REPORT

- ❖ **Sandy Reserves**. The minutes state that Sandy Reserves were unable to field a team against Clifton Reserves on 16 April. FROM SANDY: minutes state the Club will be fined, and points deducted. This is incorrect. In fact, further down, the points were awarded to us, as Clifton Reserves fielded an ineligible player.
  - **DELETE: Saturday 16th April 2022. Division Five. Sandy Reserves v Clifton Reserves. Sandy Reserves unable to raise a side [second occurrence]**
  - **o Match points [3] awarded to Clifton Reserves, score 0-0.**
  - **o Sandy Reserves fined as per rule, see item 13 below, reference 2022.05-05 and deducted two [2] match points.**

## CHARGE NOTICES

- ❖ Issued by email Saturday 7th May 2022: **Queens Park Crescents**: In breach of league rules 18M/21C in having named on their Full Time result sheet for their match played on Wednesday 4th May 2022 against Riseley Sports (game won 5-2) Andre-Reece-Brown who took no part in the game, his place on the field being taken by one Johnny Edwards who neither appears on their teamsheet exchanged prior to kick off or is a registered member of Queens Park Crescents for season 2021-22.
  - ▶ Notes: With Queens Park Crescents failing to reply/answer the above charges, email notice was sent to them on Sunday 15th May 2022 that an interim decision had been made subject to ratification at the league's June meeting. That decision being:
    - **Charge found proven.**
    - **Match** awarded to Riseley Sports, score 0-0
    - Queens Park Crescents deducted the three [3] points gained in the match plus an additional three [3] penalty points and fined as per rule, **see item 15 below, reference 2022.06-02**
- ❖ Issued by email Thursday 12th May 2022: **AFC Oakley Reserves**: In breach of league rule 18M that in their game played on Wednesday 11th May 2022 against Wootton Blue Cross ( game won 3-0) they played four classed first team players whilst the limit is three. Alfred Dawson. Harvey Holland. Joseph McDonagh and Joshua Morgan all of whom played in AFC Oakley's last first team game against Queens Park Crescents on Saturday 30th 2022.
  - **Charge found proven.**
  - **Match** awarded to Wootton Blue Cross, score 0-0
  - AFC Oakley Reserves deducted the three [3] points gained in the match plus an additional one [1] penalty point and fined as per rule, **see item 15 below, reference 2022.06-03**

## REPORT NOTICES

- ❖ issued by email Friday 6th May 2022: **Harlington Junior Reserves** : In breach of league rule 21B in failing to report the result of their game played on Thursday 5th May 2022 by the deadline of 9.15pm.
  - Club/Team fined as per rule, **see item 15 below, reference 2022.06-04**
- ❖ issued by email Sunday 8th May 2022: **AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College Reserves**: In breach of league rule 21C in failing to load onto Full Time their result sheet for their game played on Wednesday 4th May 2022 by the deadline of midnight Saturday 7th May 2022.
  - Club/Team fined as per rule, **see item 15 below, reference 2022.06-05**
- ❖ Issued by email Monday 9th May 2022: **Harlington Junior Reserves**: In breach of league rule 21C in failing to load onto Full Time their result sheet for their game played on Thursday 5th May 2022 by the deadline of midnight Sunday 8th May 2022.
  - Club/Team fined as per rule, **see item 15 below, reference 2022.06-06**
- ❖ Issued by email Wednesday 11th May 2022: **Sharnbrook**: In breach of league rule 21C in failing to load onto Full Time their result sheet for their game played on Saturday 7th May 2022 by the deadline of midnight Tuesday 10th May 2022
  - Club/Team fined as per rule, **see item 15 below, reference 2022.06-07**
- ❖ Issued by email Sunday 15th May 2022: **Wootton Blue Cross**: In breach of league rule 21C in failing to load onto Full Time their result sheet for their game played on Wednesday 11th May 2022 by the deadline of midnight Saturday 14th May 2022.
  - Club/Team fined as per rule, **see item 15 below, reference 2022.06-08**

## 11. NATIONAL LEAGUE SYSTEM including FACILITIES

- ❖ Request from AFC Oakley for facility grant to extend pitch barriers. Estimate of cost required and consideration will be given to the request at the Committee's earliest opportunity.
- ❖ Request from AFC Kempston Town Hammers for a facility grant of £517 for work on the changing rooms was agreed.

## 12. REPRESENTATIVE FOOTBALL

- ❖ Nothing to report.

## 13. ENGLAND FOOTBALL ACCREDITED LEAGUE

- ❖ **Roland Simmonds** updated the Committee on the latest situation regards Accredited Clubs.
- ❖ **General Secretary** has had an initial meeting with Beds FA [Marc di Carlo] regards the League Support and Delivery Plan [formerly League Business Development Plan.].
- ❖ Awarded Kit Locker Voucher for £110 – Roland Simmonds/Dan Gauntlett have purchased First Aid Kits and Football Bag. None are yet delivered.



## 14. RESPECT and COUNTY FA DISCIPLINE

Reporting to continue in November 2022.

## 15. CURRENT FINES

- ❖ Fines 2022.06-01 TO -08 inclusive are detailed in the various sections above, and published separately to the Clubs.

## 16. APPLICATIONS & WITHDRAWALS

- ❖ **NEW APPLICATIONS:** Bedford Albion, Bedford Town u23, Buffs FC [Baldock], Caddington FC, Kempston Athletic, Kempston Rovers Academy u23, MK Donsett u23, Meltis Rangers, Stotfold Junior Adult, Westoning Recreation
- ❖ **WITHDRAWALS:** Pitstone & Ivinghoe Reserves, Potton United Reserves, Soccerlise FC, Stevington

## 17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- ❖ **Dennis Martin Trophy.** To be presented at the AGM

- ❖ Details for the newly purchased trophy to be agreed prior to any engraving.
- ❖ Provisional Formation of Divisions was agreed, as was the arrangements for end of season Play-Offs.
- ❖ There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.58 p.m.

❖ G. B. Snelson, General Secretary

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