



BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

PRESIDENT: MR T. SADLER
GENERAL SECRETARY: MR G. B. SNELSON ☎01234-317597
MINUTES: MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY 6TH JUNE 2019
7pm at 3 The Furlong BEDFORD MK41 8EE

MEMBERS: Messrs TM Sadler [President], BT Watson [Chairman and Treasurer], P Francis [Vice-Chairman, Registration and Media Secretary], M Benson, B Hallybone, R Horswell, 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]. **APOLOGIES:** LIFE VICE PRESIDENTS: Mr PJ Onion, J Warner.

MEMBERS Messrs, S Chamberlain, K Redman, **BEDFORDSHIRE FA:** Mr A Scott [League Representative on Bedfordshire FA]. Josh Spavins [Football Development Officer, North, Bedfordshire FA]

A. MEETING WITH NEW CLUBS/TEAMS

- ❖ Revivalist FC represented by Layia Johnson [Secretary], Harold Stevens [Chairman] and Maynard Pindura [Treasurer].
- ❖ The Committee recognised the enthusiasm of the Club Representatives, but also noted their lack of preparedness, having no local knowledge or players. Provided the Club affiliate correctly and register with the League correctly, and that progress has been made towards fielding a team for season 2019-2020 by Monday 22nd July 2019, then the team will be included in the fixture list. A further meeting with the Club will be arranged.

1. PREVIOUS MEETING

- ❖ The minutes of the Management Committee meetings [2] held on 9th May 2019 were signed as a true record.

2. MATTERS ARISING

- ❖ **Hy-Pro footballs** - sponsorship deal for season 2019-2020. Agreed a deal for 10 boxes of 16 balls, colour blue – 5 boxes free of charge – 5 boxes purchased by League.
- ❖ **Division One sponsorship:** O'Neills has declined the invitation to continue for next season. Alternative opportunities are being explored, in particular with Macron Store Hertfordshire.

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**
 - Email: a requirement for player registration in BCFL for season 2019-2020. This will be accepted following a statement to the Annual General Meeting. This FA requirement will become mandatory for season 2010-2021.
 - **Step 7 Club Allocations** to be published by 7th June 2019. *Post meeting note: no allocation made to BCFL to replace Shefford Town & Campton, who have been promoted to Step 6.*

4. FINANCE

- ❖ The Treasurer updated the meeting with the state of the current league payments by Clubs. Many still outstanding.

5. TROPHIES & MEMENTOES

- ❖ To be returned to League at or before the AGM on 19th June 2019.

6. TRANSFERS

- ❖ Nothing to report.

7. ALTERATIONS TO HANDBOOK

- ❖ None.

8. REFEREE SECRETARY REPORT & REFEREEING MATTERS

- ❖ **St Joseph's [Sat]:** email/text trail showed details of fixture provided late, therefore not provided as per rule. Fine to stand.

2019.05-08	St. Josephs	06/04/2019	FAILURE TO PROVIDE DETAILS OF A FIXTURE	£15	20 [C]
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- ❖ **Bedfordshire FA 'Sin Bin' training** will be by a series of roadshows. These will be mandatory for all Clubs to attend. Details of the roadshows, to be held in July, will be available at the AGM. *Post meeting note: information forwarded to all Clubs.*

9. FIXTURE REPORT

- ❖ Nothing to report

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 15th March 2019 deadline: **2953**
- ❖ **Total number of transfers in the season: 95**
- ❖ **General Note:** Having issued to date this season 73 report notices and 23 charge notices for breach of rules, coupled with the weekly reminders, the situation has got no better during the season. In certain of our Clubs, the level of administration is very poor with the costs to these clubs running into hundreds of pounds. This matter will be raised at the AGM.

❖ Report Notices

- **Elstow Abbey**: In breach of league rule 21C in failing by the deadline of Wednesday Midnight 15th May 2019 to load onto Full Time their result sheet for their game played on Saturday 11th May 2019 against Sundon Park Rovers. Result Sheet loaded Thursday 17th May 2019.

- Fined as per rule, **see item 15 below reference 2019.06-01**

❖ Charge Notices

- **Unite MK Reserves**. In their game on Monday 6th May 2019, in breach of League Rule 18N, they named on their teamsheet/ result sheets one Jamie Parker who took no part in the game, his place being taken by one Luke Lincoln. Game won 5-2. MK Unite Reserves replied accepting charge on Tuesday 14th May 2019 at the same time requesting their case of mitigation be put before committee.

- Match awarded to Kempston Athletic, score 0-0. Unite MK Reserves fined as per rule and Committee decision, and deducted 2 penalty points, **see item 15 below reference 2019.06-02**

11. NATIONAL LEAGUE SYSTEM including FACILITIES

- ❖ **GROUND GRADING [FACILITY CHECKS]** of ALL Premier Division Club and potential promotion candidates will be carried out during the close season, and FULL COMPLIANCE with the minimum requirements must be met. There can now be no discretion applied and Clubs not meeting the requirements will be relegated from the Premier Division at the end of season 2019-2020.

- Checks completed during May 2019:

- **Riseley Sports FC. Accepted for season 2019-2020. Review for season 2020-2021.**

- Changing room areas provided by Club not accepted – League interpretation gives sizes of Home Changing Room as 12.227 sq.m. and Away Changing Room as 12.055 sq.m.
- Referee changing room compliant BUT split into two separate areas.
- Club to address referee changing facility during season 2019-2020

- **Bedford Albion FC. Accepted for season 2019-2020.**

- Club to ensure team and referee changing rooms are locked independently to allow building to remain open for spectator toilets.

- **Ickwell & Old Warden FC. Accepted for season 2019-2020. Review for season 2020-2021.**

- Referee changing room compliant BUT in clubroom whilst team changing is 150m away in another building.

- **Biggleswade FC Reserves. Accepted for season 2019-2020. Review for season 2020-2021.**

- Spectator toilet unisex only located within team changing room. Arrangements to be made for additional/alternative spectator toilets.

- The following facilities will be checked before the start of next season:

- **Stevington [at Pavenham], Crawley Green Reserves, Wilstead, AFC Oakley M&DH, AFC Kempston Town & BC [at Renhold].**

- ❖ Proposals for season 2020-2021:

- **Neutral Assistant Referees** will be employed in the Premier Division in season 2020-2021. This will be introduced gradually over the 2019-2020 season.
- **Team Shelters** will be mandatory. The League will supply these on loan [subject to conditions].
- **Pitch barriers** will be required on all four sides of the pitch, preferably permanent rail, complete or partial.
- Duralock Pitch Barrier Systems – simple post and rail barrier for complete pitch surround circa £5K.

12. REPRESENTATIVE FOOTBALL

- ❖ Entry made into National Leagues Cup.

13. CHARTER STANDARD LEAGUE

- ❖ To be addressed during close season.

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 list will be shown again in the new season from November 2019.

15. CURRENT FINES

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

REF	CLUB	DATE	DESCRIPTION	FINE	PTS	RULE	DUE DATE
2019.06-01	Elstow Abbey	11/05/2019	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIME	£15		21[B]	19 June 2019
2019.06-02	Unite MK Res	06/05/2019	DELIBERATELY FALSIFYING ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION – FIRST OCCURRENCE. FINE REDUCED TO £75 [MITIGATION]	£75	-2	21[C]	19 June 2019

- ❖ **PAYMENT DETAILS FOR JUNE 2019:**

- ❖ 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**

16. NEW TEAMS and WITHDRAWALS

- ❖ **TEAMS ACCEPTED:** See previous minutes and item A above. Currently there are 77 teams entered for season 2019-2020.

- ❖ **TEAMS WITHDRAWN:** See previous minutes.

17. LEAGUE DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW

- ❖ Nothing to report at present.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- ❖ Provisional Formation of Divisions – only partial agreement because of affiliation uncertainties.
- ❖ **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 season 2019-2020** – nomination for one year co-option:
 - **Stuart Playford** of Real Haynes
 - 1987-1996 Regular first team player for Coutts & Co in London Banks League. Member of committee overseeing three teams for the Bank at this time, including treasury duties.
 - 1999-2005 Player for Haynes FC, in Bedfordshire Sunday League
 - 2005-2007 Assisted the Haynes FC club secretary with admin duties, fixtures etc
 - 2008-2016 Regularly refereed junior matches for Shefford Saints, as my son played from U-7 level, upwards. Also assisted coaches in training and coaching on an ad hoc basis
 - 2016-2018 Regularly perform linesman duties for both my sons junior teams, Shefford Saints and Stotfold Ambers (U12-U15) and assist Stotfold manager with Full Time website and other admin duties.
 - 2018-present Secretary/Treasurer of Real Haynes FC, newly formed team playing in Bedfordshire Saturday League.
- ❖ Date of next full meeting: **to be advised**
- ❖
- ❖
- ❖ There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15p.m.
- ❖ G. B. Snelson, General Secretary

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