



BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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MINUTES: MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2017

7PM AT AFC KEMPSTON, HILLGROUNDS ROAD, KEMPSTON

MEMBERS PRESENT: Messrs TM Sadler [President], BT Watson [Chairman], P Francis [Vice-Chairman], B Hallybone, K Redman, GB Snelson [General Secretary]. **CLUB REPRESENTATIVE:** Mr R Simmonds [Elstow Abbey FC and League Charter Standard Coordinator]. **GUEST:** Mr Josh Spavins [Football Development Officer, North, Beds FA].

APOLOGIES: Messrs PJ Onion, G Ingerson [AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College], D Gauntlett [Shefford Town and Campton FC].

ABSENT: Mr B Humphries.

1. PREVIOUS MEETING

- ❖ The minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on 1st June 2017 were signed as a true record.

2. MATTERS ARISING

- ❖ **Online Player Registration season 2017-2018** – Update from Peter Francis: Despite our two workshops being poorly attended – nine clubs at each session – come the opening day of the season all clubs had managed to register at least 11 players per team to comply with league rules. Total number of registrations made at Midday 19th August 2017 being 1517 against 1402 on the opening day of last season. However along the road various clubs experienced various problems which nearly all of which were down to them rather than the system. For example, if all clubs had have cleaned their records by the time the system opened for registrations then a big percentage of these problems would not have happened. Thanks go to Nick Snelson at The Beds FA for his sterling efforts to correct and ensure we kicked off the season with all the club related issues resolved. Having said that the system did bring up a couple of bugs which have been forwarded via the Beds FA to the FA to resolve.
 - The system having registered five players and linked them successfully into Full Time failed to remove them from our pending files. Bug raised with Whole Game on August 7th, matter still not fully resolved, number down to three players.
 - The system having registered three players for Caldecote failed to link them across to Full Time for all of their three teams. Matter indirectly resolved.

Total Number of Registrations at Midday Saturday 2nd September 2017: 1714.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

- ❖ Various items of correspondence were listed for information. All those requiring action or for information are recorded elsewhere in these minutes. These included various minutes and notices from Beds 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. All other correspondence is included in the items below.
- ❖ **The Football Association:**
 - Confirmation of FA Vase entries for Wootton Blue Cross and Marston Shelton Rovers
 - Standardised Rules for Steps 1-6. Noted, for information.
 - League Development Plan. Completed and sent. The FA confirmed receipt and will contact the League regards the review date. Meeting with Beds FA to agreed support to the League held on 21st August 2017. Messrs Watson, Snelson and Simmonds attended at Beds FA HQ, Dunstable.
 - Kick it Out Faith Calendar 2017-2018 – forwarded to all Clubs.
- ❖ **Bedfordshire Football Association:**
 - Charter Standard Clubs In-Service Event - Tuesday 26th September 2017
 - British Heart Foundation / Defibrillator (AED) Phase Two roll-out. Discounted live AED offer. The FA to contact Clubs directly – no additional action from League required.
- ❖ O'Neills –confirmation of support package [£500] for Division One. This replaced the support money previously paid by Wests.
- ❖ Luton Borough Council – pitch hire documentation. Please note the League will be invoiced for Luton park pitch bookings which is then paid and recovered from the relevant Club.
- ❖ UCL Joint Liaison Committee meeting 30th October 7pm in Peterborough. Decide attendees at next meeting.
- ❖ Ickwell & Old Warden re International Clearance. Observations made to The FA regarding the slowness of the process and the practicalities of the requirement at BCFL level.
- ❖ Kempston Rovers re pitch allocation for Development Team. Noted.

4. FINANCE

The following fines remained unpaid after the due date for payment:

REF	CLUB	DATE	DESCRIPTION	FINE	POINTS	RULE	DUE DATE
2017.06-03	Stevington	29 April 2017	Failure to complete online Match Notification by deadline [2nd]	£15		11-C	20 June 2017
Club additionally fined in accordance with rule 05-I, see item 15 below, reference 2017.09-01.							
2017.06-04	White Eagles	22 April 2017	Playing an ineligible player [2nd]	£40	-2	08-O	20 June 2017
Club additionally fined in accordance with rule 05-I, see item 15 below, reference 2017.09-02.							

5. TROPHIES & MEMENTOES

- ❖ Nothing to report.

6. TRANSFERS

Joe Atherton	Shefford Town & Campton to Sharnbrook
Christopher Prior	AFC Oakley M&DH to Sharnbrook
Kane Griffith	Sundon Park Rovers to Wootton Blue Cross.
Scott Alleyne	Meltis Albion to Ickwell & Old Warden.
Ben Wooding	Meltis Albion to Elstow Abbey.
Valiant Mudokwani	Atletico Europa to AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College.
James Potter	Crawley Green Reserves to Wootton Blue Cross.

7. ALTERATIONS TO HANDBOOK

- ❖ **Bedford Albion:** Change of Manager – delete Martin Henson add Ben Hutchings, telephone to be advised.

8. REFEREE SECRETARY REPORT

- ❖ **Low or No referee marks from Clubs:**
 - **Renhold United** marked 0 away at Caldecote – Premier Division
 - **Bedford Albion** marked 30 at CS Rovers - Division Two.
 - **Wootton Village** marked 20 at home to Flitwick Town A - Division Three
- Clubs are requested to always try to be objective when marking. Clubs may not obtain the most objective view by marking immediately after the game. Judge the performance over the whole game. Don't be too influenced by one particular incident and don't mark the Referee down unfairly because your team was unlucky and lost the game or some disciplinary action was taken against your players.

9. FIXTURE REPORT

- ❖ **Unfulfilled fixtures:**
- ❖ 19 August 2017: Division Two: CS Rovers v **Oakley Sports M&DH Reserves**. Oakley unable to raise a team.
 - Match points awarded to CS Rovers, score 0-0. **Oakley Sports fined as per rule, see item 15 below reference 2017.09-03, and deducted 1 match point.**
 - **Oakley Sports M&DH Reserves also responsible for paying expenses to CS Rovers – to be agreed at October meeting of Management Committee.**
- ❖ **Bedfordshire County Football League Annual Hop Saturday 14th October 2017.**
 - With M&DH Clapham Sports withdrawing from the league the revised hop programme now reads.
 - Wixams v Sandy 11.00am
 - AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College v Caldecote 2pm **Note: this match subject to confirmation of new ground being available.**
 - Cranfield United v Renhold United. 5pm
- ❖ Free Dates:
 - **Wootton Blue Cross:** 30th September 2017. Request received 30th July. Agreed.
 - **Bedford Albion:** 16th September 2017.
 - **Bedford Albion Reserves:** 16th September 2017. Request received 31st July. Agreed.
 - **Renhold United:** 9th September 2017. Request received 31st July. Agreed.
 - **Shefford Town & Campton 'A':** 2nd September 2017. Request received 2nd August. Agreed.
 - **Marston Shelton Rovers:** 2nd September 2017. Request received 4th August. Sub-committee considered. Agreed.
- ❖ Special Requests: **Shefford Town & Campton:** no matches at Shefford Sports Club on 21st October 2017. Agreed.

10. REGISTRATIONS, RESULTS, PRESS & MEDIA SECRETARY REPORT

- ❖ **League Rule 11C Reporting of Result Sheets onto Full Time**

With the high level of fines incurred last season for breach of League Rule 11C a system has been set up whereby clubs will be sent the following email on Tuesday evening should their teamsheets still be outstanding:

 - In accordance with league rule 11c your club/teams are required to load onto Full Time by Midnight on the following Wednesday their results sheets for their games played on the previous Saturday.
 - At the time of this email your result/s sheets are yet to be submitted. To avoid breaching the rules and suffering a fine would request you given this matter your attention before the Midnight deadline tomorrow.
 - Tuesday 22nd August 2017. Reminders sent to 5 clubs. All 5 clubs loaded their result sheets ahead of deadline.
 - Tuesday 29th August 2017. Reminders sent to 5 clubs. All 5 clubs loaded their result sheets ahead of deadline.
 - Friday 1st September 2017. Reminder sent to 1 club. Club loaded their result sheet ahead of deadline.
- ❖ **THE FOLLOWING ARE STANDARD DECISIONS AS PER RULE REQUIRING RATIFICATION BY FULL COMMITTEE:**
- ❖ **AFC Oakley M&DH:** In breach of league rule 11[A] in failing to submit at least 15 minutes prior to kick off their teamsheet to the match referee for their game against Flitwick Town on Saturday 19th August 2017. Matter report by match referee Brian Humphries to the league on Tuesday 22nd August 2017. Report notice issued by email on Tuesday 22nd August 2017.
 - Club warned [1st offence carrying fine of £15 or less – one warning PER CLUB PER SEASON]. **See item 15 below, reference 2017.09-04**
- ❖ **Renhold United Reserves:** In breach of league rule 11B in failing to report the result of their game on Saturday 19th August 2017 against Luton Leagrave FC by the deadline. Result text received at 18.06pm. Report Notice issued by email on Sunday 20th August 2017.
 - Club warned [1st offence carrying fine of £15 or less – one warning PER CLUB PER SEASON]. **See item 15 below, reference 2017.09-05**
- ❖ **Wixams Wanderers:** In breach of league rule 11B in failing to report the result of their game on Saturday 19th August 2017 against Bedford Albion by the deadline. Result received at 19.18pm. Report Notice issued by email on Sunday 20th August 2017.
 - Club warned [1st offence carrying fine of £15 or less – one warning PER CLUB PER SEASON]. **See item 15 below, reference 2017.09-06**
- ❖ **THE FOLLOWING REQUIRE DECISIONS BY FULL COMMITTEE:**
- ❖ **Bedford Albion Reserves:** Charge under league rule 5D issued to club by email on Sunday 27th August 2017 that in their game against Wootton Village on Saturday 26th August 2017 they named on their team sheet one S. Vladimirov then when

submitting their result sheet onto Full Time replace him with S. Mastrafchiew. Game won 3-1. Club reply by email Sunday 27th August 2017 states " That's his name Samuil Vlandimirov Mastrafcieiv. I'm guessing the manager just put that because he didn't know how to spell the last name. It's the exact same player and not playing an unregistered player at all". Player registered as Samuil Mastrafcieiv.

➤ Explanation accepted – no further action.

- ❖ **Ickwell & Old Warden**: Possible breach of league rule 8[O] in having played Marco Tobdzic in their game against Wootton Blue Cross on Saturday 19th August 2017 whilst he was under Beds FA suspension. Matter Report to Beds FA by email on Thursday 24th August 2017. Club informed by telephone on Thursday 24th August 2017 and email data submitted to them later that day.

➤ On going – awaiting Beds FA action.

11. NATIONAL LEAGUE SYSTEM including FACILITIES

- **Clubs requesting grant aid from the League MUST provide written cost estimates of the project BEFORE any work starts, as there is no guarantee that a League Grant will be made.**
- ❖ **Marston Shelton Rovers** redevelopment. Plans now accepted by FA funding. – **league to pay costs of new drawings and planning.**
 - Drawings completed but progress towards a start date is extremely slow.
- ❖ **Caldecote** – training lights. Grant of £1000 agreed now with a review for a possible additional grant once the project is completed.
- ❖ **Wilstead** – repairs to Team Shelters. Grant of £250 agreed – to be paid following league inspection on completion.

12. REPRESENTATIVE FOOTBALL

- ❖ **National League System Cup**: Saturday 7th October 2017. Bedfordshire County Football League v Southern Amateur League @ Cranfield United 3pm.
 - It was agreed there be no Premier Division fixtures on this day. Fixtures involving Premier Division Reserve teams will also be postponed.

13. CHARTER STANDARD LEAGUE

- ❖ Josh Spavins [Beds FA] and Roland Simmonds updated the Committee on the current status of CS renewals. There is currently a high percentage of Clubs who will lose their Charter Standard status on 1st November 2017 following the new Health Check renewal deadline of 31st October 2017 imposed by Bedfordshire FA. These Clubs will be contacted before the deadline.

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.** Teams will be added to this agenda item each month – make sure your Club/Team is not listed.

15. CURRENT FINES

- ❖ Fines/warnings/costs levied at this meeting:

REF	CLUB	DATE	DESCRIPTION	FINE	PTS	RULE	DUE DATE
2017.09-01	Stevington	20 June 2017	Failure to pay fine [2017.06-03] within 21 days of notice [1st]	£15		05-I	27 September 2017
			Fine 2017.06-03	£15			
2017.09-02	White Eagles	20 June 2017	Failure to pay fine [2017.06-04] within 21 days of notice [1st]	£15		05-I	27 September 2017
			Fine 2017.06-04	£40	-2		
2017.09-03	Oakley Sports M&DH Reserves	19 August 2017	Failure to fulfill a fixture [Sat 1st]	£25	-1	10-F	04 October 2017
2017.09-04	Oakley Sports M&DH	19 August 2017	Failing to exchange team sheet prior to match.	warning		11-A	N/A
2017.09-05	Renhold United Reserves	19 August 2017	Failure to report result by deadline	warning		11-B	N/A
2017.09-06	Wixams Wanderers	19 August 2017	Failure to report result by deadline	warning		11-B	N/A
2017.09-07	M&DH Clapham Sports	13 August 2017	Unable to start fixtures [withdrawn]	forfeit deposit		14[B]	N/A
2017.09-08	AFC Oakley M&DH	21 June 2017	Failure to be represented at Annual General Meeting	£50		06-H	PAID
2017.09-09	Atletico Europa	21 June 2017	Failure to be represented at Annual General Meeting	£50		06-H	04 October 2017
2017.09-10	CS Rovers	21 June 2017	Failure to be represented at Annual General Meeting	£50		06-H	04 October 2017
2017.09-11	Dinamo Flitwick	21 June 2017	Failure to be represented at Annual General Meeting	£50		06-H	04 October 2017
2017.09-12	Wixams Wanderers	21 June 2017	Failure to be represented at Annual General Meeting	£50		06-H	04 October 2017

PAYMENT DETAILS FOR SEPTEMBER 2017:

CHEQUES are to be made payable to Bedfordshire Football League and sent to:

▪ **The Treasurer, Barry Watson, 17 Buttercup Close, Bedford MK42 0RE.**

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 and also **please advise BY TEXT on 07831413839**

16. NEW TEAMS and WITHDRAWALS

- ❖ Withdrawals: 13th August 2017: **M&DH Clapham Sports** from Division One. Club to forfeit deposit as payment of fine, **see item 15 above reference 2017.09-07.**

17. LEAGUE DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW

- ❖ To be continued during season 2017-2018 following presentation of updated League Development Plan.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- ❖ To record the following Clubs failed to be represented at the Annual General Meeting.
 - AFC Oakley M&DH, Atletico Europa, CS Rovers, Dinamo Flitwick and Wixams Wanderers.
 - The members present voted unanimously that the Clubs be fined as per rule, **see item 15 above, references 2017.09-08 to -12 inclusive.**
- ❖ **Sharnbrook FC** – League and Beds FA support enabled Club to continue.
- ❖ League Officers expenses – matter raised by Mr Roland Simmonds. Review to be conducted by comparison with other leagues of a similar standing. *Post meeting note: It was confirmed that no increases for many Officers had occurred since 2012.*
- ❖ In future seasons there will be a Management Committee meeting before the start of the League fixtures in case special circumstances need applying to early season fixtures.
- ❖ **AGM 2018** – Wednesday 20th June at Great Barford Village Hall 7.30pm.
- ❖ Date of next full meeting: **Thursday 5th October 2017** starting at **7pm at Kempston Rovers FC**
- ❖ There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.08p.m.
- ❖ G. B. Snelson, General Secretary
- ❖ <https://twitter.com/bedscountylge>



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