



BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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MINUTES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2016

7PM AT AFC KEMPSTON, HILLGROUNDS ROAD, KEMPSTON

MEMBERS PRESENT: Messrs TM Sadler [President], BT Watson P Francis [Vice-Chairman], B Hallybone, B Humphries, K Redman, GB Snelson [General Secretary]. **CLUB REPRESENTATIVES:** Messrs R Simmonds [Elstow Abbey FC and League Charter Standard Coordinator], D Gauntlett [Shefford Town and Campton FC]. **BEDS F.A. REPRESENTATIVE:** Mr A Scott
GUESTS: Mr A Young [COO Bedfordshire FA].
APOLOGIES: Mr R Leonard **ABSENT:** Mr PJ Onion

1 PREVIOUS MEETING

- ❖ The minutes of the Management Committee meetings of 1st September 2016 were signed as a true record.

2 MATTERS ARISING

- ❖ League meeting with the FA Finance Sub-Committee on 21st September 2016 at Wembley to discuss the League Development Plan. Messrs Watson, Snelson, and Simmonds attended along with Mr Alan Young, COO Bedfordshire FA. The attendees gave a short report on the topics discussed at the meeting.
- ❖ National League System Data Validation for Bedfordshire County FL. Action on General Secretary. Completed.
- ❖ It was agreed an abridged version of the handbook would be prepared for printing hard copies. Action: General Secretary. This has been completed and hard copies are available from Mr P Francis on request.
- ❖ Premier Division Club specific Facility Reports detailing the requirements for season 2016-2017 now included in the latest online version of the League Handbook, Revision 1 dated 20th September 2016. These include barrier and technical area locations, Club Assistant Referees and post-match refreshment provision. Non-compliances will be based upon these Facility Reports.

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:**
 - Grassroots Football Survey 2016 – completed by General Secretary. Survey can be completed by all Players, Officials and Spectators.
- ❖ **Bedfordshire Football Association:**
 - Various minutes of meetings
 - Sent to all Clubs: Guidance for submitting discipline on The Whole Game System
 - Received via Mike Desborough:
 - From referee Phil Wilkinson complimenting both teams in match The 61FC [Luton] Reserves v Elstow Abbey. Email content forwarded to both Clubs.
 - Saturday 2nd September 2016: Div.1: **Meltis Albion** failed to confirm fixture with referee. **1st occurrence** Club warned as per rule, **see item 15 below, reference 2016.10-01**
 - Saturday 17th September 2016: Div.1: **Crawley Green Reserves** failed to confirm fixture with referee. **1st occurrence** Club warned as per rule, **see item 15 below, reference 2016.10-02**
 - Saturday 17th September 2016: Div.4: **CS Rovers** failed to confirm fixture with referee. **1st occurrence** Club warned as per rule, **see item 15 below, reference 2016.10-03**
 - Club and Referee Directories forwarded to all Clubs. Charter Standard Club identity in Club Directory needs review.
 - Faith Calendar for season 2016-2017
 - Notice of meeting with Sunday Leagues 26th October 2016. Meetings with Saturday and Youth Leagues to follow.
 - Adult only Basic Referee Course – to be arranged. Beds FA require full details of latest League financial offer to new referees. Action: General Secretary.
- ❖ Email to all Clubs clarifying rule on Repeat Substitutions. Beds FA to notify all referees.
- ❖ Northampton Town and District League – September minutes received with thanks.
- ❖ Northants Combination League – September minutes received with thanks.
- ❖ Wendy Newey re JLC meeting 21st November 2016 at 7pm at PDFL offices, Peterborough. [Snelson and Francis]
- ❖ Gary Ingerson re joining League Management Committee. General Secretary to arrange to meet with Mr Ingerson before the next meeting on 3rd November 2016

4 FINANCE

- Fines levied at September meeting but not paid by due date of 26th September 2016::
- 2016.09-01 Atletico Europa £40. Post meeting note: fine now paid. **Atletico Europa** additionally fined for late payment. Club fined as per rule, **see item 15 below, reference 2016.10-04**
 - ❖ **Westoning FC** to pay a *returnable deposit [*subject to conditions] of £75 by 31st October 2016, **see item 15 below, reference 2016.10-05**

5 TROPHIES & MEMENTOES

- ❖ Nothing to report.

6 TRANSFERS

Carl Ramsey	Amphill Town Reserves	to Flitwick Town.
Sam King	Wootton Village	to Shefford Town & Campton A

Charlie Watson	Clifton	to Henlow
Connor Stratford	Sandy FC	to Sandy Albion
Joe Willis	Sandy FC	to Sandy Albion
Ryan Smith	Wootton Blue Cross	to Crawley Green Reserves
Jack Downes	Crawley Green Reserves	to Wootton Blue Cross
Josh Burnapp	Amphill Town Reserves	to Cranfield United
Ashley Drummond	Renhold United	to Ickwell & Old Warden
Josh Spavins	Shefford Town & Campton	to Stevington
Ollie Watton	Shefford Town & Campton	to Stevington
Samuel Johnson	Flitwick Town	to Amphill Town Reserves
Jack Fuller	Dinamo Flitwick	to Amphill Town Reserves.

7 ALTERATIONS TO HANDBOOK

- ❖ The following changes are to the online version of the handbook dated 20th September 2016. The next online version of the handbook will be published to all Clubs on **29th October 2016**.
 - **AFC Dunton** – Secretary change of telephone **07930388543**
 - **Ickleford FC** – home pitch **Stratton Way, BIGGLESWADE SG18 ONW**
 - **Sandy Albion FC** – Secretary email **becky_wren@hotmail.com**. Chairman email **deanwren@hotmail.com**.
- Chairman telephone **07503 697164**
 - **White Eagles FC** – Chairman email **masterart1910@gmail.com**.
 - **Clifton FC** – delete all references to Gary Dodds. New Secretary Adam Norris, 16 Laburnham Road, Biggleswade SG18 ONX Tel 07791663287 adamjamesnorris@hotmail.com

8 REFEREE SECRETARY REPORT

- ❖ Mr Humphries reported that some referees on Premier Division matches are still not sending in completed report forms. Mike Desborough [Beds FA] to instruct referees on their responsibilities.

9 FIXTURE REPORT

- ❖ **FREE DATES SEASON 2016-2017**: All the following requests were agreed:
 - **AFC Dunton** – 26th November 2016
 - **Cranfield United** – away fixtures on 5th November 2016
 - **Harlington** – away fixture on 3rd December 2016
 - **Sundon Park Rovers** – 19th November 2016
 - **Sandy** – 26th November 2016
 - **Lea Sports PSG** – Saturday 26th November 2016 and Saturday 17th December 2016 [first & final requests]
- ❖ League Cup Competitions: It was decided that the League will run all cup competitions again this season, with the Britannia and Centenary cups involving teams from the Premier Division and Division One respectively. The Jubilee Cup will initially start with ALL teams from Divisions Two, Three and Four involved in a group stage to reduce the number to a preferred 16. The remaining teams will then be entered into the Watson Shield together with any invited teams from the Bedfordshire Youth Saturday League. The two Final Ties may be played on the same day at the same ground, with a differential in the split of gate money in favour of the Jubilee Cup, for example 55%-45%. The group stage of the Jubilee Cup is targeted to start in December 2016 and run to the end of January 2017. The Watson Shield is targeted to start in February/March 2017.

10 REGISTRATIONS, RESULTS, PRESS & MEDIA SECRETARY REPORT

- ❖ **AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College A**. In breach of league rule 11B in having failed by the deadline of 5.30pm on Saturday 17th September 2016 to report the result of their game against Clifton. Report notice issued by email on Sunday 18th September 2016. Result text received at 6.19pm. **1st Occurrence**
 - Club warned as per rule, **see item 15 below, reference 2016.10-06**
- ❖ **Bedford Albion**. In breach of league rule 8b in having registered by email Simon Wade on Friday 2nd September 2016 and played him in their game on Saturday 3rd September 2016 against White Eagles they failed to deliver the original registration form by Midnight Wednesday 7th September 2016. **1st Occurrence**. Report notice issued by email Thursday 8th September 2016. **Email replies to consider**. Game won 4-0.
 - 3 match points gained in game to be deducted plus one addition point for playing an unregistered player, and the scoreline adjusted to 0-0 but neither side receiving a point for the notional draw. Club fined as per rule, **see item 15 below, reference 2016.10-07**
- ❖ **CS Rovers**. In breach of league rule 11B in having failed by the deadline of 5.30pm on Saturday 17th September 2016 to report the result of their game against Henlow Reserves. Report notice issued by email on Sunday 18th September 2016. Result text received at 6.05pm. **1st Occurrence**.
 - Club warned as per rule, **see item 15 below, reference 2016.10-08**
- ❖ **Elstow Abbey**. In breach of league rule 11B in having failed by the deadline of 5.30pm on Saturday 1st October 2016 to report the result of their game against The 61FC Luton Reserves. Report notice issued by email on Sunday 2nd October 2016. Result text received at 5.48pm. **1st Occurrence**.
 - Club warned as per rule, **see item 15 below, reference 2016.10-09**
- ❖ **Ickleford**. In breach of league rule 11B in having failed by the deadline of 5.30pm on Saturday 24th September 2016 to report the result of your game against St Joseph (Saturday) away side against non Bedfordshire County League club in Beds FA Intermediate Cup. Report notice issued by email on Sunday 25th September 2016. Result text received at 6.57pm. **1st Occurrence**.
 - Club warned as per rule, **see item 15 below, reference 2016.10-10**
- ❖ **M&DH Clapham Sports**. In breach of league rule 11C in having failed by the deadline of Wednesday Midnight 14th September 2016 to have loaded onto Full Time their result for their game against Westoning on Saturday 10th September 2016. Report notice issued to club by email on Thursday 15th September 2016. **1st Occurrence**. Result Sheet loaded Friday 16th September 2016.
 - Club warned as per rule, **see item 15 below, reference 2016.10-11**
- ❖ **Potton Town**. In breach of league rule 8B for playing Tom Grinstead in their game with Houghton Athletic whilst not a registered member of the club. **1st Occurrence**. Report notice issued to club by email on Friday 8th September 2016. **Potton Town bringing this matter to the League's attention**. Game drew 2-2.

- 1 match point gained in the game to be deducted plus one addition point for playing an unregistered player. Result and score to stand. Club fined as per rule, **see item 15 below, reference 2016.10-12**
- ❖ **Potton Town.** In breach of league rule 11B in having failed by the deadline of 5.30pm on Saturday 1st October 2016 to report the result of their game against Riseley Sports. Report notice issued by email on Sunday 2nd October 2016. Result text received at 5.34pm. **1st Occurrence.**
 - Club warned as per rule, **see item 15 below, reference 2016.10-13**
- ❖ **Renhold United Reserves.** In breach of league rule 11B in having failed by the deadline of 5.30pm on Saturday 17th September 2016 to report the result of their game against Caldecote A. Report notice issued by email on Sunday 18th September 2016. Result text received at 6.47pm. **1st Occurrence.**
 - Club warned as per rule, **see item 15 below, reference 2016.10-14**
- ❖ **Sandy FC.** In breach of league rule 11B in failing to report the result of their game on Saturday 3rd September 2016 against AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College by the deadline of 5.30pm. Result text received at 6.15pm. Report notice issued by email to club on Saturday 3rd September 2016. **1st Occurrence.**
 - Club warned as per rule, **see item 15 below, reference 2016.10-15**
- ❖ **Sandy Albion.** In breach of league rule 8B for playing one Michael Dring in their game with Wootton Village on Saturday 3rd September 2016 whilst not a registered member of the club. **1st Occurrence.** Report notice issued to the club by email on Tuesday 7th September 2016. **Sandy Albion bringing this matter to the League's attention.** Game won 5-2
 - 3 points gained in the game to be deducted plus one addition point for playing an unregistered player and scoreline to be adjusted to 0-0 but neither side receiving a point for the notional draw. Club fined as per rule, **see item 15 below, reference 2016.10-16**
- ❖ **Shefford Town & Campton A.** In breach of league rule 11B in having failed by the deadline of 5.30pm on Saturday 1st October 2016 to report the result of their game against Kempston Athletic. Report notice issued by email on Sunday 2nd October 2016. Result text received at 6.28pm. **1st Occurrence.**
 - Club warned as per rule, **see item 15 below, reference 2016.10-17**
- ❖ **The 61FC Luton Reserves.** In breach of league rule 11B in having failed by the deadline of 5.30pm on Saturday 24th September 2016 to report the result of their game against Biggleswade United U23. Beds FA Intermediate Cup. Report notice issued by email on Sunday 25th September 2016. **1st Occurrence.**
 - Club warned as per rule, **see item 15 below, reference 2016.10-18**
- ❖ **White Eagles.** In breach of league rule 8B for playing Kazimierz Orzechowski in your game with Sandy Albion on Saturday 24th September 2016 whilst not a registered member of the club. **1st Occurrence.** Report notice issued to club by email on Sunday 25th September 2016. **White Eagles bringing this matter to the leagues attention.** Game lost 0-1.
 - One point to be deducted for playing an unregistered player. Result and score to stand. Club fined as per rule, **see item 15 below, reference 2016.10-19**
- ❖ **Crawley Green Reserves.** Report notice issued by email to club on Monday 19th September 2016 for being in breach of rule 8C in having in their game against AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College Reserves played more than three players (8 in fact) who in the previous 21 days had played for the club in a more Senior competition. Email reply considered.
 - Decision: Match void – to be replayed.
 - **Rule 8[C]** A team shall not include more than 3 players who have taken part in more senior competition matches during the current season unless a period of 21 days has elapsed since they played.
 - For the purpose of this Competition a senior competition is one at a higher level than this Competition in the National League System. Also for the purpose of this rule this includes players from a higher division team, **three of whom may only play in the next lower ranked team of the Club, i.e. first team to second team or second team to third team.** A player who has played 50% of HIS games for the higher division team shall be deemed to be a higher division player. Any additional higher division/senior competition players shall be deemed ineligible and dealt with under rule 8[O]. No such restrictions to HIGHER DIVISION players shall apply to matches played before 1st November or to any player that has played six games or less by 1st January and nine games or less by 15th March.
 - Rule clarification: 'Higher Division' players are those playing in a team in a higher division WITHIN the Bedfordshire County Football League, NOT players from a team playing in another competition. These 'Other Competition, players have the restrictions applied from the start of the season.
- ❖ The League Hop Day was successful though numbers were down because of the poor weather.
- ❖ Total number at midday opening day of season 3rd September 2016. **1509.** Some 62 up on start of season 2015-16.
- ❖ 107 registrations were made between Friday 2nd September and Midday Saturday 3rd September of which 96 were concluded by email/scan. Note: only 50 out of our 63 teams played that day.
- ❖ Total had risen to **1645** by the second weekend of the season and at Sunday 2nd October 2016 was up to **1812**

11 NATIONAL LEAGUE SYSTEM including FACILITIES

- ❖ Pitch Barrier posts and rope will be issued to all Division One Clubs as the season progresses.
 - AFC KEMPSTON TOWN & BEDFORD COLLEGE RESERVES – enclosed 3G at Wixams
 - ELSTOW ABBEY – fully compliant with Step 7 from previous season
 - HENLOW – 6 sets of barrier poles and ropes on 24th September 2016
 - OLD BRADWELL UNITED RESERVES – pitch barrier in place
 - QUEENS PARK CRESCENTS – 2 sets from previous season – additional sets required
 - THE 61 FC [LUTON] RESERVES – fully compliant with Step 7 [1st team SSMFL]
 - TOTTERNHOE RESERVES – fully compliant with Step 7 [1st team SSMFL]
- ❖ Pitch Barrier posts and rope issued to SANDY ALBION FC [Div.3] – 2 sets
- ❖ Club Assistant Referees – see list at end of these minutes. All Club Assistant Referees will be expected to attend a new Beds FA short training course, to be arranged over the next few months, in order to renew the Club Registration.
- ❖ **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.**

12 REPRESENTATIVE FOOTBALL

- ❖ Nothing to report.

13 CHARTER STANDARD LEAGUE

- ❖ As previously reported, League Charter Standard Co-ordinator Roland Simmonds [01234 217688 or 07501059080] will continue to assist Clubs in achieving or maintaining CS status.
- ❖ Work in hand to help Club's renew CS status by completion of Annual Health Check.

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. For next season, get your players to understand the seriousness of being cautioned or sent off for dissent.

15 CURRENT FINES

- ❖ Fines/warnings levied at this meeting:

REF	CLUB	DATE	DESCRIPTION	FINE	PTS	RULE	DUE DATE
2016.10-01	Meltis Albion	02 September 2016	Failure to notify opponents/referee	warning		10-D: 05-D	no fine [1st occur.]
2016.10-02	Crawley Green Reserves	17 September 2016	Failure to notify opponents/referee	warning		10-D: 05-D	no fine [1st occur.]
2016.10-03	CS Rovers	17 September 2016	Failure to notify opponents/referee	warning		10-D: 05-D	no fine [1st occur.]
2016.10-04	Atletico Europa	27 September 2016	Failure to pay fine within 21 days of notice [1st]	£15		05-I	31 October 2016
2016.10-05	Westoning	31 August 2016	new deposit	£75			31 October 2016
2016.10-06	AFC Kempston Town & BC 'A'	17 September 2016	Failure to provide result by deadline	warning		11-B	no fine [1st occur.]
2016.10-07	Bedford Albion	03 September 2016	Playing an ineligible player [1st]	£20	-1	08-O	31 October 2016
2016.10-08	CS Rovers	17 September 2016	Failure to provide result by deadline	warning		11-B	no fine [1st occur.]
2016.10-09	Elstow Abbey	01 October 2016	Failure to provide result by deadline	warning		11-B	no fine [1st occur.]
2016.10-10	Ickleford	24 September 2016	Failure to provide result by deadline	warning		11-B	no fine [1st occur.]
2016.10-11	M&DH Clapham Sports	14 September 2016	Failure to complete online Match Notification by deadline [1st]	warning		11-C	no fine [1st occur.]
2016.10-12	Potton Town	03 September 2016	Playing an ineligible player [1st]	£20	-1	08-O	31 October 2016
2016.10-13	Potton Town	01 October 2016	Failure to provide result by deadline	warning		11-B	no fine [1st occur.]
2016.10-14	Renhold United Reserves	17 September 2016	Failure to provide result by deadline	warning		11-B	no fine [1st occur.]
2016.10-15	Sandy	03 September 2016	Failure to provide result by deadline	warning		11-B	no fine [1st occur.]
2016.10-16	Sandy Albion	03 September 2016	Playing an ineligible player [1st]	£20	-1	08-O	31 October 2016
2016.10-17	Shefford Town & Campton 'A'	01 October 2016	Failure to provide result by deadline	warning		11-B	no fine [1st occur.]
2016.10-18	The 61FC [Luton] Reserves	24 September 2016	Failure to provide result by deadline	warning		11-B	no fine [1st occur.]
2016.10-19	White Eagles	24 September 2016	Playing an ineligible player [1st]	£20	-1	08-O	31 October 2016

16 NEW TEAMS and WITHDRAWALS

- ❖ None

17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- ❖ Agreed to allow Beds FA to purchase suitable device, to be wholly owned by the League, to enable a Beds FA Youth Council member to increase awareness of League matters through the use of Twitter. Initial review on 3rd November,
- ❖ Alan Scott has worked with Charlie Mann [Beds FA] to progress the Marston changing room development. Still a number of issues to resolve before work can commence.
- ❖ Kempston Hammers pitch affected by tree root growth. Chairman to liaise with ground staff to find a solution,
- ❖ Date of next full meeting: **Thursday 3rd November 2016** starting at **7pm at Kempston Rovers FC**
- ❖ There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.12p.m.
- ❖ G. B. Snelson, General Secretary
- ❖ <https://twitter.com/bedscounty1ge>



Club	Assistant Referees
AFC Kempston Town & BC	Nick Evans
AFC Oakley M&DH	Jamie Worker, Colin Alder
Amphill Town Reserves	Steve Janes
Caldecote	Nigel Presland, Dave McCoy, Sid Fage, Mick Swales, Mark Stephens
Cranfield United	Steve Eeles
Flitwick Town	Chris Brydon, Craig Phillips
Ickwell & Old Warden	John Vallom, Dan Threadgold , Leo Saunders
Kempston Rovers Develop	Aiden Diffey
Marston Shelton Rovers	M. Watson, M. Hart
Renhold United	Chris Pimley, R. Singh
Sandy	Colin Osborne, Anthony Roberts, Jackson Seldon
Sharnbrook	<i>#Chris Lander</i> , TBA
Shefford Town & Campton	Keith Cullerton, Graham Earl
Stevington	Gareth King
Wilstead	Graham Croft
Wootton Blue Cross	Glen Freeman
	Training Required #not acceptable if managing team at same match

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