



BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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MINUTES: MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2017

7PM AT AFC KEMPSTON, HILLGROUNDS ROAD, KEMPSTON

MEMBERS PRESENT: Messrs BT Watson [Chairman], P Francis [Vice-Chairman], B Hallybone, B Humphries, PJ Onion, K Redman, GB Snelson [General Secretary]. **CLUB REPRESENTATIVES:** Messrs, G Ingerson [AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College], D Gauntlett [Shefford Town and Campton FC]. **GUEST:** Mr Nick Snelson [Bedfordshire FA]. **APOLOGIES:** Messrs TM Sadler [President], R Leonard, R Simmonds [Elstow Abbey FC and League Charter Standard Coordinator], **LIFE VICE-PRESIDENT:** Mr J Warner. **BEDFORDSHIRE F.A. REPRESENTATIVE:** Mr A Scott

0 ADDITIONAL MATTERS

- ❖ Mr Terry Winter [Ickwell & Old Warden FC] addressed the meeting, questioning the decision made by the Committee regarding Sandy FC. Mr Winter was informed by the Chairman that the original decision would not be changed.

1 PREVIOUS MEETING

- ❖ The minutes of the Management Committee meetings of 5th January 2017 were signed as a true record.

2 MATTERS ARISING

- **Mr Onion joined the meeting at this point.**
- ❖ Groundsman of the Year – Step 7 [and below] leagues to nominate with a return date of 10th February.
- ❖ **The Football Association:**
 - Online Player Registration season 2017-2018 – webinar sessions. Messrs Snelson and Francis attended online.
 - Update from Nick Snelson, Beds FA. Gary Ingerson suggested a 'drop-in' workshop to help Clubs with the new online process, which the league wishes to adopt, and suggested Bedford College as an initial venue. Mr Ingerson to progress this possibility.
 - Trophies need to be engraved sometime over the next few months, but no later than 31st March 2017.
- ❖ League minutes added to website.
- ❖ **Shefford Town & Campton Reserves:** appeal the decision of match vs Elstow Abbey. Mr Dan Gauntlett left the room at this point. The Committee decided the original decision stands. However, the points made in the appeal, together with comments from other Clubs, leads the Committee to propose a rule change regarding player eligibility and the 21 day rule at the June 2017 AGM.

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:**
 - Step 6 promotion application list: **AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College**
 - Grow the Game grants
- ❖ **Bedfordshire Football Association:**
 - Assistant Referee Workshop: for next season - £60 at Beds FA incl tutor - £30 tutor only.
 - Affordable Match filming with FilmMyMatch – circulated to all clubs.
 - Pitch allocation meeting [Bedford Borough] – ideally to be arranged before the start of next season.
 - Pitch allocation meeting [Luton Borough] –
 - Referee Bulletin – January 2017
- ❖ **Wootton Village** re match v Sandy Albion. League has no authority to take any action regarding this match except to make the Referee Appointment Officer at Beds FA aware of the correspondence.
- ❖ **Old Bradwell United Reserves** re player qualification and Club Assistant Referees. Noted, to be considered at March 2017 meeting – rule changes.
- ❖ **Totternhoe Reserves** v Elstow Abbey - Saturday 28th February. Referee did not arrive – Beds FA aware. Home Club expressed appreciation of the support given by Elstow Abbey in providing a referee.
- ❖ BW Trophies – noted.
- ❖ Vivien-Tower Trophies – noted.

4 FINANCE

- ❖ Fines levied at the January 2017 meeting – all paid.
- ❖ Currently renegotiating support deal with former Citroën dealers Wests.
- ❖ Referee Andy Williams attended AFC Dunton following their withdrawal. Agreed League to pay the referee half fee.

5 TROPHIES & MEMENTOES

- ❖ Nothing to report.

6 TRANSFERS

Michal Micharski	White Eagles to Bedford Albion.
Scott Fraser	Sundon Park Rovers to The 61 FC Luton Reserves.
Neville Allen	Renhold United to M&DH Clapham Sports.
James Ashley	AFC Oakley M&DH to Sharnbrook.
Matthew Bruney	AFC Oakley M&DH to Ickwell & Old Warden.
William Wright	Old Bradwell United Reserves to Wootton Blue Cross.
Jordan Bates	Lea Sports PSG to Wootton Blue Cross.
Michael Dring	Sandy Albion to Ickwell & Old Warden.

7 ALTERATIONS TO HANDBOOK

- ❖ Nothing to report.

8 REFEREE SECRETARY REPORT

- ❖ The Referee Secretary gave a general report including Committee Members approaches to referees after matches.

9 FIXTURE REPORT

- ❖ **FREE WEEK REQUESTS:** All requests were agreed.
 - **Sharnbrook:** Saturday 11th February and Saturday 4th March
 - **Sundon Park Rovers:** Saturday 18th February
 - **Potton Town:** Saturday 11th March and Saturday 18th March
 - **Wixams:** Saturday 4th February
 - **Caldecote:** Saturday 25th February
 - **AFC Oakley M&DH:** Saturday 4th March
- ❖ **MATCHES NOT PLAYED, OTHER THAN WEATHER POSTPONEMENTS**
 - Saturday 29th October 2016 Div.2: Atletico Europa v **Potton Town**. Match abandoned – Bedfordshire FA. found Potton Town guilty of causing the match to be abandoned.
 - Match points awarded to Atletico Europa, score 0-0. Rule 10F[v]
 - Saturday 14th January 2017. Jubilee Cup Group H. **Lidlington United Sports** v Wixams. Lidlington United Sports unable to raise a side. **2nd Occurrence.**
 - Match points awarded to Wixams, score 0-0. Lidlington United Sports fined as per rule, see item 15 below, reference 2017.02-01 and deducted 2 match points.
 - Saturday 28th January 2017. Division One. **Cople & Bedford SA** v M&D Clapham Sports. Cople & Bedford SA unable to raise a side. **1st Occurrence.**
 - Match points awarded to M&DH Clapham, score 0-0. Cople & Bedford SA fined as per rule, see item 15 below, reference 2017.02-02 and deducted 1 match point.
 - Saturday 28th January 2017. Jubilee Cup Group B. Riseley Sports v **Clifton**. Clifton unable to raise a side. **3rd Occurrence.**
 - Match points awarded to Riseley Sports, score 0-0. Clifton fined as per rule, see item 15 below, reference 2017.02-03 and deducted 3 match points.
 - Saturday 28th January 2017. Jubilee Cup Group D. Cranfield United Reserves v **Stevington Reserves**. Stevington Reserves unable to raise a team. **1st Occurrence.**
 - Match points awarded to Cranfield United Reserves, score 0-0. Stevington Reserves fined as per rule, see item 15 below, reference 2017.02-04 and deducted 1 match point.
 - Saturday 28th January 2017. Division One. Queens Park Crescents v **Meltis Albion**. Meltis Albion unable to raise a side. **2nd Occurrence.**
 - Match points awarded to Queens Park Crescents, score 0-0. Meltis Albion fined as per rule, see item 15 below, reference 2017.02-05 and deducted 2 match points.
 - Saturday 14th January 2017. Premier Division. **Stevington** v Renhold United. Stevington used substitute players as Club Assistant Referee. **1st Occurrence.**
 - Club warned that any further breaches of this requirement this season will result in a charge under Rule 5D.

10 REGISTRATIONS, RESULTS, PRESS & MEDIA SECRETARY REPORT

- ❖ **THE FOLLOWING ARE STANDARD DECISIONS AS PER RULE REQUIRING RATIFICATION BY FULL COMMITTEE:**
 - **AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College Reserves:** In breach of league rule 11C in failing to load onto Full Time by the deadline of Wednesday Midnight 25th January 2017 their result sheet for their game played on Saturday 21st January 2017 against Cople & Bedfords SA. Report notice issued to club by email on Thursday 26th January 2017. Result sheet loaded Thursday 26th January 2017. **2nd Occurrence.**
 - Club fined as per rule, see item 15 below, reference 2017.02-06
 - **Bedford Albion:** In breach of league rule 11B in failing by the deadline of 5pm to report the result of their game against Clifton on Saturday 21st January. Result text received 6.36pm Report notice issued to club by email Sunday 22nd January 2017. **1st Occurrence.**
 - Club warned as per rule, see item 15 below, reference 2017.02-07
 - **Clifton:** In breach of league rule 11C in failing to load onto Full Time by the deadline of Wednesday Midnight 25th January 2017 their result sheet for their game played on Saturday 21st January 2017 against Bedford Albion Report notice issued to club by email on Thursday 26th January 2017. Result sheet loaded Thursday 26th January 2017. **1st Occurrence.**
 - Club warned as per rule, see item 15 below, reference 2017.02-08
 - **CS Rovers:** In breach of league rule 11C in failing to load onto Full Time by the deadline of Wednesday Midnight 11th January 2017 their result sheet for their game played on Saturday 7th January 2017 against Kempston Athletic. Report notice issued to club by email on Thursday 12th January 2017. Result sheet loaded Thursday 12th January 2017. **3rd Occurrence.**
 - Club warned as per rule, see item 15 below, reference 2017.02-09
 - **Flitwick Town:** In breach of league rule 11B in failing by the deadline of 5pm to report the result of their game against Renhold United on Saturday 7th January. Result text received 5.09pm. Report notice issued to club by email Sunday 8th January 2017. **2nd Occurrence.**
 - Club fined as per rule, see item 15 below, reference 2017.02-10
 - **Flitwick Town A:** In breach of league rule 11C in failing to load onto Full Time by the deadline of Wednesday Midnight 11th January 2017 their result sheet for their game played on Saturday 7th January 2017 against Wilstead Reserves. Report notice issued to club by email on Thursday 12th January 2017. Result sheet loaded Friday 13th January 2017. **1st Occurrence.**
 - Club warned as per rule, see item 15 below, reference 2017.02-11
 - **Flitwick Town Reserves:** In breach of league rule 11C in failing to load onto Full Time by the deadline of Wednesday Midnight 11th January 2017 their result sheet for their game played on Saturday 7th January 2017 against Potton Town. Report notice issued to club by email on Thursday 12th January 2017. Result sheet loaded Friday 13th January 2017. **1st Occurrence.**
 - Club warned as per rule, see item 15 below, reference 2017.02-12
 - **Henlow Reserves:** In breach of league rule 11B in failing by the deadline of 5pm to report the result of their game against Cranfield United Reserves on Saturday 7th January. Result text received 5.25pm. Report notice issued to club by email Sunday 8th January 2017. **1st Occurrence.**

- Club warned as per rule, **see item 15 below, reference 2017.02-13**
- **Henlow Reserves:** In breach of league rule 11c in failing to load onto Full Time by the deadline of Wednesday Midnight 18th January 2017 their result sheet for their game played on Saturday 14th January 2017 against Sandy Albion..Report notice issued to club by email on Thursday 19th January 2017. Result Sheet Loaded Thursday 19th January 2017. **3rd Occurrence.**
- Club fined as per rule, **see item 15 below, reference 2017.02-14**
- **Houghton Athletic:** In breach of league rule 11C in failing to load onto Full Time by the deadline of Wednesday Midnight 25th January 2017 their result sheet for their game played on Saturday 21st January 2017 against Wilstead Reserves. Report notice issued to club by email on Thursday 26th January 2017. Result sheet loaded Thursday 26th January 2017. **2nd Occurrence.**
- Club fined as per rule, **see item 15 below, reference 2017.02-15**
- **Shefford Town & Campton A:** In breach of league rule 11B in failing by the deadline of 5pm to report the result of their game against Wixams on Saturday 7th January. Result text received 6.44pm. Report notice issued to club by email Sunday 8th January 2017. **2nd Occurrence.**
- Club fined as per rule, **see item 15 below, reference 2017.02-16**
- **Stevington:** In breach of league rule 11B in failing by the deadline of 5pm to report the result of their game against AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College on Saturday 21st January. Result text received 5.20pm. Report notice issued to club by email Sunday 22nd January 2017. **1st Occurrence.**
- Club warned as per rule, **see item 15 below, reference 2017.02-17**
- **White Eagles:** In breach of league rule 11C in failing to load onto Full Time by the deadline of Wednesday Midnight 18th January 2017 their result sheet for their game played on Saturday 14th January 2017 against Flitwick Town Reserves . Report notice issued to club by email on Thursday 19th January 2017. Result Sheet loaded Thursday 19th January 2017. **1st Occurrence.**
- Club warned as per rule, **see item 15 below, reference 2017.02-18**
- **White Eagles:** In breach of league rule 11B in failing by the deadline of 5pm to report the result of their game against Harlington on Saturday 21st January. Result text received Sunday 22nd January 12.03pm. Report notice issued to club by email Sunday 22nd January 2017. **1st Occurrence.**
- Club warned as per rule, **see item 15 below, reference 2017.02-19**
- **Wootton Blue Cross:** In breach of league rule 11B in failing by the deadline of 5pm to report the result of their game against Flitwick Town on Saturday 21st January. Result text received 5.13pm. Report notice issued to club by email Sunday 22nd January 2017. **1st Occurrence.**
- Club warned as per rule, **see item 15 below, reference 2017.02-20**

❖ **THE FOLLOWING REQUIRE DECISIONS BY FULL COMMITTEE:**

- **Renhold United:** To consider the charge issued to Renhold United by email on Friday 6th January 2016 that in their game against Kempston Rovers Development on Saturday 22nd October 2016 they included in their team Jason Allison who at the time was under Beds FA Suspension. Game won 2-1. **1st Occurrence.** Club sought advice from league prior to the match and, as a result of qualification changes, received incorrect information. Matter referred by Renhold United to Football Association. League awaiting outcome of the appeal.
- **The 61 FC Luton Reserves:** To consider the charge issued to The 61FC Luton Reserves by email on Friday 6th January 2016 that in their game against Cople & Bedford SA on Saturday 17th December 2016 they included in their team Matthew Conway an unregistered player whose name was not included on their teamsheet or result sheet for the game. Game won 3-2. The available evidence is deemed inconclusive. The result to stand.

❖ Total number of registered players to 28 January 2017: **2195**

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.**

12 REPRESENTATIVE FOOTBALL

❖ Awaiting draw for the National League System Cup.

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.
- ❖ Poor response to date. Clubs are reminded of the League requirement for all Clubs to attain CS status.

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 following teams **newly added** have reached stage R6 [6 cautions] and have received a warning from Beds FA:
 - **PREMIER DIVISION:** Ickwell & Old Warden, Marston Shelton Rovers, Wootton Blue Cross, **Stevington, Shefford Town & Campton.**
 - **OTHER DIVISIONS:** Crawley Green Reserves, Meltis Albion, **Cople & Bedford SA**
- The following team has reached stage R10 [10 cautions] and has received a £75 fine from Beds FA:
 - **PREMIER DIVISION:** **Caldecote**
- Teams reaching this stage will be fined, by the Beds FA, £75 for Premier Division teams and £50 for all other teams. Teams reaching stage R15 [15 cautions] will be fined £150 for Premier Division teams and £100 for all other teams.

15 CURRENT FINES

❖ Fines/warnings levied at this meeting:

REF	CLUB	DATE	DESCRIPTION	FINE	PTS	RULE	DUE DATE
2017.02-01	Lidlington United Sports	14 January 2017	Failure to fulfill a fixture [Sat 2nd]	£25	-1	10-F	27 February 2017
2017.02-02	Cople & Bedford SA	28 January 2017	Failure to fulfill a fixture [Sat 1st]	£25	-1	10-F	27 February 2017
2017.02-03	Clifton	28 January 2017	Failure to fulfill a fixture [Sat 3rd]	£25	-1	10-F	27 February 2017

2017.02-04	Stevington Res	28 January 2017	Failure to fulfill a fixture [Sat 1st]	£25	-1	10-F	27 February 2017
2017.02-05	Meltis Albion	28 January 2017	Failure to fulfill a fixture [Sat 2nd]	£25	-1	10-F	27 February 2017
2017.02-06	AFC Kempston Town & BC Res	21 January 2017	Failure to complete online Match Notification by deadline [2nd]	£15		11-C	27 February 2017
2017.02-07	Bedford Albion	21 January 2017	Failure to provide result by deadline [1st]	warning		11-B	no fine
2017.02-08	Clifton	21 January 2017	Failure to complete online Match Notification by deadline [1st]	warning		11-C	no fine
2017.02-09	CS Rovers	07 January 2017	Failure to complete online Match Notification by deadline [3rd]	£15		11-C	27 February 2017
2017.02-10	Flitwick Town	07 January 2017	Failure to provide result by deadline [2nd]	£15		11-B	27 February 2017
2017.02-11	Flitwick Town 'A'	07 January 2017	Failure to complete online Match Notification by deadline [1st]	warning		11-C	no fine
2017.02-12	Flitwick Town Res	07 January 2017	Failure to complete online Match Notification by deadline [1st]	warning		11-C	no fine
2017.02-13	Henlow Res	07 January 2017	Failure to provide result by deadline [1st]	warning		11-B	no fine
2017.02-14	Henlow Res	14 January 2017	Failure to complete online Match Notification by deadline [3rd]	£15		11-C	27 February 2017
2017.02-15	Houghton Athletic	21 January 2017	Failure to complete online Match Notification by deadline [2nd]	£15		11-C	27 February 2017
2017.02-16	Shefford Town & Campton 'A'	07 January 2017	Failure to provide result by deadline [2nd]	£15		11-B	27 February 2017
2017.02-17	Stevington	21 January 2017	Failure to provide result by deadline [1st]	warning		11-B	no fine
2017.02-18	White Eagles	14 January 2017	Failure to complete online Match Notification by deadline [1st]	warning		11-C	27 February 2017
2017.02-19	White Eagles	21 January 2017	Failure to provide result by deadline [1st]	warning		11-B	no fine
2017.02-20	Wootton Blue Cross	21 January 2017	Failure to provide result by deadline [1st]	warning		11-B	no fine

PAYMENT DETAILS FOR FEBRUARY 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

- ❖ New Teams: **Bedford Albion Reserves** – provisionally accepted – confirmation at April meeting of the Management Committee.

17 LEAGUE DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW

- ❖ Bedfordshire FA support to be reviewed at the March meeting of the Management Committee.

18 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- ❖ Date of next full meeting: **Thursday 2nd March 2017** starting at **7pm at Kempston Rovers FC**
- ❖ **League owned DELL INSPIRON 530S PC [cleaned ready for software (not included)], plus monitor, keyboard [no mouse], printer and scanner available free to any Club. Contact General Secretary. Decision at March Management Committee meeting if more than one expression of interest.**
- ❖ Footballs season 2017-2018 – decision to be taken at March meeting of the Management Committee.
- ❖ Mr Onion reported on the health of our President Mr Sadler and also Life Vice-President Mr Dennis Martin.
- ❖ There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.07p.m.
- ❖ G. B. Snelson, General Secretary
- ❖ <https://twitter.com/bedscountylge>



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