



BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

PRESIDENT: MR T. SADLER

HON GENERAL SECRETARY: MR G. B. SNELSON

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MINUTES: MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2020

At Elstow Playing Field Pavilion, starting at 7pm

MEMBERS: Messrs BT Watson [Chairman], P Francis [Vice-Chairman, 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: Mr R Simmonds [Elstow Abbey FC & League Charter Standard Coordinator], D Gauntlett [Shefford Town & Campton FC].

APOLOGIES: Messrs TM Sadler, M Benson [Treasurer].

1. PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- ❖ The minutes of the Management Committee meetings held on 10th September 2020 agreed for signature.

2. MATTERS ARISING

- ❖ None

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**
 - No annual health check season 2020-2021 – CS Clubs
 - CS League Rewards for the 2020-2021 season
 - Covid-19: NHS QR Codes
 - Covid-19: FAQ's
- ❖ **Bedfordshire FA**
 - County Cup draws

4. FINANCE

- ❖ All previous financial documentation now passed to the new Treasurer, who is currently running a personal account in conjunction with the old bank account. These arrangements will continue until changes can be made to the old account to make it fit for purpose, or a new account is raised. These actions are in hand but **until the changes are made the account details listed under item 15 are to be used.**

5. TROPHIES & MEMENTOES

- ❖ Nothing to report.

6. TRANSFERS

- ❖ Lucas Banton. Bedford Albion to Bedford SA
- ❖ Kyle Lewis. Kempston Rovers to Brickhill Wanderers
- ❖ Dominic Loadman. Riseley Sports to Cranfield United.
- ❖ Brett Davis. Bedford Albion to Eaton Park Rangers.
- ❖ Jack Dryer. Shefford Town & Campton to Biggleswade FC
- ❖ Ash Boness. Biggleswade FC to Shefford Town & Campton
- ❖ Fredrick Skolnick. Real Haynes to Wilstead
- ❖ Steve Muggerridge. Kempston Athletic to Blunham.
- ❖ Jamie Andrews. Ampthill Town Development to Pitstone & Ivinghoe Reserves
- ❖ Diaz Ali. 61 FC Luton Reserves to Sundon Park Rangers.

7. ALTERATIONS TO HANDBOOK

- ❖ New season online handbook available from 3rd October 2020.

8. REFEREE SECRETARY REPORT & REFEREEING MATTERS

- ❖ Very good referee coverage for all Saturdays in October.
- ❖ The Secretary will contact Premier Division Clubs to make them aware that, where possible, neutral assistants will be appointed to their matches. As the fees for these officials will be paid for by the HOME Club, matches with three officials will currently be selective in order to even out the Club expenditure.
- ❖ The Secretary wishes to record the excellent support he has received from Bedfordshire FA, and Jose Gomes in particular.
- ❖ The Secretary has requested a list of Referee Promotion Candidates to add appointments.

9. FIXTURE REPORT

- ❖ Fixtures commenced on 26th September 2020.
- ❖ Reminder to all Clubs that in the present situation, social distancing MUST be observed throughout a match, applying to substitutes and club officials in the Technical Area as well as Spectators around the pitch.
- ❖ Premier Division Clubs are reminded that, for a particular match, nominated substitute players or team managers are NOT allowed to act as Club Assistant Referees.

10. REGISTRATIONS, RESULTS, PRESS & MEDIA SECRETARY REPORT

- ❖ Registrations at Midday 26th September 2020 : **2225**
- ❖ **REPORT NOTICES**
 - Issued on Sunday 27th September 2020 clubs/teams in breach of league rule 21B in failing to report the result of their game on Saturday 26th September 2020 by the deadline of 5.30pm

- **Stopsley United** (result text received at 6.34pm) **FC Polonia (Luton)** (result text received at 7.38pm) **Harlington Juniors** (result text received at 6.33pm) **Luton Allstars** (result text received at 6.05pm) **M&DH Clapham Saturday** (no result received) **Square FC.** (result text received at 7.30pm) **Sandy Reserves** (result text received at 5.59pm)
- **All Clubs are reminded of the requirements for reporting results:**
 - **RULE 21[B]** The Home Club shall report the result of each Competition Match to the Press and Media [Results] Secretary within one hour of the end of the match. In the event of a County Cup tie, the Home Club shall report the result if both Clubs are members of the Bedfordshire County Football League. If only the Away Club is a member of the League, then the Away Club shall report the result. Failure to do so will incur a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
 - All above Clubs warned as per rule, **see item 18 below, references 2020.10-01 to -07 inclusive**
- ❖ **CHARGE NOTICES**
 - Issued on Sunday 27th September 2020 for being in breach of league rule18M
 - **Biggleswade United U23.** In having played in their game against Queens Park Crescents on Saturday 26th September 2020 one Justin Dass who had the time of the game was not a registered player with the club for season 2020-21. (game lost 2-5) Club informed the league of this mistake prior to the charge being issued. Letter of mitigation to consider.
 - Club fined as per rule and deducted 1[one] penalty point, **see item 18 below, references 2020.10-08**
- ❖ **OTHER MATTERS**
 - Pleased to report the problems with access to Whole Game reported last month disappeared within days of the September committee meeting and all seems back to normal.
 - Problems with player registration going across from Whole Game into Full Time were a major issue until virtually being resolved just 48 hours of the season kicking off last weekend.
 - The season opened last weekend with just three outstanding issues:
 - AFC Bedford United not going across to Full Time (suspect their name change from Beds AP being the reason) – MATTER RESOLVED
 - AFC Oakley Reserves being unable to attach their players in Whole Game to their team, (no issues with the first team) matter again in the hands of the Beds FA support team. MATTER CONTINUING
 - Whole Game not allowing the league to approve one player from Biggleswade FC Reserves into the system. MATTER RESOLVED

11. NATIONAL LEAGUE SYSTEM including FACILITIES

- ❖ **Team Shelters:** Shelters to be purchased for **AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College/Renhold FC, Flitwick Town, Wilstead and Stevington.** Shelters will be required for **Marston Shelton Rovers** on their return to Marston.
 - Sets to be ordered for the above Clubs. 10 sets @ £169.99 [2019 price] = £1699.90

12. REPRESENTATIVE FOOTBALL

- ❖ Nothing to report.

13. CHARTER STANDARD LEAGUE

- ❖ Nothing to report.

14. RESPECT and COUNTY FA DISCIPLINE

- ❖ Nothing to report.

15. CURRENT FINES

REF	CLUB	DATE	DESCRIPTION	FINE/cost	PTS	RULE	DUE DATE
2020.10-01	Stopsley United	26/09/2020	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT BY DEADLINE	£0		21[B]	WARNING
2020.10-02	FC Polonia [Luton]	26/09/2020	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT BY DEADLINE	£0		21[B]	WARNING
2020.10-03	Harlington Juniors	26/09/2020	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT BY DEADLINE	£0		21[B]	WARNING
2020.10-04	Luton Allstars	26/09/2020	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT BY DEADLINE	£0		21[B]	WARNING
2020.10-05	M&DH Clapham Sports	26/09/2020	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT BY DEADLINE	£0		21[B]	WARNING
2020.10-06	Square FC	26/09/2020	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT BY DEADLINE	£0		21[B]	WARNING
2020.10-07	Sandy Reserves	26/09/2020	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT BY DEADLINE	£0		21[B]	WARNING
2020.10-08	Biggleswade United u23	26/09/2020	PLAYING AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER – FIRST OCCURRENCE	£20	-1	18[N] - 20[F]	19 October 2020

- ❖ **Account Number 50319325 Sort Code 20-71-35.**
- ❖ • PAY BY BACS TRANSFER ONLY [Bankers' Automated Clearing System] - no cheques or cash at present.
- ❖ • Please add your CLUB NAME as the reference for the transfer.
- ❖ • Please text 07825351113 to confirm payment has been made, or email mbenson@premiercables.com. Your receipt will then be raised.
- ❖ • **PLEASE NOTE:** The account is Personal in the name of League Treasure Mr M I Benson (FYI. It is a dedicated account for the League while we change the main League accounts to an online version.

16. APPLICATIONS & WITHDRAWALS

- ❖ Nothing to report.

17. LEAGUE DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW

- ❖ **FAIR PLAY AWARDS 2020-2021:** Will be based upon the full season statistics.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

❖ TEAM SHEETS

- **RULE 20[F] states:** The referee shall be informed of the names of all players, including the substitute players. Both teams must exchange Team Sheets with each other in the presence of the referee not later than FIFTEEN [15] minutes before the start of the Competition Match and a player not so named shall be deemed ineligible and may not take part in that Competition Match.
- Clubs must retain all Team Sheets for the current season for possible inspection.
- Failure to do so will incur a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
 - **Under current Covid-19 guidelines, paper team sheets may still be exchanged but an exchange by electronic means is preferable. IN ALL CASES an exchange must be completed as per rule.**

- ❖ There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.52 p.m.

- ❖ G. B. Snelson, General Secretary

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