



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 JULY 2021

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: R Simmonds [Elstow Abbey FC & League Charter Standard Coordinator], D Gauntlett [Shefford Town & Campton FC]. **GUEST** [with view to co-opt]: Mr Gary Sales.

APOLOGY: Mr TM Sadler [President], M Benson [Treasurer].

1. PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- ❖ The minutes of the Management Committee meetings held on 3rd June 2021 were agreed for signature.

2. MATTERS ARISING

- ❖ Charter Standard League voucher code to use on Nike kit – 5 footballs for league use ordered and delivered.

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**
 - Update SCOR, as agreed by The FA Council.
- ❖ **Bedfordshire FA**
 - Nothing to report.

4. FINANCE

- ❖ See item 18 below - **Any Other Business**

5. TROPHIES & MEMENTOES

- ❖ Mementoes purchased for the Match Officials in Supplementary Cup 'D' Final to mark their first appointment.

6. TRANSFERS

- ❖ Nothing to report.

7. ALTERATIONS TO HANDBOOK

- ❖ Nothing to report.

8. REFEREE SECRETARY REPORT & REFEREEING MATTERS

- ❖ Both Bedfordshire FA and the League are keen to seriously explore the possibility of appointing Neutral Assistant Referees to Premier Division matches. The appointments could be made much easier with a large increase in referee fees, but the League is aware of the costs involved to Clubs and do not see this necessarily as the way forward.
- ❖ However, the standard of 'lining' has to be improved in the Premier and the league will look at how this can be achieved.

9. FIXTURE REPORT

- ❖ Fixture release date targeted for 7th August 2021. Fixture start date targeted for Saturday 4th September 2021.

10. REGISTRATIONS, RESULTS, PRESS & MEDIA SECRETARY REPORT

- ❖ Nothing to report.

11. NATIONAL LEAGUE SYSTEM including FACILITIES

- ❖ Nothing new to report.

12. REPRESENTATIVE FOOTBALL

- ❖ Nothing to report.

13. CHARTER STANDARD LEAGUE

- ❖ Nothing new to report.

14. RESPECT and COUNTY FA DISCIPLINE

- ❖ Nothing to report.

15. CURRENT FINES

- ❖ All included in Club Invoice. All monies to be paid by date of AGM.

16. APPLICATIONS & WITHDRAWALS

INTERVIEWS WITH PROSPECTIVE NEW CLUBS/TEAMS

- ❖ **APPLICATIONS: ACCEPTED:** Potton United FC Reserves, Bedford Town FC Youth Development, Barton Rovers FC Reserves, Luton Panthers FC, Brache Pheonix FC, Newman United FC, Woodside FC, Clifton FC Reserves, Harlington Juniors FC Reserves, M&DH Clapham Sports FC Reserves, Sporting Carpathians Reserves, Wootton Blue Cross FC Reserves
- ❖ **RENAMED:** Kempston Athletic to **KA Great Barford FC**, Real Haynes to **FC Haynes**

- ❖ **WITHDRAWALS:** Amptill Town FC Development, Langford FC Reserves, Pines [Luton] FC, Houghton Athletic FC, Luton Leagrave FC, Luton Allstars FC, Sundon Park Rangers Development.

17. LEAGUE DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW

- ❖ Nothing further to report.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- ❖ **Date of Annual General Meeting:** Amended to **7th July 2021** in Great Barford Village Hall.
 - Agreed arrangements as per AGM Agenda
 - Proposed Officers and Committee Members for season 2021-2022 were finalised.
 - **Finance arrangements season 2021-2022**
 - The Treasurer Mark Benson has indicated he wishes to step down. Bedfordshire FA has offered to administer the finances of the League, an offer the Committee will accept.
- ❖ **The Chairman gave his apologies and left the meeting at this point.**
- ❖ **Formation of Divisions season 2021-2022**
 - The provisional formation was completed with 82 teams in 5 divisions.
 - The formation will be adjusted if necessary as a result of appeals from Clubs.
 - **PLEASE NOTE that teams withdrawing after the AGM will be fined.**
- ❖ There being no other business the Vice-Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25p.m.
- ❖ G. B. Snelson, General Secretary



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