



BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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MINUTES: MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 1ST APRIL 2021

ONLINE [ZOOM] STARTING AT 6pm

- ❖ **MEMBERS:** Messrs P Francis [Vice-Chairman, Registration and Media Secretary], GB Snelson [General and Fixture Secretary]. **CLUB REPRESENTATIVE:** D Gauntlett [Shefford Town & Campton FC]

INTERVIEWS WITH PROSPECTIVE NEW CLUBS/TEAMS

- ❖ 6pm – **POTTON UNITED FC RESERVES**
 - Represented by Secretary Bev Strong and Chairman Alan Riley
 - The Representatives were asked numerous questions by the sub-committee regarding their organisation and plans for the forthcoming season.
 - The sub-committee agreed to recommend the team be accepted into the League for season 2021-2022, preferably at Division One level.
- ❖ 6.15pm – **BEDFORD TOWN FC YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**
 - Represented by Dennis O'Meara, Chairman
 - The Representative was asked numerous questions by the sub-committee regarding their organisation and plans for the forthcoming season.
 - The sub-committee agreed to recommend the team be accepted into the League for season 2021-2022, preferably at Division One level.
- ❖ 6.30pm – **DYNAMO LUTON FC**
- ❖ Nobody attended to represent the Club. The General Secretary to follow this up and, if necessary, rearrange a meeting.

MINUTES: MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 1ST APRIL 2021

ONLINE [ZOOM] 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:** D Gauntlett [Shefford Town & Campton FC], R Simmonds [Elstow Abbey FC & League Charter Standard Coordinator]. **APOLOGIES:** Mr TM Sadler [President], M Benson [Treasurer].

01. OBITUARY

- ❖ **ROWLAND BARTRAM, Elstow Abbey FC**
 - Rowland was connected with Elstow Playing Field and Elstow Abbey Football Club for many, many years during which time he filled various positions. A former player with the Club, Rowland continued to attend matches at Elstow when he could. Rowland died in March 2021 aged 89.

1. PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- ❖ The minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on 4th March 2021 were agreed for signature.
- ❖ No minutes were produced for the additional meetings held on Thursday 18th March 2021 [Supplementary Cup arrangements] and Tuesday 23rd March [Rule Changes].

2. MATTERS ARISING

- ❖ Provisional end of year accounts – see under **Finance** below.

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**
 - To: **Regional NLS Feeder Leagues** – information on The FA Grassroots Strategy 2020-24. Noted.
 - FA Competitions 2021-22 – Online Application. Forwarded to **Cranfield United**, the only BCFL Club eligible to apply.
- ❖ **Bedfordshire FA**
 - FA Charter Standard League – Status Renewal. General Secretary to action with support from Mr Simmonds and Beds FA.
 - Charter Standard League voucher code to use on Nike kit or equipment from The FA Charter Standard kit store. Value £105 valid to 30th June 2021. Management Committee to propose possible purchase.

4. FINANCE

- ❖ New banking arrangements – no current activity.
- ❖ Provisional end of year accounts – matter continuing.

5. TROPHIES & MEMENTOES

- ❖ Nothing to report.

6. TRANSFERS

- ❖ Nothing to report.

7. ALTERATIONS TO HANDBOOK

- ❖ Nothing to report.

8. REFEREE SECRETARY REPORT & REFEREEING MATTERS

- ❖ Referee coverage in all Supplementary Competitions is forecast to be good.

9. FIXTURE REPORT

- ❖ **Supplementary Competitions season 2020-2021**
 - Four Supplementary Competitions will be arranged from April 10th, namely:
 - **SUPPLEMENTARY Division 'A'** – comprising teams from Premier Division.
 - **SUPPLEMENTARY Division 'B'** – comprising teams from Divisions 1A and 1B
 - **SUPPLEMENTARY Division 'C'** – comprising teams from Division 2, supplemented with teams from the top of Division 3 [based on points per match up to and including 19th December 2020]
 - **SUPPLEMENTARY Division 'D'** – comprising teams from Division 4, supplemented with teams from the remainder of Division 3.
 - Each Supplementary Division will comprise a number of Groups, the winning teams to play semi-finals, and a final preferably when spectators can return.
- ❖ Virtual season 2020-2021 to continue but to be completed by April 9th at the latest.

10. REGISTRATIONS, RESULTS, PRESS & MEDIA SECRETARY REPORT

- ❖ Registrations Season 2020-21. **2685**. (includes 935 to be invoiced)
- ❖ Transfers Season 2020-21. **63**
- ❖ **Report Notices** None.
- ❖ **Charge Notices** None.
- ❖ **Other Matters** None.
- ❖ **Requests from Clubs to sign additional players for the Supplementary Competitions**
 - The following Clubs/Teams have requested authorisation to sign additional players to play in the Supplementary Competitions: **AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College, AFC Oakley, Marston Shelton Rovers, Sporting Carpathians, Sundon Park Rangers and Bedford Albion** [via Bedfordshire FA].
 - The reasons for the request varied, but the Committee decided that, as the Competitions are organised mainly to allow current players a game of football, and as there are no restrictions on playing any player correctly registered and attached to a BCFL team, there would be no variation from Supplementary Competition Rules which state that registrations and transfers were frozen from 4th March.

11. NATIONAL LEAGUE SYSTEM including FACILITIES

- ❖ Nothing new to report.

12. REPRESENTATIVE FOOTBALL

- ❖ Nothing to report.

13. CHARTER STANDARD LEAGUE

- ❖ All on hold with Health Checks and Accreditation extended due to pandemic.

14. RESPECT and COUNTY FA DISCIPLINE

- ❖ Nothing to report.

15. CURRENT FINES

❖ **REVIEW OF OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS: UPDATE**

All outstanding payments were paid by Monday 15th March 2021, with exception of **Atletico Europa** and **Houghton Athletic**. Atletico Europa suggested they had paid the debt to Bedfordshire FA, but staff at Beds FA could not confirm any payment, which if received would have been queried with the Club.

Therefore the deposits of both these Clubs have been forfeited and used to pay the under-mentioned debts.

REF	CLUB	DATE	DESCRIPTION	FINE/ cost	PTS	RULE	DUE DATE
2020.11-30	Atletico Europa	31/10/2020	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT BY DEADLINE	£15.00		21[B]	
2021.01-13	Atletico Europa	30/11/2020	FAILURE TO PAY FINE WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15.00		6[I]	
	Atletico Europa		TOTAL TO PAY	£30.00			15-Mar-21
2020.11-20	Houghton Athletic	17/10/2020	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT BY DEADLINE	£15.00		21[B]	
2020.11-34	Houghton Athletic	31/10/2020	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15.00		21[C]	
2021.01-15	Houghton Athletic	30/11/2020	FAILURE TO PAY FINE WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15.00		6[I]	
2021.01-08	Houghton Athletic	19/12/2020	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15.00		21[C]	
	Houghton Athletic		TOTAL TO PAY	£60.00			15-Mar-21

16. APPLICATIONS & WITHDRAWALS

- ❖ **APPLICATIONS:** The following Clubs/Teams met with a Management sub-Committee with a recommendation for acceptance. The Committee agreed to accept **Potton United FC Reserves** and **Bedford Town FC Youth Development**. Applications have also been received from **Dynamo Luton FC** and [post meeting] **Luton Panthers FC**. A meeting with these Clubs will be arranged.

- ❖ **WITHDRAWALS:** None

17. LEAGUE DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW

- ❖ Nothing further to report.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- ❖ **Date of Annual General Meeting.** It was agreed to explore the possibility of moving the date of the AGM forward by a week or so to allow a full meeting in Great Barford Village Hall.
- ❖ **Rule changes season 2021-2022.** These will be submitted to Bedfordshire FA shortly after Management Committee agreement on 1st April.
- ❖ **Subscriptions season 2021-2022.** Newly entered Clubs will be required to pay the full subscription and League Deposit, as will be the Clubs which have not cleared their debts to the league in accordance with item 15 above. **For all other Clubs, including those Clubs which decided not to enter for season 2020-2021 for Covid reasons, there will be no subscription charge for the second season running.**
- ❖ **Formation of Divisions season 2021-2022.** The current format of Premier and two Divisions One will be continued into season 2021-2022.
- ❖ There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10p.m.
- ❖ G. B. Snelson, General Secretary



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Signed..... BT Watson, Chair ##



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