



BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

PRESIDENT: MR B. WATSON

HON GENERAL SECRETARY: MR G. B. SNELSON

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MINUTES: MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2023

AT CRANFIELD PAVILION STARTING AT 7pm

MEMBERS: BT Watson [President], P Francis [Chair, Registration and Media Secretary], M Baxter, B Hallybone [Assistant Referee Secretary], R Horswell [Referee Secretary], K Redman, GB Snelson [General and Fixture Secretary], A Young [Treasurer].

CLUB REPRESENTATIVES: R Simmonds [Elstow Abbey FC, Vice -Chair & League Charter Standard Coordinator], D Gauntlett [Shefford Town & Campton FC], P Smailes [Biggleswade FC].

INVITATION TO ATTEND: Mr P Onion [Life Vice-President] - not in attendance

APOLOGIES: None

1. PREVIOUS MEETING

- ❖ The minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on 5th January 2023 were agreed for signature as a true record.

2. MATTERS ARISING

- ❖ Outstanding payments: **Bedford Wanderers** and **Atletico Europa** both cleared their debt.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

- ❖ **The Football Association:**
- ❖ **Bedfordshire FA:**
 - All covered elsewhere in the minutes.
- ❖ **Lea Sports PSG** – 50th Anniversary Pennant, now on display in League trophy cabinet at Bedfordshire FA, and plans for redevelopment of pavilion at Pirton.

4. FINANCE

- ❖ **INDIVIDUAL CLUB INVOICES WILL AGAIN BE PUBLISHED TO CLUBS LISTED UNDER ITEM 15 BELOW.**
- ❖ **Review of all outstanding payments:**
 - ▶ All payments have either been paid or The Treasurer is in contact with all defaulting teams arranging payments or payment plans.
 - ▶ A complete update will be provided at the **MARCH 2023** meeting.
- ❖ To conclude the matter of the outstanding debt of **Pitstone & Ivinghoe Reserves** from season 2021-2022 [£150], the Club has been offered a reduced payment of £75 to be paid by the end of January. The Club has accepted these terms.

5. TROPHIES & MEMENTOES

- ❖ Premier Division Trophy now with repairers. Matter continuing.
- ❖ Mementoes for the season to be ordered in the near future.

6. TRANSFERS

- ❖ Ryan Smith. Barton Rovers Reserves to Totternhoe Reserves
- ❖ Ryan Smith. Totternhoe Reserves to Barton Rovers Reserves.
- ❖ Joe Ryan. Stotfold Development to Shefford Town & Campton Reserves
- ❖ Charlie Nicholson. Barton Rovers Reserves to Lea Sports PSG
- ❖ Vivay Atkinson. The 61 FC Luton Reserves to Brache Phoenix.
- ❖ Jordan McGoldrick. Meltis Rangers to AFC Kempston Town Hammers
- ❖ Michael Freeman. Sandy to Clifton.
- ❖ Neville Allen. Ickwell & Old Warden to AFC Oakley.
- ❖ Jamie Warne. Flitwick Town to FC Haynes
- ❖ Joseph Santoriello. Kempston Athletic to Elstow Abbey
- ❖ Gary King. The 61 FC Luton Reserves to Brache Phoenix.
- ❖ Stephen Champion. Elstow Abbey to M&DH Clapham Sports
- ❖ Luke Masih. Elstow Abbey to Kempston Athletic.
- ❖ Ali Mohlyalden. Barton Rovers Reserves to Elstow Abbey.
- ❖ Tyler Hart. Barton Rovers Reserves to Elstow Abbey.
- ❖ Gavin Cheema. Elstow Abbey to Bedford Albion.
- ❖ Alexander Maxwell. Cranfield United to Shefford Town & Campton Reserves.
- ❖ Ian East. AFC Kempston Town Hammers to Biggleswade FC Reserves

7. ALTERATIONS TO HANDBOOK

- ❖ **Post meeting:** New release of online League Handbook – Revision 3 dated 13th February 2023.

8. REFEREE SECRETARY REPORT & REFEREEING MATTERS

- ❖ **Saturday 7th January**
 - ▶ Renhold v Bedford Town Development: **Bedford Town Development** no low referee report form
 - ▶ Bedford Albion v Kempston Rovers Academy: **Kempston Rovers Academy** late team sheet 2pm causing late kick off 2-10pm
 - ▶ Bedford Wanderers v Catsbrook Wanderers: **Catsbrook Wanderers** no low referee report form
- ❖ **Saturday 14th January**
 - ▶ Buffs FC v Totternhoe Reserves: **Buffs FC** late confirmation of game to referee [Friday]
 - ▶ Flitwick Town Reserves v Caldecote Reserves: **Flitwick Town Reserves** late confirmation of game to referee [Friday]
- ❖ **Saturday 21st January**
 - ▶ Kempston Athletic v Leighton Woodside: **Leighton Woodside** no low referee report form
- ❖ **Saturday 28th January**
 - ▶ Newman United v Sharnbrook Reserves: **Newman United** late confirmation of game to referee [Friday]
 - All above highlighted teams are fined as per rule, see item 15 below.

- ❖ **REFEREE COVERAGE** – Reasonable, and looking good for February.

9. FIXTURE REPORT

- ❖ **FREE DATES:** Previously agreed:
 - ▶ 11th February 2023 – **Lea Sports PSG First, Biggleswade FC Reserves**
 - ❖ **NEW REQUESTS** – all agreed: 4th March – **Renhold, CS Rovers** - 1st April – **Stotfold Junior**, 15th April – **Luton Panthers**
 - ❖ **UNPLAYED MATCHES:**
 - ❖ Saturday 7th January 2023. Premier Division. Marston Shelton Rovers v Biggleswade FC Reserves. **Marston Shelton Rovers** unable to raise a side [first occurrence].
 - Fined as per rule, see tem 15 below, and deducted one [1] match point.
 - Match points [3] awarded to Biggleswade FC Reserves, score 0-0.
 - ❖ Saturday 14th January 2023. Premier Division. Stotfold Development v Marston Shelton Rovers . **Marston Shelton Rovers** unable to raise a side [second occurrence].
 - Fined as per rule, see tem 15 below, and deducted two [2] match points.
 - Match points [3] awarded to Stotfold Development, score 0-0.
 - ❖ **Marston Shelton Rovers were allowed a fixture break for 21st and 28th January.** Decision ratified.
 - ❖ Saturday 21st January 2023. Division One. Bedford Albion v Bedford Town [Youth Development] u23. **Bedford Town FC Youth Development** unable to raise a side [second occurrence].
 - Fined as per rule, see tem 15 below, and deducted two [2] match points.
 - Match points [3] awarded to Bedford Albion, score 0-0.
 - ❖ Saturday 21st January 2023. Division Three. Sharnbrook Reserves v Caddington. **Caddington** called the game off after Sharnbrook called a second pitch inspection for midday, stating it was too late due to the travel distance for some of their players.
 - **Explanation accepted – match to be rearranged.**

Saturday 28th January 2023. Division Three. Newman United v Sharnbrook Reserves. **Newman United** called game off claiming insufficient notice of time for the game to be switched to Sharnbrook due to their own pitch being ruled unplayable by Luton Borough Council.

 - Committee ruled there was sufficient time for the switch to take place.
 - Fined as per rule, see tem 15 below, and deducted one [1] match point.
 - Match points [3] awarded to Sharnbrook Reserves, score 0-0.
 - ❖ Saturday 28th January 2023. Division Four. **Luton Panthers** v Clifton Reserves. Match switched to Stockwood Park Athletic Stadium because of LBC decision to 'cancel' fixtures at Stockwood Park. Match abandoned during first half because of pitch condition.
 - **Match to be replayed.**
 - ❖ BYSL entries for Watson Shield: 10 entries received. First round of all league cups, and second round ties in Watson Shield, scheduled for 18th March. Decision to be taken at March meeting with regards to cup competitions.
- REMINDER: RULE 20[E][iii]** *It is mandatory to switch a fixture to an opponents, or neutral, ground after the first day of January in any season when the home pitch is unplayable due to adverse weather.*

10. REGISTRATIONS, RESULTS, PRESS & MEDIA SECRETARY REPORT

- ❖ Registrations made at **Midday Saturday 28th January 2023: 2978**
- ❖ **Charge Notice issued 15th January 2023**
- ❖ **Revivalists FC:** Being in breach of league rule 18M that in their game played on Saturday 14th January 2023 against Bedford Wanderers they played one Kirtis Hutton who at the time of the fixture was not a registered member of their club. (game lost 1-8)
 - ▶ Reply received to charge: C - Deny the charge w/ written statement: Statement: Revivalists FC plead not guilty because the player in question was added to the squad on the assumption that he was registered with us as this was the case at the beginning of the 2022/23 season.
 - ▶ **Matter taken to Bedfordshire FA:** Player was registered in August and showed as de-activated on 11th November. Player possibly removed as a club official and the system has also removed his player registration.
 - League rules do not allow for player de-activation, therefore this was a system error.
 - **No further action, match result to stand.**
- ❖ **Report Notices**
 - ▶ Clubs in breach of league rule 21B in failing to report the result of their game by the required deadline
 - Saturday 7th January 2023. **AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves. Sandy Reserves**
 - Saturday 28th January 2023. **Flitwick Town & Flitwick Town Reserves. Kempston Rovers Academy U23. Milton Keynes Dons Set U19. Sharnbrook.**
 - ▶ Clubs in breach of league rule 21C in failing to load their Full Time result sheet by the required deadline.
 - Saturday 7th January 2023. **Atletico Europa. Catsbrook Wanderers. Kempston Rovers Academy.**
 - Saturday 21st January 2023. **Harlington Juniors Reserves.**
 - **All above highlighted teams are fined as per rule, see item 15 below.**

11. NATIONAL LEAGUE SYSTEM including FACILITIES

- ❖ Request from **AFC Oakley** for facility grant to extend pitch barriers. A provisional grant of £1000 was agreed subject to conditions. Revised plan agreed in principle – awaiting new quotation. Matter continuing.
- ❖ The initiative to provide each Premier Division Club with Team Shelters, whilst successful in the early days, is proving expensive as the shelters are being damaged by the weather. Further investigation is needed to source alternatives.
- ❖ **Feeder League meeting** with Peterborough, Northants Combination and Bedfordshire County Leagues. The Chair gave a report to the meeting, highlighting the fact that referee shortage seems widespread.

12. REPRESENTATIVE FOOTBALL

- ❖ Nothing to report.

13. ENGLAND FOOTBALL ACCREDITED LEAGUE

- ❖ **The League Support and Delivery Plan [formerly League Business Development:**
This is progressing well, with support from Marc DeCarlo, Bedfordshire FA Plan]:
PREVIOUSLY: Roland Simmonds gave an update report: 62 of our 75 teams now fully accredited being 83%, the required % total being 85%. Roland to make contact with the remaining 13 teams.



14. RESPECT and COUNTY FA DISCIPLINE [Bedfordshire Clubs]

- ❖ 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.**
- ▶ For reaching stage R6 [6 cautions/E3 misconduct] **Bedfordshire FA warning.** The warning requires payment of a **Discipline Administration fee of £15.**
PREMIER DIVISION & OTHER DIVISIONS: Wootton Blue Cross First, Queens Park Crescents, Bedford Town Youth Development, Bedford SA, Kempston Rovers Academy.
- ▶ For reaching stage R10 [10 cautions/E3 misconduct] **Bedfordshire FA Fine, plus £15 admin fee, as follows:**
PREMIER DIVISION: £75 - OTHER DIVISIONS: £50
- ▶ For reaching stage R15 [15 cautions/E3 misconduct] **Bedfordshire FA Fine, plus £15 admin fee, as follows:**
PREMIER DIVISION: £150 - OTHER DIVISIONS: £100

15. CURRENT FINES and COSTS

- ❖ **As well as the details below, individual invoices are again issued to each club.**

- ▶ **Details of Luton Park Pitch usage for JANUARY 2023:**

- No pitches used.

- ▶ **Details of fines/costs from FEBRUARY 2023 meeting:**

▶ NOTE – ALL PAYMENTS DUE ON 1ST MARCH 2023

REF	CLUB	DATE	DESCRIPTION	FINE/ cost	PTS	RULE
2023.02-01	Atletico Europa	07/01/2023	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		21[C]
	Bedford Town FC Youth Dev	07/01/2023	FAILURE TO PROVIDE REFEREE'S LOW MARK REPORT	£10		23[H]
	Bedford Town FC Youth Dev	21/01/2023	FAILURE TO PLAY FIXTURE [SATURDAY SECOND OCCURRENCE]	£40	-2	20[Ei]
2023.02-02	Bedford Town FC Youth Dev		TOTAL TO PAY	£50		
2023.02-03	Bufs FC	14/01/2023	FAILURE TO PROVIDE DETAILS OF A FIXTURE	£15		20 [C]
	Catsbrook Wanderers	07/01/2023	FAILURE TO PROVIDE REFEREE'S LOW MARK REPORT	£10		23[H]
	Catsbrook Wanderers	07/01/2023	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		21[C]
2023.02-04	Catsbrook Wanderers		TOTAL TO PAY	£25		
	Flitwick Town & Flitwick Town Res	28/01/2023	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT BY DEADLINE	£15		21[B]
	Flitwick Town Res	14/01/2023	FAILURE TO PROVIDE DETAILS OF A FIXTURE	£15		20 [C]
2023.02-05	Flitwick Town FC		TOTAL TO PAY	£30		
2023.02-06	Harlington Juniors Res	21/01/2023	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		21[C]
	Kempston Rovers Academy	07/01/2023	DELAYING KICK OFF	£15		20[A]
	Kempston Rovers Academy	07/01/2023	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		21[C]
	Kempston Rovers Academy	28/01/2023	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT BY DEADLINE	£15		21[B]
2023.02-07	Kempston Rovers Academy		TOTAL TO PAY	£45		
2023.02-08	Kempston Town Hammers Res	07/01/2023	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT BY DEADLINE	£15		21[B]
2023.02-09	Leighton Woodside	21/01/2023	FAILURE TO PROVIDE DETAILS OF A FIXTURE	£15		20 [C]

	Marston Shelton Rovers	07/01/2023	FAILURE TO PLAY FIXTURE [SATURDAY FIRST OCCURRENCE]	£40	-1	20[Ei]
	Marston Shelton Rovers	14/01/2023	FAILURE TO PLAY FIXTURE [SATURDAY SECOND OCCURRENCE]	£75	-2	20[Ei]
2023.02-10	Marston Shelton Rovers		TOTAL TO PAY	£115		
2023.02-11	MK Dons SET	28/01/2023	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT BY DEADLINE	£15		21[B]
	Newman United	28/01/2023	FAILURE TO PROVIDE DETAILS OF A FIXTURE	£15		20 [C]
	Newman United	28/02/2023	FAILURE TO PLAY FIXTURE [SATURDAY FIRST OCCURRENCE]	£25	-1	20[Ei]
2023.02-12	Newman United		TOTAL TO PAY	£40		
2023.02-13	Sandy Res	07/01/2023	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT BY DEADLINE	£15		21[B]
2023.02-14	Sharnbrook	28/01/2023	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT BY DEADLINE	£15		21[B]

16. APPLICATIONS & WITHDRAWALS

- ❖ APPLICATION: **Bedford Albion Development**
- ❖ FIRM ENQUIRY – **Bletchley Scot FC** – to meet with Committee at March 2023 meeting.

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- ❖ **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE INSTRUCTION:** All Premier Division teams MUST partake of the after-match refreshments offered by the home Club. Failure to do so without the agreement of the home club will result in a fine under rule 6[H].

- ❖ There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.22 p.m.

- ❖ G. B. Snelson, General Secretary

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