



BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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MINUTES: MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 1ST JUNE 2017

7PM AT AFC KEMPSTON, HILLGROUNDS ROAD, KEMPSTON

MEMBERS PRESENT: Messrs BT Watson [Chairman], P Francis [Vice-Chairman], B Hallybone, B Humphries, K Redman, GB Snelson [General Secretary]. **CLUB REPRESENTATIVES:** Messrs R Simmonds [Elstow Abbey FC and League Charter Standard Coordinator], G Ingerson [AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College], D Gauntlett [Shefford Town and Campton FC].

APOLOGIES: Messrs TM Sadler [President], PJ Onion. **BEDFORDSHIRE F.A. REPRESENTATIVE:** Mr A Scott

0. NEW CLUBS/TEAMS

- ❖ **Meltis Albion** request to re-join. Represented by Roy Burnage and Aaron Wilson. Concerns were raised regarding the withdrawal of the Club during the season with just a few matches left. It was agreed to accept their request to rejoin, with a new deposit to be paid, and the probability of rejoining in the same division.

1. PREVIOUS MEETING

- ❖ The minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on 4th May 2017 were signed as a true record.
- ❖ The following was noted: item 1 from May minutes - **Harlington FC** fine 2017.04-24 increased from £30 to £75. This increase not shown in table of fines in minutes and is therefore added to these minutes.

2. MATTERS ARISING

- ❖ **The Football Association:**
 - **Online Player Registration season 2017-2018** – a presentation will be held at the start of the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 21st June 2017, followed by three 'drop-in' workshop to help Clubs with the new online process, to be held in Bedford and possibly Luton. **Register for workshops at AGM: 27th June and 5th July**, both in Bedford between 6pm and 8pm. Additional workshops can be arranged if required.

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:**
 - General information on promotions/relegations.
 - 2017 Respect Awards: nominations open to 12th June.
 - Via Beds FA: List of entries into FA Vase season 2017-2018
 - **Wootton Blue Cross FC** and **Marston Shelton Rovers FC** have applied.
 - National League System Regulations season 2017-2018
- ❖ **Bedfordshire Football Association:**
 - Confirmation of **Harlington FC** Appeal Board findings.
 - Mike Desborough [Referee Development Officer] – offer of dates to meet with League Officials.
 - League Representative on Beds FA Council – Mr Alan Scott nominated: to be confirmed at AGM.
- ❖ Bedford Borough Council: pitch allocations for season 2017-2018
- ❖ **Clifton FC**: Request NOT to be promoted. Club expect an influx of new young and inexperienced players.
- ❖ Pitchero: confirmed that the League will not pursue this particular sponsorship opportunity.
- ❖ **Atletico Europa FC**: Change of contact details: include in new league handbook.
- ❖ **Black Swan FC**: confirmation of pitch requirement.
- ❖ **Sundon Park Rovers FC**: Change of contact details: include in new league handbook.
- ❖ **Lea Sports PSG FC**: Home pitch not available 23rd September and 4th November.
- ❖ Spartan South Midlands League re change of League Secretary. New Secretary Mike Appleby.
- ❖ Bedford Day Care Hospice – letter of thanks for donation in memory of Dennis Martin.

4. FINANCE

- ❖ Subscriptions for season 2017-2018 and fines/costs levied during season 2016-2017 all due to be paid on 31st May 2017. Still a number outstanding. Clubs have until Tuesday 20th June to settle their account. Failure to do so may result in the non-acceptance of the Club for the coming season, which will be confirmed at the AGM on 21st June 2017.
- ❖ Cup proceeds and support payments. All payments were agreed.

5. TROPHIES & MEMENTOES

- ❖ The League apologises to all Clubs who were expecting divisional trophies to be presented at one of their final matches. This season a number of factors contributed to this not happening but in future seasons every effort will be made to present divisional trophies on the field of play at a match. In line with current and long established practices, the presentation of the divisional medals will be by agreement between Club and League.

6. TRANSFERS

- ❖ Nothing to report.

7. ALTERATIONS TO HANDBOOK

- ❖ Nothing to report.

8. REFEREE SECRETARY REPORT

- ❖ The Secretary gave a brief report confirming the very good referee coverage during the season and also commending the cup final officials on their performances.

9. FIXTURE REPORT

- ❖ Nothing to report.

10. REGISTRATIONS, RESULTS, PRESS & MEDIA SECRETARY REPORT

- ❖ **THE FOLLOWING ARE STANDARD DECISIONS AS PER RULE REQUIRING RATIFICATION BY FULL COMMITTEE:**
- ❖ **AFC Oakley M&DH Reserves:** In breach of league rule 11[C] in failing by the deadline of Midnight Friday 12th May 2017 to load onto Full Time their result sheet for their game against Riseley Sports on Tuesday 9th May 2017. Report notice issued to club by email on Saturday 13th May 2017. 1st Occurrence. Result sheet loaded Saturday 20th May 2017.
 - **Club warned as per rule, see item 15 below reference 2017.06-01**
- ❖ **Sheffield Town & Campton Reserves:** In breach of league rule 11[C] in failing by the deadline of Midnight Saturday 6th May 2017 to load onto Full Time their result sheet for their game against Totternhoe Reserves on Wednesday 3rd May 2017. Report notice issued to club by email on Sunday 7th May 2017. 1st Occurrence. Result sheet loaded Wednesday 10th May 2017.
 - **Club warned as per rule, see item 15 below reference 2017.06-02**
- ❖ **Stevington:** In breach of league rule 11[C] in failing by the deadline of Midnight Wednesday 3rd May 2017 to load onto Full Time their result sheet for their game against Caldecote on Saturday 29th April 2017. Report notice issued to club by email on Thursday 4th May 2017. 2nd Occurrence. Result sheet loaded Thursday 4th May 2017.
 - **Club fined as per rule, see item 15 below reference 2017.06-03**
- ❖ **White Eagles:** In breach of league rule 8[O] in having in their game on Saturday 22nd April 2017 against Wilstead Reserves played Bartosz Kielbowicz who was at the time serving a Beds FA suspension having been sent off on Saturday 8th April 2017. Match result of 1-1 to stand. **White Eagles league points adjusted by 3 points to cover 1 point gained in the game plus 2 points for use of ineligible player [2nd occurrence].** Report notice issued to club by email on Tuesday 2nd May 2017. Notice of offence reported to the Beds FA by email 2nd May 2017.
 - **Club fined as per rule, see item 15 below reference 2017.06-04**
- ❖ **THE FOLLOWING REQUIRE DECISIONS BY FULL COMMITTEE:**
- ❖ 15th April 2017: Sundon Park Rovers v **Potton Town**. Potton Town failed to fulfil the fixture and are liable for the payment of the pitch fee. Luton Borough Council confirmed pitch fee of £48.25 – paid by League to SPR; Potton Town to reimburse the League.
 - **Club to pay costs as per rule, see item 15 below reference 2017.06-05**

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.**
- ❖ **Marston Shelton Rovers** redevelopment. Plans rejected by FA funding. Meeting arranged Monday 27th March at 9.30am with all interested parties to establish the way forward. General Secretary attended on behalf of the League. Positive meeting – matter progressing – **league to pay costs of new drawings and planning.**
 - Drawings are in hand, but the promised date of the end of May 2017 has not been met. Matter continuing.

12. REPRESENTATIVE FOOTBALL

- ❖ Awaiting draw for the National League System Cup.

13. CHARTER STANDARD LEAGUE

- ❖ Nothing specific to report.

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:** Cranfield United, Ickwell & Old Warden, Marston Shelton Rovers, Renhold United, Sandy, Stevington, Sheffield Town & Campton, Wootton Blue Cross.
 - **OTHER DIVISIONS:** Bedford Albion, Caldecote 'A', Cople & Bedford SA, Crawley Green Reserves, M&DH Clapham Sports, Harlington, Meltis Albion, Renhold United Reserves, **Sheffield Town & Campton reserves**, Totternhoe Reserves, Wilstead Reserves.
 - The following teams have reached stage R10 [10 cautions] and have received fine from Beds FA as shown below:
 - **PREMIER DIVISION:** Caldecote, Ickwell & Old Warden, Stevington.
 - **OTHER DIVISIONS:** Crawley Green Reserves, Renhold United Reserves, Wilstead Reserves
 - Teams reaching this stage will be fined, by the Beds FA, £75 for Premier Division teams and £50 for all other teams.
 - The following team has reached stage R15 [15 cautions] and has received fine from Beds FA as shown below:
 - **PREMIER DIVISION:** Caldecote
 - 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/costs levied at this and previous meetings:**

REF	CLUB	DATE	DESCRIPTION	FINE	POINTS	RULE	DUE DATE
2017.04-24	Harlington	04 March 2017	Additional fine: submitting falsified Match Notification	£45		11-C	20 June 2017
2017.06-01	AFC Oakley M&DH Res	09 May 2017	Failure to complete online Match Notification by deadline [1st]	warning		11-C	no fine [1st occur.]

2017.06-02	Shefford Tn & Campton Res	03 May 2017	Failure to complete online Match Notification by deadline [1st]	warning	11-C	no fine [1st occur.]
2017.06-03	Stevington	29 April 2017	Failure to complete online Match Notification by deadline [2nd]	£15	11-C	20 June 2017
2017.06-04	White Eagles	22 April 2017	Playing an ineligible player [2nd]	£40 -2	08-O	20 June 2017
2017.06-05	Potton Town	15 April 2017	Pitch Costs: £48.25		10-F	20 June 2017

PAYMENT DETAILS FOR JUNE 2017, including settlement of any outstanding club invoice, to be made by Tuesday 20th June 2017 AT THE LATEST. Failure to comply may result in the non-acceptance of the Club for season 2017-2018, which will be confirmed at the AGM on 21st June 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 Team applications: All previously reported applications are now confirmed as accepted:**

➤ **Biggleswade FC reserves, Bedford Albion reserves, Luton Leagrave FC, Wixams Wanderers, Black Swan FC [Luton], Meltis Albion Reserves.**

❖ **Withdrawals: Ampthill Town Reserves, Old Bradwell United Reserves, Sandy Albion.**

17. LEAGUE DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW

❖ To be continued during season 2017-2018 following presentation of updated League Development Plan.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

❖ Gary Ingerson announced a new sponsorship/support deal, to be confirmed at the AGM.

❖ Date of next full meeting: **Thursday 7th September 2017** starting at **7pm at Kempston Rovers FC**

❖ There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30 p.m.

❖ G. B. Snelson, General Secretary

❖ <https://twitter.com/bedscountylge>



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