



BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

PRESIDENT: MR B. WATSON

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MINUTES: MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 4TH MAY 2023

AT CRANFIELD PAVILION STARTING AT 6.30pm

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

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

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

APOLOGIES: A Young [Treasurer] [owing to sickness], B Hallybone [Assistant Referee Secretary].

A. MEETING WITH NEW CLUBS: LU Donz FC

- ❖ Club accepted into the League for season 2023-2024, on a one season probation which is current practice.

B. OBITUARY

- ❖ The Committee remembered **ex-President Terry Sadler**, whose funeral was held on 25th April 2023 at All Saints, Great Barford. Many members of the Committee attended, along with a good representation of the local football fraternity.

1. PREVIOUS MEETING

- ❖ The minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on 6th April 2023 were only published to the Management Committee on 3rd May, and to Clubs with the minutes of the May meeting, but were still signed as a true record.

2. MATTERS ARISING

- ❖ None

3. CORRESPONDENCE

- ❖ **The Football Association:** All covered elsewhere in the minutes.
- ❖ **Bedfordshire FA:** All covered elsewhere in the minutes.
- ❖ **Bedford Wanderers** – proposed rule change

4. FINANCE

- ❖ **FOR SUMMARY OF FINES & COSTS SEE ITEM 15 BELOW.**

5. TROPHIES & MEMENTOES

- ❖ On order

6. TRANSFERS

Dominic Loadman.	Riseley Sports to Wootton Blue Cross
Corey Lyness.	Stotfold Development to Stotfold Junior
Omojiseoluwa Bankole.	Kempston Rovers BCFL to AFC Oakley/
Jensen Collins.	Stopsley United to Westoning Recreation.
Antony James.	Biggleswade FC Reserves to Bufts FC
Henry Mungwira.	Barton Rovers Reserves to Totternhoe Reserves.
Ryan Maddox.	Marston Shelton Rovers to Elstow Abbey.
Stephen Davie.	Stopsley United to Sporting Carpathians.
Steven Capener.	Elstow Abbey to AFC Kempston Town Hammers

7. ALTERATIONS TO HANDBOOK

- ❖ Nothing to report.

8. REFEREE SECRETARY REPORT & REFEREEING MATTERS

► 25th April 2023

- ❖ Premier Division **Shefford Town & Campton** [v Cranfield United] - Short payment to Assistant Referees [rule 23[E]]
 - **Shefford Town & Campton fined £15**
- ❖ The Committee reviewed and accepted the proposed appointments to League Cup Finals.
 - **Cup final officials:**
Britannia Cup: Referee Darren Knox - Assistant Nathan Currey - Assistant Jonny Lam - 4th official José Gomes
Centenary Cup: Referee Tom Westal - Assistant Matt Borg - Assistant Shabz Hussain - 4th official Luke Damon
Jubilee Cup: Referee Marcus Baxter - Assistant Jack Young - Assistant Steve Didlick - 4th official Bradley Hallybone

9. FIXTURE REPORT

- ❖ **UNPLAYED FIXTURES**
- ❖ Saturday 8th April 2023. Division One. Lea Sports PSG v Bedford Town U23. **Bedford Town Youth Development unable to raise a side. (3rd occurrence)**
 - **Bedford Town Youth Development fined £50 and deducted three [3] penalty points.**
 - **Match points [3] awarded to Lea Sports PSG, score 0-0**
- ❖ Saturday 8th April 2023. Division Two. The 61FC Luton Reserves v AFC Bedford United. **The 61FC Luton Reserves unable to raise a side.(3rd Occurrence)**
 - **The 61 FC Luton Reserves fined £50 and deducted three [3] penalty points.**
 - **Match points [3] awarded to AFC Bedford United, score 0-0**

- ❖ Saturday 8th April 2023 Division Three. FC Polonia (Luton) v FC Haynes Reserves. **FC Haynes Reserves unable to raise a side.**
 - **FC Haynes Reserves fined £25 and deducted one [1] penalty point.**
 - **Match points [3] awarded to FC Polonia (Luton), score 0-0**
- ❖ Saturday 8th April 2023. Division Four. Flitwick Town 'A' v Bedford Wanderers. **Bedford Wanderers unable to raise a side. (2nd Occurrence)**
 - **Bedford Wanderers fined £40 and deducted two [2] penalty points.**
 - **Match points [3] awarded to Flitwick Town 'A', score 0-0**
- ❖ Easter Monday 10th April 2023. Division Two. Caldecote Reserves v Harlington Juniors. Originally forfeited by Caldecote Reserves who then retracted on Good Friday by which time Harlington Juniors had made other holiday arrangements thus not being able to play the game.
 - Committee decision: match forfeited by Caldecote Reserves.
 - **Caldecote Reserves fined £15 and deducted one [1] penalty point.**
 - **Match points [3] awarded to Harlington Juniors, score 0-0**
- ❖ Wednesday 12th April 2023. Division Four. Blunham v Meltis Rangers. **Meltis Rangers unable to raise a side. (3rd Occurrence)**
 - **Meltis Rangers fined £40 and deducted three [3] penalty points.**
 - **Match points [3] awarded to Blunham, score 0-0**
- ❖ Saturday 15th April 2023. Division Three. Westoning Recreation v AFC Bedford United. **AFC Bedford United unable to raise a side.**
 - **AFC Bedford United fined £25 and deducted one [1] penalty points.**
 - **Match points [3] awarded to Westoning Recreation, score 0-0**
- ❖ Saturday 15th April 2023. Division One. Totternhoe Reserves v Bedford Town Youth Development]. **Bedford Town Youth Development unable to raise a side. (4th Occurrence)**
 - **Bedford Town Youth Development** instructed to meet with the Management Committee. On a date to be mutually acceptable, to discuss and agree their intentions for next season.
 - **No fine levied on Bedford Town Youth Development**
 - **Match points [3] awarded to Totternhoe Reserves, score 0-0.**
- ❖ Saturday 15th April 2023. Division Two supported by Hy-Pro. Bedford SA v The 61 FC Luton Reserves. **The 61 FC Luton Reserves unable to raise a side (4th Occurrence) because of SSMFL first team fixture commitments resulting in Reserve team player eligibility difficulties. The team then withdrew for this season only. No further action taken.**
 - Having played less than 75% of fixtures, all playing records for the current season to be expunged.
- ❖ Wednesday 19th April 2023. Centenary Cup Lea Sports PSG v Clifton. **Clifton** pulled out of the game just 45 minutes prior to kick off, having not been able to raise a side.
 - In view of the earlier difficulties with the arrangements for this cup tie:
 - **No fine levied on Clifton**
 - **Match awarded to Lea Sports PSG**
- ❖ Saturday 22nd April 2023. Division One. Renhold v Bedford Albion. **Bedford Albion unable to raise a side.**
 - **Bedford Albion fined £25 and deducted one [1] penalty point.**
 - **Match points [3] awarded to Renhold, score 0-0**
- ❖ Saturday 22nd April 2023. Division Four. Bedford Wanderers v Meltis Rangers. **Meltis Rangers unable to raise a side. (4th Occurrence)**
 - **Meltis Rangers** instructed to meet with the Management Committee. On a date to be mutually acceptable, to discuss and agree their intentions for next season.
 - **No fine levied on Meltis Rangers**
 - **Match points [3] awarded to Bedford Wanderers, score 0-0.**
- ❖ Saturday 22nd April 2023. Division Four. Catsbrook Wanderers v Blunham. **Catsbrook Wanderers unable to raise a side.**
 - **Catsbrook Wanderers fined £25 and deducted one [1] penalty point.**
 - **Match points [3] awarded to Blunham, score 0-0**
- ❖ Tuesday 25th April 2023. Division Two. AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves v Brache Phoenix. **Brache Phoenix claimed insufficient time given upon change of fixture date to allow them to raise a side.**
 - Rearrangement made in accordance with League rules.
 - **Brache Phoenix fined £25 and deducted one [1] penalty point.**
 - **Match points [3] awarded to AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves, score 0-0**
- ❖ Wednesday 26th April 2023. Premier Division. Elstow Abbey v Queens Park Crescents. **Queens Park Crescents unable to raise a side.**
 - **Queens Park Crescents fined £25 and deducted one [1] penalty point.**
 - **Match points [3] awarded to Elstow Abbey Reserves, score 0-0**
- ❖ Wednesday 26th April 2023. Division Two. Bedford SA v AFC Bedford United. **AFC Bedford United unable to raise a side. (2nd Occurrence)**
 - **AFC Bedford United fined £25 and deducted two [2] penalty points.**
 - **Match points [3] awarded to Bedford SA, score 0-0**
- ❖ Wednesday 26th April 2023. Division Three. Lea Sports PSG Reserves v Ickwell & Old Warden. **Lea Sports PSG Reserves unable to raise a side.**
 - **Lea Sports PSG Reserves fined £15 and deducted one [1] penalty point.**
 - **Match points [3] awarded to Ickwell & Old Warden, score 0-0**
- ❖ Wednesday 26th April 2023. Division Four. Luton Panthers v Catsbrook Wanderers. **Catsbrook Wanderers unable to raise a side (2nd Occurrence)**
 - **Catsbrook Wanderers fined £25 and deducted one [1] penalty point.**
 - **Match points [3] awarded to Luton Panthers, score 0-0**
- ❖ Saturday 29th April 2023. Premier Division. Crawley Green Reserves v Stotfold Development. **Stotfold Development unable to raise a side.**
 - **Stotfold Development fined £40 and deducted one [1] penalty point.**
 - **Match points [3] awarded to Crawley Green Reserves, score 0-0**
- ❖ Saturday 29th April 2023. Division One. Totternhoe Reserves v Bedford Albion. **Bedford Albion unable to raise a side (2nd Occurrence)**
 - **Bedford Albion fined £40 and deducted two [2] penalty points.**
 - **Match points [3] awarded to Renhold, score 0-0**
- ❖ Saturday 29th April 2023. Division Two. Sporting Carpathians v Wilstead. **Wilstead unable to raise a side.**
 - **Wilstead fined £25 and deducted one [1] penalty point.**
 - **Match points [3] awarded to Sporting Carpathians, score 0-0**

- ❖ Saturday 29th April 2023. Division Two. Harlington Juniors v Stopsley United. **Stopsley United unable to raise a side.**
 - **Stopsley United fined £25 and deducted one [1] penalty point.**
 - **Match points [3] awarded to Harlington Juniors, score 0-0**
- ❖ Saturday 29th April 2023. Division Three. Sporting Carpathians Reserves v FC Haynes Reserves. **FC Haynes Reserves unable to raise a side. (2nd Occurrence)**
 - **FC Haynes Reserves fined £40 and deducted two [2] penalty points.**
 - **Match points [3] awarded to Sporting Carpathians Reserves, score 0-0**
- ❖ Monday 1st May 2023. Division Two. AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves v Sporting Carpathians. **AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves unable to raise a side.**
 - **AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves fined £15 and deducted one [1] penalty point.**
 - **Match points [3] awarded to Sporting Carpathians, score 0-0**

10. REGISTRATIONS, RESULTS, PRESS & MEDIA SECRETARY REPORT

► **FC Haynes Reserves:** Saturday 15th April 2023 against FC Polonia [Luton] [match lost 2-4] – playing ineligible [suspended] player in breach of League rule 18M

The charge dropped following discussions with the Bedfordshire FA.

► **Luton Panthers:** In breach of League rules 18M/20F that in their game played on Saturday 22nd April 2023 against Caldecote u23's (game won 2-1) they played a player not listed on their team sheet exchanged with the match day referee and Caldecote u23's prior to kick off.

The charge dropped following discussions with the Match Referee.

► **Sharnbrook FC.** In breach of league rule 18M/20F in that in their game played on Saturday 29th April 2023 they named on their team sheet a player who took no part in the game, his place being taken by a player who was not a registered member of Sharnbrook FC for season 2022-23. (game won 5-0)

Full details not available. Matter referred to Management Committee meeting 1st June 2023.

► **Queens Park Crescents :** In breach of League rule 18M that in their game against Biggleswade FC Reserves on Monday 1st May 2023 they played one Adam Iqbal who at the time of the game was serving a Bedfordshire FA suspension. (game drew 2-2).

Note: Queens Park Crescents reported this breach of rules to the league by telephone on the evening of the game.

Full details not available. Matter referred to Management Committee meeting 1st June 2023.

► **Clubs in breach of League rule 20C in failing to confirm their fixture by the required deadline.**

Saturday 8th April 2023.

Queens Park Crescents [v Biggleswade FC Reserves]

Full details not available. Matter referred to Management Committee meeting 1st June 2023.

► **Clubs in breach of League rule 21B in failing to report their result by the required deadline.**

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| ❖ Wednesday 5th April 2023 | Bedford Wanderers fined £15 |
| ❖ Wednesday 5th April 2023 | Kempston Athletic fined £15 |
| ❖ Wednesday 5th April 2023 | Queens Park Crescents fined £15 |
| ❖ Saturday 8th April 2023 | Atletico Europa fined £15 |
| ❖ Saturday 8th April 2023 | Caldecote U23 fined £15 |
| ❖ Saturday 8th April 2023 | Stopsley United fined £15 |
| ❖ Monday 10th April 2023 | Queens Park Crescents fined £15 |
| ❖ Monday 10th April 2023 | Westoning Recreation fined £15 |
| ❖ Wednesday 12th April 2023 | Sharnbrook fined £15 |
| ❖ Saturday 15th April 2023 | M&DH Clapham Sports fined £15 |
| ❖ Saturday 15th April 2023 | Queens Park Crescents fined £15 |
| ❖ Saturday 22nd April 2023 | AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves fined £15 |
| ❖ Saturday 22nd April 2023 | Caldecote Reserves fined £15 |
| ❖ Saturday 22nd April 2023 | Catsbrook Wanderers fined £15 |
| ❖ Wednesday 26th April 2023 | Cranfield United Reserves fined £15 |
| ❖ Saturday 29th April 2023 | Kempston Athletic fined £15 |
| ❖ Clubs in breach of League rule 21C in failing to load their Full Time Result Sheet by the required deadline. | |
| ❖ Saturday 1st April 2023 | AFC Kempston Town Hammers fined £15 |
| ❖ Saturday 1st April 2023 | Bedford SA fined £15 |
| ❖ Saturday 1st April 2023 | Kempston Rovers BCFL fined £15 |
| ❖ Wednesday 5th April 2023 | Sharnbrook fined £15 |
| ❖ Saturday 8th April 2023 | Kempston Athletic fined £15 |
| ❖ Saturday 8th April 2023 | Shefford Town & Campton Reserves fined £15 |
| ❖ Wednesday 12th April 2023 | Queens Park Crescents fined £15 |
| ❖ Wednesday 12th April 2023 | Sharnbrook fined £15 |
| ❖ Thursday 13th April 2023 | Caldecote fined £15 |
| ❖ Saturday 15th April 2023 | Bufs FC fined £15 |
| ❖ Saturday 15th April 2023 | Caldecote fined £15 |
| ❖ Saturday 15th April 2023 | Lea Sports PSG Reserves fined £15 |
| ❖ Saturday 15th April 2023 | Sporting Carpathians Reserves fined £15 |
| ❖ Saturday 15th April 2023 | Wootton Blue Cross fined £15 |
| ❖ Tuesday 18th April 2023 | Elstow Abbey Reserves fined £15 |
| ❖ Wednesday 19th April 2023 | Catsbrook Wanderers fined £15 |
| ❖ Wednesday 19th April 2023 | Queens Park Crescents fined £15 |
| ❖ Saturday 22nd April 2023 | Kempston Athletic fined £15 |
| ❖ Saturday 22nd April 2023 | Lea Sports PSG Reserves fined £15 |
| ❖ Saturday 22nd April 2023 | Sharnbrook fined £15 |
| ❖ Tuesday 25th April 2023 | Shefford Town & Campton Reserves fined £15 |
| ❖ Tuesday 25th April 2023 | Caldecote Reserves fined £15 |
| ❖ Wednesday 26th April 2023 | Bedford Town Youth Development fined £15 |
| ❖ Wednesday 26th April 2023 | Stopsley United fined £15 |
| ❖ Clubs in breach of League rule 21C in failing to load onto their Full Time Result Sheet by the required deadline | |
| ❖ details of the yellow/red cards issued to their players. | |
| ❖ Saturday 1st April 2023 | Sharnbrook Reserves |
| ❖ Saturday 22nd April 2023 | Shefford Town & Campton Reserves |

Registrations Total Season 2022-23: 3345 (up 92 from season 2021-22)

Transfer Total for Season 2022-23: 151 (up 15 from season 2021-22)

11. NATIONAL LEAGUE SYSTEM including FACILITIES

- ❖ Nothing new to report

12. REPRESENTATIVE FOOTBALL

- ❖ Nothing to report.

13. ENGLAND FOOTBALL ACCREDITED LEAGUE

- ❖ It is reported that all but one Club have successfully renewed their accreditation.

Non-accredited clubs continuing into season 2023-2024 will not be eligible for support [financial or goods] from the League until accredited.



14. RESPECT and COUNTY FA DISCIPLINE [Bedfordshire Clubs]

- Nothing new to report

15. SUMMARY OF FINES and COSTS for MAY 2023

REF	CLUB	FINE/ cost
2305.01	AFC Bedford United	£50
2305.02	AFC Kempston Town Hammers	£45
2305.03	Atletico Europa	£15
2305.04	Bedford Albion	£65
2305.05	Bedford SA	£15
2305.06	Bedford Town FC Youth Development	£65
2305.07	Bedford Wanderers	£55
2305.08	Brache Phoenix	£15
2305.09	Bufs FC	£15
2305.10	Caldecote	£90
2305.11	Catsbrook Wanderers	£80
2305.12	Cranfield United	£15
2305.13	Elstow Abbey	£15
2305.14	FC Haynes	£50
2305.15	Kempston Athletic	£60
2305.16	Kempston Rovers BCFL	£15
2305.17	Lea Sports PSG	£45
2305.18	M&DH Clapham Sports	£15
2305.19	Meltis Rangers	£40
2305.20	Queens Park Crescents	£100
2305.21	Sharnbrook	£70
2305.22	Shefford Town & Campton	£55
2305.23	Sporting Carpathians	£15
2305.24	Stopsley United	£55
2305.25	Stotfold Development	£40
2305.26	The 61FC [Luton]	£50
2305.27	Westoning Recreation	£15
2305.28	Wilstead	£25
2305.29	Wootton Blue Cross	£15

16. APPLICATIONS & WITHDRAWALS

- ❖ APPLICATIONS accepted: Bedford Albion Development, Bletchley Scot FC and New Bradwell St. Peter Development. Slip End United have withdrawn their application.

- ❖ WITHDRAWALS: Newman United fined £75 as per rule 11. Club deposit of £75 forfeited to pay fine.

- ❖ The 61FC Reserves - for this season only - lack of players because of first team commitments

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- ❖ General Secretary Mr Snelson made known his intention to considerably reduce his administrative workload. To this end a new Fixture Secretary needs to be recruited.
- ❖ There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15 p.m.

- ❖ G. B. Snelson, General Secretary

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