



BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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MINUTES: MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 2ND MARCH 2023

AT CRANFIELD PAVILION STARTING AT 6.45pm

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], P Smailes [Biggleswade FC].

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

APOLOGIES: D Gauntlett [Shefford Town & Campton FC],

A. MEETING WITH NEW CLUB: **Bletchley Scot FC** represented by Rob Simpson at 6.45 pm. Following the meeting, the Club was informed of their acceptance into the League for season 2023-2024.

1. PREVIOUS MEETING

- ❖ The minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on 2nd February 2023 *[were agreed for signature as a true record.]*

2. MATTERS ARISING

- ❖ **Atletico Europa** – 4th match of the season unfilled. Committee decided to take no further action on this occasion.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

- ❖ **The Football Association:**
 - All covered elsewhere in the minutes.
- ❖ **Bedfordshire FA:**
 - All covered elsewhere in the minutes.

4. FINANCE

- ❖ **Review of all outstanding payments: see item 15 below.**

5. TROPHIES & MEMENTOES

- ❖ Premier Division Trophy repair – options now available.
- ❖ Mementoes for the season to be ordered in the near future. A new design was chosen by the Committee.

6. TRANSFERS

- ❖ Barry Clarke. The 61FC Luton Reserves to FC Polonia (Luton)
- ❖ Haydn Betts. Meltis Rangers to AFC Bedford United.
- ❖ George Whitmore. AFC Kempston Town Hammers to Bedford Wanderers.
- ❖ Ronald Ashby. Queens Park Crescents to Sharnbrook
- ❖ Jamaine Ivy. Queens Park Crescents to Elstow Abbey
- ❖ Surinder Raj. Ickwell & Old Warden to Blunham
- ❖ Callum Rust. Cranfield United to Wilstead.
- ❖ Kian Edwards. Barton Rovers Reserves to Shefford Town & Campton
- ❖ Kayden Marsh. Barton Rovers Reserves to CS Rovers
- ❖ Kieron Patrickson. Marston Shelton Rovers to Elstow Abbey
- ❖ TJ Powell. The 61FC Luton Reserves to Totternhoe Reserves.
- ❖ Louie Dillon. Shefford Town & Campton Reserves to FC Haynes.
- ❖ Billy Cook. Caldecote to Clifton.
- ❖ Kenan Acar. The 61 FC Luton Reserves to FC Polonia (Luton)
- ❖ Ricky Baynes. Sandy to AFC Bedford United.
- ❖ Josh Emmerton. Bedford Albion to AFC Bedford United.
- ❖ Fynn Tarrant. AFC Kempston Town Hammers to Revivalists.
- ❖ Paul Morris. Shefford Town & Campton to Buffs FC

7. ALTERATIONS TO HANDBOOK

- ❖ Nothing to report.

8. REFEREE SECRETARY REPORT & REFEREEING MATTERS

- ❖ **25th February:**
 - ▶ **Riseley Sports** v Sharnbrook [Premier division] 25th February:
 - Referee was not offered any hospitality before, during or after game. **Club to be contacted to find out the reasons.**
 - ▶ **Kempston Town Hammers** v Caldecote [Premier division] 25th February:
 - Late confirmation of game Friday morning. **Club fined as per rule 20[C]**
 - Barriers only down two sides of pitch and no hospitality offered before, during or after game: **Club to be contacted to find out the reasons.**
 - ▶ **CS Rovers** v Sandy Res [Division 4] 25th February:
 - Late confirmation of game Friday lunchtime: **Club fined as per rule 20[C]**
 - ▶ **Catsbrook Wanderers** v Clapham Res [Division 4] 25th February:
 - No confirmation of game. **Club fined as per rule 20[C]**
- ❖ **See item 15 below for details of fines.**

9. FIXTURE REPORT

- ❖ **FREE DATES:** Previously agreed: 4th March – **Renhold, CS Rovers** - 1st April – **Stotfold Junior**, 15th April – **Luton Panthers**. **NEW REQUESTS:** Agreed: 1st April – **Marston Shelton Rovers First**, 8th April – **Clifton First**, **22nd April – Brache Phoenix [Eid]**
- ❖ **UNPLAYED MATCHES:**
 - Saturday 25th February 2023. Division Four. Blunham v Marston Shelton Rovers Reserves. **Marston Shelton Rovers Reserves unable to raise a team. (2nd occurrence)**
 - **Club fined as per rule 20[E][i] and deducted two [2] match points.**
 - Saturday 25th February 2023. Division Four. Leighton Woodside v Meltis Rangers. **Meltis Rangers unable to raise a team. (2nd occurrence)**
 - **Club fined as per rule 20[E][i] and deducted two [2] match points.**
- ❖ *Post meeting note:*
 - Arrangements for the completion of fixtures – divisions and cups – emailed to all clubs on 9th and 10th March.
- ❖ **See item 15 below for details of fines.**
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **LUTON PARK PITCH PAYMENTS** for **FEBRUARY 2023** to be invoiced separately.

10. REGISTRATIONS, RESULTS, PRESS & MEDIA SECRETARY REPORT

- ❖ Registrations made at **Midday Saturday 25th February 2023: 3111**
- ❖ **CHARGE NOTICE: Barton Rovers Reserves.** Being in breach of league rule 18M that in their game played on Saturday 19th November 2022 against Riseley Sports (lost 1-2) they played one Cameron Saunders who at the time of the fixture was serving a Saturday Bedfordshire FA suspension with Houghton Athletic U18's. Reference Beds FA Case 11064304M. (case found proven)
 - **Club fined as per rule 18[M] and deducted one [1] match point.**
- ❖ **CHARGE NOTICE: Marston Shelton Rovers:** Being in breach of league rule 18M that in their game played on Saturday 25th February 2023 they played one Sam Nelson who at time of the game was not a registered member of the club. (v Cranfield United drew 1-1)
 - **Club fined as per rule 18[M] and deducted one [1] match point.**
- ❖ **REPORT NOTICES:** Clubs in breach of league rule 21B in failing to report the result of their game by the required deadline.
 - ▶ Saturday 4th February 2023. **Caldecote U23's. M&DH Clapham Sports. Newman United.**
 - ▶ Saturday 11th February 2023. **Kempston Rovers Academy.** (mitigation to considered) **Riseley Sports**
 - ▶ Saturday 18th February 2023. **Henlow. Harlington Juniors Reserves. Marston Shelton Rovers Reserves. Newman United.**
 - **All Clubs fined as per rule 21[B]**
- ❖ **REPORT NOTICES:** Clubs in breach of league rule 21C in failing to load their Full Time result sheet by the required deadline.
 - ▶ Saturday 28th January 2023: **AFC Kempston Town Hammers. Buffs FC. Kempston Athletic. Leighton Woodside.**
 - ▶ Saturday 4th February 2023.: **Buffs FC. CS Rovers. Lea Sports PSG Reserves. Riseley Sports. Sharnbrook.**
 - ▶ Saturday 11th February 2023. **Buffs FC. Caldecote. Caldecote u23's. Lea Sports Reserves. Sharnbrook Reserves.**
 - ▶ Saturday 18th February 2023. **Atletico Europa. Kempston Rovers BCFL. Sporting Carpathians. Wootton Blue Cross.**
 - ▶ Saturday 25th February 2023. **M&DH Clapham Sports**
- ❖ **REPORT NOTICES:** Clubs in breach of league rule 21C in failing to load onto their Full Time result sheet details of their red cards received.
 - ▶ Saturday 28th January 2023: **CS Rovers.**
 - ▶ Saturday 18th February 2023. **Wootton Blue Cross. Wootton Blue Cross Reserves.**
- ❖ **See item 15 below for details of fines.**
- ❖ **WGS SYSTEM:** System problems ahead of games on Saturday 18th February 2023 not allowing clubs to attach players to a team. Permission given for Shefford Town & Campton Development to play Alex Burdett in their game on Saturday 18th February 2023. Email sent to their opposition AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves on the morning of the game informing them of the decision taken due to the problems with the system. Matter resolved on Wednesday 22nd February 2023. Now registered correctly in WGS.
- ❖ **OTHER MATTERS:** **Atletico Europa** and **Bedford Wanderers** need to be invoiced £3.30 for postage on pad of team sheets.

11. NATIONAL LEAGUE SYSTEM including FACILITIES

- ❖ Request from **AFC Oakley** for facility grant to extend pitch boundaries. 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 Plan]:** With support from Marc DeCarlo, Bedfordshire FA, the plan has been submitted and accepted. The League is now fully accredited and has been rewarded with a **Kit Locker voucher for £200.** Roland Simmonds to purchase suitable available items.
- ❖ **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

- The following Clubs and Teams failed to pay fines by the due date of 1st March 2023. All Clubs are fined an additional £15. **FAILURE TO PLAY BY THE NEW DUE DATE OF 1ST APRIL WILL RESULT IN A FIXTURE SUSPENSION FROM 2ND APRIL 2023.**

REF	CLUB	DATE	DESCRIPTION	FINE/ cost	PTS	RULE
INVOICE 2023.02 ALL PAYMENTS NOW DUE ON 1ST APRIL 2023						
	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[E]
2023.02-02	Bedford Town FC Youth Dev		TOTAL TO PAY PLUS £15 FINE	£65		
	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 PLUS £15 FINE	£40		
	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 PLUS £15 FINE	£45		
	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 PLUS £15 FINE	£45		
	Kempston Town Hammers	07/01/2023	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT BY DEADLINE	£15		21[B]
2023.02-08	Kempston Town Hammers		TOTAL TO PAY PLUS £15 FINE			
	Leighton Woodside	21/01/2023	FAILURE TO PROVIDE DETAILS OF A FIXTURE	£15		20 [C]
2023.02-09	Leighton Woodside		TOTAL TO PAY PLUS £15 FINE			
	MK Dons SET	28/01/2023	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT BY DEADLINE	£15		21[B]
2023.02-12	MK Dons SET		TOTAL TO PAY PLUS £15 FINE			
	Sandy Res	07/01/2023	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT BY DEADLINE	£15		21[B]
2023.02-14	Sandy Res		TOTAL TO PAY PLUS £15 FINE			

- **Details of fines/costs from MARCH 2023 meeting:**

REF	CLUB	DATE	DESCRIPTION	FINE	PTS	RULE
INVOICE 2023.03 ALL PAYMENTS DUE ON 1ST APRIL 2023						
	AFC Kempston Town Hammers	28/01/2023	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		21[C]
	AFC Kempston Town Hammers	25/02/2023	FAILURE TO PROVIDE DETAILS OF A FIXTURE	£15		20 [C]
2023.03-A	AFC Kempston Town Hammers			£30		
2023.03-B	Atletico Europa	18/02/2023	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		21[C]
2023.03-C	Barton Rovers Res	19/11/2022	PLAYING AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER – FIRST OCCURRENCE	£20	-1	18[M]
	Buffs FC	28/01/2023	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		21[C]
	Buffs FC	04/02/2023	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		21[C]
	Buffs FC	11/02/2023	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		21[C]
2023.03-D	Buffs FC			£45		
	Caldecote & Caldecote u23	11/02/2023	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		21[C]

	Caldecote u23	04/02/2023	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT BY DEADLINE	£15		21[B]
2023.03-E	Caldecote			£30		
2023.03-F	Catsbrook Wanderers	25/02/2023	FAILURE TO PROVIDE DETAILS OF A FIXTURE	£15		20 [C]
2023.03-35	CS Rovers	28/01/2023	INCOMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION NOT RELATED TO THE NAMES OF THE PLAYERS	£10		21[C]
2023.03-02	CS Rovers	25/02/2023	FAILURE TO PROVIDE DETAILS OF A FIXTURE	£15		20 [C]
2023.03-22	CS Rovers	04/02/2023	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		21[C]
2023.03-G	CS Rovers			£40		
2023.03-H	Harlington Juniors Res	18/02/2023	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT BY DEADLINE	£15		21[B]
2023.03 -J	Henlow	18/02/2023	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT BY DEADLINE	£15		21[B]
2023.03-K	Kempston Athletic	28/01/2023	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		21[C]
2023.03-L	Kempston Rovers Academy	11/02/2023	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT BY DEADLINE	£15		21[B]
2023.03-M	Kempston Rovers BCFL	18/02/2023	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		21[C]
	Lea Sports PSG Res	04/02/2023	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		21[C]
	Lea Sports PSG Res	11/02/2023	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		21[C]
2023.03-N	Lea Sports PSG			£30		
2023.03-P	Leighton Woodside	28/01/2023	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		21[C]
	M&DH Clapham Sports	25/02/2023	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		21[C]
	M&DH Clapham Sports	04/02/2023	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT BY DEADLINE	£15		21[B]
2023.03-R	M&DH Clapham Sports			£45		
	Marston Shelton Rovers	25/02/2023	PLAYING AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER – FIRST OCCURRENCE	£20	-1	18[M]
	Marston Shelton Rovers Res	18/02/2023	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT BY DEADLINE	£15		21[B]
	Marston Shelton Rovers Res	25/02/2023	FAILURE TO PLAY FIXTURE - SATURDAY SECOND OCCURRENCE	£40	-2	20[Ei]
2023.03-S	Marston Shelton Rovers Res			£75		
2023.03-T	Meltis Rangers	25/02/2023	FAILURE TO PLAY FIXTURE - SATURDAY SECOND OCCURRENCE	£40	-2	20[Ei]
	Newman United	18/02/2023	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT BY DEADLINE	£15		21[B]
	Newman United	04/02/2023	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT BY DEADLINE	£15		21[B]
2023.03-V	Newman United			£30		
	Riseley Sports	04/02/2023	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		21[C]
	Riseley Sports	11/02/2023	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT BY DEADLINE	£15		21[B]
2023.03-W	Riseley Sports			£30		
	Sharnbrook	04/02/2023	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		21[C]

	Sharnbrook Reserves	11/02/2023	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15	21[C]
2023.03-X	Sharnbrook			£30	
2023.03-Y	Sporting Carpathians	18/02/2023	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15	21[C]
	Wootton Blue Cross	18/02/2023	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15	21[C]
	Wootton Blue Cross & Wootton BX Res	18/02/2023	INCOMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION NOT RELATED TO THE NAMES OF THE PLAYERS	£10	21[C]
2023.03-Z	Wootton Blue Cross			£25	

16. APPLICATIONS & WITHDRAWALS

- ❖ APPLICATIONS accepted: **Bedford Albion Development** and **Bletchley Scot FC**.

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 9 p.m.

- ❖ G. B. Snelson, General Secretary

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