



BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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MINUTES: MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 5TH OCTOBER 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: K Poulton [Elstow Abbey FC], D Gauntlett [Shefford Town & Campton FC].

INVITATION TO ATTEND: Messrs P Onion, R Simmonds [Life Vice-Presidents] – neither in attendance.

APOLOGIES: R Casey, P Smailes [Biggleswade FC].

A. OBITUARY

❖ The Committee wish to record the deaths since the end of last season of following persons, all having long term connections with the League in some manner:

- ▶ Mr Harjinder [Ginge] Chana [Renhold United], Mr Andy Kirby [Kempston Rovers].
- ▶ Members of the committee stood in silence before the meeting as a mark of respect.

1. PREVIOUS MEETING

❖ The minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on 7th September 2023 were signed as a true record.

2. MATTERS ARISING

❖ Rhys Casey raised the matter of referee abuse and was assured that all reported incidents will be fully supported by the League, with action taken by the relevant County FA. **SEE ITEM 8 BELOW.**

3. CORRESPONDENCE

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

4. FINANCE

❖ REVIEW OF SEPTEMBER PAYMENTS DUE

CLUB	DATE	DESCRIPTION	FINE/ cost	PTS	RULE	NOTES
Cambridge FC	14/06/2023	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT AGM	£62.25		8[H]	POSTAGE ADDED FOR AGM PAPERS
CS Rovers	14/06/2023	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT AGM	£50		8[H]	
Leighton Woodside	14/06/2023	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT AGM	£53.30 -PAID		8[H]	POSTAGE ADDED FOR AGM PAPERS
Sporting Carpathians	14/06/2023	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT AGM	£53.30		8[H]	POSTAGE ADDED FOR AGM PAPERS
Biggleswade FC Development	01/09/2023	FAILURE TO COMMENCE/COMPLETE FIXTURES	£75		11[B]	
FC Haynes Reserves	04/09/2023	FAILURE TO COMMENCE/COMPLETE FIXTURES	£75		11[B]	
Sporting Carpathians Reserves	01/09/2023	FAILURE TO COMMENCE/COMPLETE FIXTURES	£75		11[B]	

5. TROPHIES & MEMENTOES

- ❖ Premier Division Trophy: Engraving to be arranged.
- ❖ All other cups now engraved and returned to the Beds FA display cabinet.

6. TRANSFERS

Sonny Newton- Cootes.
Michael Turner.
James Dixon.
Andrew Cross.
Adam Drakulie.
Max Plunkett.
Oliver Dunkley.
Toby Williams.
Liam Hill.
Jordan McLennan.
Jay Sharpe.
Gavin Cheeme.
Josh Emmerton.
Jordan Benjamin.
Sam Dobson.
Max Hughes.
Tyrese Jones.
Taylor Bridge.
Max Hughes.
Harry Lovely.

Riseley Sports to Caldecote.
Sandy to Ickwell & Old Warden.
Totternhoe Reserves to Caddington
Stotfold Development to Caldecote.
Biggleswade FC Reserves to Sharnbrook.
Biggleswade FC Reserves to Blunham.
AFC Kempston Town Hammers to Elstow Abbey.
AFC Kempston Town Hammers to Elstow Abbey.
The 61 FC Luton Reserves to Catsbrook Wanderers.
Queens Park Crescents to Sharnbrook.
Totternhoe Reserves to Lewsey Park
Bedford Albion to Sharnbrook
AFC Bedford United to Bedford SA
Bedford Town U23 to Bedford Albion.
Bletchley Scot to New Bradwell St Peter Development.
Flitwick Town to FC Haynes.
AFC Bedford United to AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College
Biggleswade FC Reserves to Caldecote.
FC Haynes to Elstow Abbey.
Shefford Town & Campton to Caldecote.

Harry Lovely.
 Ryan Lawrence.
 Emmanuel Obodoehine.
 Louie Dillon.
 Ellis Anderson.
 Peter Murphy.
 Max Sharpe.
 Mason Rouke.
 Jake Renney.
 Matthew Newman.
 Ude Osim.
 Adam Woodley.

Caldecote to Shefford Town & Campton
 Stotfold Development to Stotfold Junior.
 Bedford Albion to Athletic FC.
 Shefford Town & Campton to FC Haynes.
 Stopsley United to Flitwick Town
 Shefford Town & Campton to Biggleswade FC Reserves.
 Wootton Blue Cross to Biggleswade FC Reserves
 The 61 FC Luton Reserves to Lewsey Park.
 Shefford Town & Campton to FC Haynes.
 GS Athletic to Sandy.
 Renhold to Crawley Green Reserves
 Wootton Blue Cross to Flitwick Town

7. ALTERATIONS TO HANDBOOK

- ❖ **Ickwell & Old Warden** – CHANGE OF COLOURS: Navy blue with Sky blue inserts – shirts/shorts/socks

8. REFEREE SECRETARY REPORT & REFEREEING MATTERS

- ❖ 2 September 2023: Dunstable Wanderers v Meltis Rangers: **Dunstable Wanderers** late payment of match fee [Rule 23E]
 - **First occurrence: Club WARNED**
- ❖ 9 September 2023: Mk Dons SET v Clifton: **MK Dons SET** late payment of match fee [Rule 23E]
 - **First occurrence: Club WARNED**
- ❖ 16 September 2023: Mk Dons SET v Totternhoe Reserves: **MK Dons SET** late payment of match fee [Rule 23E]
 - **Second occurrence: Club Fined as per rule, see item 5 below.**
- ❖ 23 September 2023: Sharnbrook v Queens Park Crescents: **Sharnbrook** late confirmation of fixture [Rule 20C]
 - **First occurrence: Club WARNED**
- ❖ 30 September 2023: Westoning Recreation v New Bradwell St Peter Development: **Westoning Recreation** late confirmation of fixture [Rule 20C]
 - **First occurrence: Club WARNED**
- ❖ 30 September 2023: M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves v Ampthill Town Colts: **M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves** late payment of match fee [Rule 23E]
 - **First occurrence: Club WARNED. Note: still not paid on 3 Oct.**
- ❖ 30 September 2023: Liddington United Colts v Kempston Athletic: **Kempston Athletic** no low referee report form returned [Rule 23H]
 - **Club Fined as per rule, see item 5 below.**
- ❖ 30 September 2023: Wootton Blue Cross Reserves v M&DH Clapham Sports: **Wootton Blue Cross Reserves** no low referee report form returned [Rule 23H].
 - **Club Fined as per rule, see item 5 below.**
- ❖ Good coverage throughout September with only one game uncovered by a qualified referee.
- ❖ Coverage for October is not great, especially 28th.
- ❖ Clubs/teams that have been reported to a County FA for bad discipline towards referees, following proven charges the clubs will be required to meet with the League Management Committee who will be authorised to take further action.

9. FIXTURE REPORT

- ❖ The first round of league cup ties are scheduled for 11th November. Watson Shield to start later – limited number of BYSL teams to be invited to bring the number of entries to 32.
- ❖ Format to decide Division Two Champions to be agreed at November 2023 meeting.
- ❖ **FREE DATES PREVIOUSLY AGREED:**
 - ▶ **QUEENS PARK CRESCENTS FIRST** and **DEVELOPMENT, FC POLONIA LUTON** [14th October], **BLETCHLEY SCOT** [16th December]
- ❖ **NEW FREE DATE REQUESTS AGREED:**
 - ▶ **TURVEY** [4th November], **BEDFORD ALBION FIRST** and **BEDFORD ALBION DEVELOPMENT** [2nd December]
- ❖ **FREE DATE REQUESTS NOT AGREED:**
 - ▶ **ICKWELL & OLD WARDEN** [21st October – insufficient notice].
- ❖ **UNPLAYED MATCHES:**
 - 23rd September 2023: Division 4: Leighton Woodside Athletic v Kempston Athletic. Match called off by home team claiming no safeguarding cover available – first occurrence.
 - In open age football, Bedfordshire FA confirms there is only a requirement for each club to nominate a Welfare Officer, but that person does NOT have to be in attendance at a match.
 - **Leighton Woodside Athletic fined as per rule, see item 15 below, and deducted one [1] penalty point.**
 - **Match and match points [3] awarded to Kempston Athletic, score 0-0.**
- ❖ 30th September 2023: Division 3: Clifton Reserves v CS Rovers. CS Rovers failed to raise a side [first occurrence].
 - **CS Rovers fined as per rule, see item 15 below, and deducted one [1] penalty point.**
 - **Match and match points [3] awarded to Clifton Reserves, score 0-0.**
- ❖ The following abandoned matches are awaiting Beds FA decision:
 - 9th September 2023: Division 1: Wootton Blue Cross v Bedford SA
 - 23rd September 2023: Division 2 South: Sporting Carpathians v Stopsley United

10. REGISTRATIONS, RESULTS, PRESS & MEDIA SECRETARY REPORT

- ❖ Registrations made by Midday Saturday 30th September 2023: **2641**
- ❖ **CHARGE NOTICES**
- ❖ **Catsbrook Wanderers** : In breach of league rule 18M in having played Paul May in their game against Turvey on 2nd September 2023 (game won 2-1) who at the time of the game was not a registered member of their club for season 2023-24.
 - **Registration duly made on Thursday 7th September 2023. Club reply to charge was considered.**
 - **Charged found proved.**
 - **Match points gained in match [3] to be deleted. Club fined as per rule and deducted one [1] penalty point, see item 15 below**
 - **Match awarded to Turvey, score 0-0. Match points [3] awarded to Turvey.**
- ❖ **NOTE FOR ALL CLUBS/TEAMS: Are Catsbrook Wanderers also in breach of League Rule 21C?** The Club loaded their Full Time Result sheet ahead of the deadline **with only 10 starters** and were informed and requested to add the 11th starter. This

information was not forth-coming until post deadline time. Thus raising the question, 'is the omission of data from their result sheet not an act of deliberately falsifying their team sheet and thus being in breach of Rule 21C?'

► **RULE 21C:** A Club which submits an incomplete match result notification or incorrect information related to the names of the players, shall, upon realisation, immediately inform the League Registration Secretary with the details. Clubs failing to do so shall be deemed to have deliberately submitted false information and shall be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

► **IN ALL CASES WHERE THIS HAS OCCURRED FOR MATCHED PLAYED IN SEPTEMBER 2023, the Committee has decided not to apply rule 21C but to warn all Clubs that this rule will be applied in all matches played from 1st October 2023. The fine for a breach of rule 21C is £150.**

- ❖ **Leighton Woodside Rovers:** In breach of league rule 18M in having played Ricardo Santos in their game against Elstow Abbey Reserves on 2nd September 2023 (game lost 3-4) who at the time of the game was not a registered member of their club for season 2023-24. Club loaded their Full Time Result sheet ahead of the deadline with only 10 starters and were informed and requested to add the 11th starter.
 - Registration duly made on Sunday 3rd September 2023. Club reply to charge was considered.
 - Charged found proved.
 - Match result to stand. Club fined as per rule and deducted one [1] penalty point, see item 15 below
 - Rule 21C not applied, see above.
- ❖ **Leighton Woodside Athletic :** In breach of league rules 18M/21C that in their game against Dunstable Wanderers on Saturday 16th September 2023 they named on their team sheet exchanged pre-match with the referee and Dunstable Wanderers one Theo Knight who took no part in the game and then post match included him on their loaded Full Time result sheet. (game drawn 3-3)
 - No reply received from Leighton Woodside Athletic
 - Charged found proved – RULE 21C
 - Match point gained in match [1] to be deleted. Club fined as per rule and deducted three [3] penalty point, see item 15 below.
 - Match awarded to Dunstable Wanderers, score 0-0. Match points [3] awarded to Dunstable Wanderers.
- ❖ **Blunham FC ;** In breach of league rules 18M/21C that in their game against Wilstead on Saturday 23rd September 2023 they named on their team sheet exchanged with the match day referee and Wilstead one Sam Page who took no part in the game, his place being taken by Sam Moore (an unregistered player, registered with **Biggleswade United Reserves** for season 2023-24) and then post match deliberately falsified their Full Time result sheet. (game won 5-1)
 - Club reply to charge was considered. Charged found proved – RULE 21C.
 - Match points gained in match [3] to be deleted. Club fined as per rule and deducted three [3] penalty point, see item 15 below.
 - Match awarded to Wilstead, score 0-0. Match points [3] awarded to Wilstead.
 - Registration of player Sam Moore will be withdrawn for season 2023-2024 following another similar proven case involving the player.
- ❖ **Bande Rouge :** In breach of league rule 18M in that in their game played on Saturday 23rd September 2023 against Sharnbrook Reserves they played one Thomas Garbould who at the time of the game was not a registered member of Bande Rouge for season 2023-23. (Game drawn 1-1). Club loaded their Full Time Result sheet ahead of the deadline with only 10 starters and were informed and requested to add the 11th starter. This information was not forth-coming until post deadline time.
 - Player registration subsequently initiated. Club reply to charge was considered.
 - Charged found proved.
 - Match point gained in match [1] to be deleted. Club fined as per rule and deducted one [1] penalty point, see item 15 below.
 - Match awarded to Sharnbrook Reserves, score 0-0. Match points [3] awarded to Sharnbrook Reserves.
 - Rule 21C not applied, see above.
- ❖ **Lea Sports PSG.** In breach of League rules 18M/21C that in their game played on Saturday 30th September 2023 against Caddington they named on their team sheet exchanged with Caddington and the match day referee and played one Jack Stevens who at the time of the game was not a registered member of Lea Sports PSG for season 2023-24 then post match when loading their Full Time Result sheet replaced his name with that of Jack Scott. (game won 2-1)
 - Registration of player Jack Stevens completed post match.
 - Club reply to charge was considered. Charged found proved – RULE 21C.
 - Match points gained in match [3] to be deleted. Club fined as per rule and deducted three [3] penalty point, see item 15 below.
 - Match awarded to Caddington, score 0-0. Match points [3] awarded to Caddington.
- ❖ **REPORT NOTICES**
- ❖ Clubs in breach of League rule 21B in failing to submit their result into the SMS text system by the required deadline for games played during September 2023.
 - Kempston Athletic. Kempston United. Meltis Rangers. Sharnbrook Reserves. Sporting Carpathians.
 - Harlington Juniors Reserves. Sharnbrook. Sharnbrook Reserves. Sporting Carpathians. The 61 FC Luton Reserves.
 - Sharnbrook Reserves. CS Rovers. Athletic FC.
 - Sharnbrook. Sharnbrook Reserves. Stotfold Juniors. Meltis Rangers
 - All above named clubs/teams are WARNED. Fines will be applied for any further breaches of rule 21B.
- ❖ Clubs in breach of league rule 21C in failing to load their completed Full Time result sheet by the required deadline.
- ❖ For games played on Saturday 2nd September 2023: **Lea Sports PSG, Queens Park Crescents First & Development, Sporting Carpathians, Turvey FC. Leighton Woodside Rovers** (incomplete player stat missing)
- ❖ For games played on Saturday 9th September 2023: **Bufs FC, Sharnbrook.**
- ❖ For games played on Saturday 16th September 2023: **Blunham** (incomplete player stat missing) **Bufs FC, Sharnbrook, GS Athletic, Lea Sports PSG** (incomplete referee mark missing).
- ❖ For games played on Saturday 23rd September 2023
- ❖ **Bande Rouge** (incomplete player stat missing) **Sharnbrook Reserves.** (incomplete goalscorer information missing), **Turvey.**
 - All above named clubs/teams are WARNED or FINED as per rule, see tem 15 below.
- ❖ Clubs in breach of league rule 21C in failing to include on their loaded Full Time result sheet, by the required deadline, details of yellow/red cards issued by the match day referee for games played during September 2023.
- ❖ **AFC Kempston Town Hammers, Dunstable Wanderers, Elstow Abbey Reserves, Lea Sports PSG, Marston Shelton Rovers, M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves, Sandy Reserves, Sharnbrook Reserves, Shefford Town & Campton Development.**

- ❖ Caldecote Reserves, Catsbrook Wanderers, Harlington Juniors Reserves, Lewsey Park, Sharnbrook Reserves, Wilstead.
- ❖ Catsbrook Wanderers, Dunstable Wanderers, FC Polonia (Luton), Flitwick Town 'A', Flitwick Town Reserves, Kempston United, Liddington United Sports Club Colts, Queens Park Crescents Development, Shefford Town & Campton Development, The 61 FC Luton Reserves.
- ❖ AFC Oakley Development, Bande Rouge, Bletchley Scot, Catsbrook Wanderers, Dunstable Wanderers, MK Dons SET, Sharnbrook, Sharnbrook Reserves.
 - All above named clubs/teams are WARNED. Fines will be applied for any further breaches of this part of rule 21C.
 - REMINDER: WHERE INFORMATION HAS BEEN INITIALLY OMITTED but cannot be added later because the Full Time result sheet has been locked, Clubs MUST contact Peter Francis [07779 680269] by the deadline to get the result sheet unlocked. The missing data can then be added.
- ❖ OTHER MATTERS
- ❖ Report and notify decision taken on the double registration of Faz Hassan by both Brache Phoenix (24th August 2023 under Fan 75351132 with DOB 01/01/91 at LU4 8QY) and The 61 FC [Luton] Reserves (31st August 2023 under Fan 74326287 with DOB 01/03/91 at LU13 EG)
 - The committee decided to cancel the player's registration with Brache Phoenix.

11. NATIONAL LEAGUE SYSTEM including FACILITIES

- ❖ Nothing new to report

12. REPRESENTATIVE FOOTBALL

- ❖ Nothing new to report

13. ENGLAND FOOTBALL ACCREDITED LEAGUE

- ❖ 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 SEPTEMBER 2023

FOR FULL LIST, SEE APPENDIX 'A' ON PAGE 5

TREASURER to raise invoices with payment details

16. APPLICATIONS & WITHDRAWALS

- ❖ WITHDRAWALS: CAMBRIDGE FC
 - Club fined £75 as per rule, but deposit used as payment.

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- ❖ None
- ❖ There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.16 p.m.
- ❖ G. B. Snelson, General Secretary

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APPENDIX 'A'

LIST OF FINES LEVIED AT OCTOBER 2023 MEETING

CLUB	DATE	DESCRIPTION	FINE/ cost	PTS	RULE
Bande Rouge	23/09/2023	PLAYING AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER – FIRST OCCURRENCE	£20	-1	18[M]
Bande Rouge	23/09/2023	INCOMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION NOT RELATED TO THE NAMES OF THE PLAYERS	£10		21[C]
Blunham	16/09/2023	INCOMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION NOT RELATED TO THE NAMES OF THE PLAYERS	£10		21[C]
Blunham	23/09/2023	DELIBERATELY FALSIFYING ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION RELATING TO NAMES OF PLAYERS – FIRST OCCURRENCE	£150	-3	21[C]
Bufs FC	09/09/2023	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		21[C]
Bufs FC	16/09/2023	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		21[C]
Catsbrook Wanderers	02/09/2023	PLAYING AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER – FIRST OCCURRENCE	£20	-1	18[M]
CS Rovers	30/09/2023	FAILURE TO PLAY FIXTURE	£25	-1	20[E]
GS Athletic	16/09/2023	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		21[C]
Kempston Athletic	30/09/2023	FAILURE TO PROVIDE REFEREE'S LOW MARK REPORT	£10		23[H]
Lea Sports PSG	02/09/2023	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		21[C]
Lea Sports PSG	16/09/2023	INCOMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION NOT RELATED TO THE NAMES OF THE PLAYERS	£10		21[C]
Lea Sports PSG	30/09/2023	DELIBERATELY FALSIFYING ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION RELATING TO NAMES OF PLAYERS – FIRST OCCURRENCE	£150	-3	21[C]
Leighton Woodside Athletic	16/09/2023	DELIBERATELY FALSIFYING ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION RELATING TO NAMES OF PLAYERS – FIRST OCCURRENCE	£150	-3	21[C]
Leighton Woodside Athletic	23/09/2023	FAILURE TO PLAY FIXTURE	£25	-1	20[E]
Leighton Woodside Rovers	02/09/2023	PLAYING AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER – FIRST OCCURRENCE	£20	-1	18[M]
Leighton Woodside Rovers	02/09/2023	INCOMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION NOT RELATED TO THE NAMES OF THE PLAYERS	£10		21[C]
MK Dons SET	16/09/2023	FAILURE TO PAY MATCH OFFICIALS' FEES - SECOND OCCURRENCE.	£15		23[E]
Queens Park Crescents First & Development	02/09/2023	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		21[C]
Sharnbrook	09/09/2023	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		21[C]
Sharnbrook	16/09/2023	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		21[C]
Sharnbrook Reserves	23/09/2023	INCOMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION NOT RELATED TO THE NAMES OF THE PLAYERS	£10		21[C]
Turvey	02/09/2023	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		21[C]
Turvey	23/09/2023	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		21[C]
Wootton Blue Cross Reserves	30/09/2023	FAILURE TO PROVIDE REFEREE'S LOW MARK REPORT	£10		23[H]



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