



BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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MINUTES: MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY 10TH JULY 2018

7.30pm at 3 The Furlong, BEDFORD MK41 8EE

MEMBERS PRESENT: Messrs BT Watson [Chairman and Treasurer], P Francis [Vice-Chairman, Registration and Media Secretary], K Redman, GB Snelson [General and Fixture Secretary]. **CLUB REPRESENTATIVE:** Messrs R Simmonds [Elstow Abbey FC and League Charter Standard Coordinator]. **APOLOGIES:** No apologies were tendered.

1. MEETING WITH NEW CLUB APPLICANTS

- ❖ Meeting with Club Representatives
 - **Renhold United FC** - Represented by Lyn and Barry Dimmock, and Keith Harlow
 - There was an open and honest discussion about the merits of the Club entering the League for season 2018-2019. The Representatives were informed that if they entered the Club would be placed in the Premier Division. However the Club could not give a guarantee that at that level the team would be able to complete the season, particularly with the greater penalties for non-fulfilments agreed at the AGM.
 - The Club were given to Friday 13th July to confirm their entry or otherwise.
 - Should the Club not enter it was decided the subscription and deposit payments already made would be refunded.
 - The Club's representatives left the meeting at this point.

2. BCFL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- ❖ No major changes to the Committee structure were agreed. This matter will be taken to the August meeting of the Management Committee when all prospective new members are invited to attend.

3. FORMATION OF DIVISIONS

- ❖ **Riseley Sports FC** – PREMIER DIVISION – facilities inspected and approved.
- ❖ Gamlingay United – although allocated by The FA to BCFL, the Club has indicated they will not accept the re-allocation. An appeal by the Club to The FA has failed, but the Club have made their decision not to move. No response to date from The FA for official confirmation of where the League stands with regards to this matter.
- ❖ **Houghton Athletic FC** – requested to enter the League for season 2018-2019 and will sort any outstanding problems on the return from holiday of the Club Secretary towards the end of July. The Club have been included in the Formation of Divisions.
- ❖ The Formation of Divisions [FoD] were agreed having taken account of the various requests from Clubs. The FoD will be published over the weekend of 14th/15th July.

4. FUTURE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

- ❖ The meetings for the coming season will be held on the first Thursday of each month, subject to any special circumstances, at Elstow Playing Field Pavilion at 7pm starting on 2nd August 2018.

5. DISTRIBUTION ARRANGEMENTS

- ❖ Once delivery dates for footballs and scratch cards have been finalised, the distribution of these items to Clubs will be arranged.

6. FINANCE

- ❖ There is still a small number of Clubs with outstanding payments to the League.

7. TROPHIES & MEMENTOES

- ❖ All but the Watson Shield have been engraved and will be returned for safe keeping to the Bedfordshire FA on Monday 16th July.

8. AGM FEEDBACK

- ❖ Much improved arrangements from the 2017 meeting. Disappointment that the footballs, scratch cards and Club mementoes were not available for distribution/presentation and this is a lesson to be learned for the 2019 meeting.

9. CHARTER STANDARD LEAGUE

- ❖ Nothing new to report.

10. LEAGUE DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW

- ❖ Post meeting note: Information for the 2018-2019 Development Plan received Friday 13th July.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- ❖ It was proposed that, because of the larger divisions, accommodating another cup competition would be very difficult and that the ex-LD&SB William Pease trophy would be a pre-season Charity Match between the Premier Division winners and Britannia cup winners,
- ❖ There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30p.m.
- ❖ G. B. Snelson, General Secretary
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