



BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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MINUTES: MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 3RD JANUARY 2019

7pm at Elstow Playing Field Pavilion, Wilstead Road, Elstow MK42 9YD

- ❖ **MEMBERS:** Messrs TM Sadler [President], BT Watson [Chairman and Treasurer], P Francis [Vice-Chairman, Registration and Media Secretary], Amrit Singh Bains, M Benson, B Hallybone, GB Snelson [General and Fixture Secretary]. **CLUB REPRESENTATIVES:** Messrs R Simmonds [Elstow Abbey FC and League Charter Standard Coordinator], D Gauntlett [Shefford Town and Campton FC]. **BEDFORDSHIRE FA:** Messrs A Scott [League Representative on Bedfordshire FA], Josh Spavins [Football Development Officer, North, Bedfordshire FA].
- ❖ **APOLOGIES:** Messrs S Chamberlain, K Redman, **LIFE VICE PRESIDENTS:** Messrs PJ Onion, J Warner
- ❖ **ABSENT:** R Horswell

1. PREVIOUS MEETING

- ❖ The minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on 6th December 2018 were signed as a true record.

2. MATTERS ARISING

- ❖ **Sandy FC** – request for reconsideration of fine 2018.12-07. The Committee accepted the request and rescinded the fine.
- ❖ **Ickwell & Old Warden FC** – request for reimbursement of second payment of EA course fees. The Committee considered the request but having already had to pay for the first course, where the Ickwell & OW representatives failed to attend, the request was denied.
- ❖ **Pines [Luton] FC** – late teamsheet /late kick off [v Sandy Reserves] – report re-confirmed by match referee. Committee decision to stand.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

- ❖ Various items of correspondence were received by the General Secretary. All those requiring action or for information are recorded elsewhere in these minutes. These included various minutes and notices from The FA and Bedfordshire 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.
- ❖ **The Football Association**
 - Nothing additional to report
- ❖ **Bedfordshire FA**
 - Nothing additional to report
- ❖ MGSsportware – request to tender for trophy business. Noted, SportsForm are current preferred suppliers. However there may be an opportunity for additional sponsorship. **Action: General Secretary to make enquiries.**

4. FINANCE

- ❖ **Payments for Luton Borough Council Park Pitches** [excluding The 61FC [Luton] and Crawley Green]. An online account has been made available as follows:

Account Number	50319325
Sort Code	20-71-35

- Payment (£49.90) to be made by 12-midday on Friday (for a Saturday match), and 12-midday on the day of a mid-week match. All payments for November 2018 have been made to Luton Borough Council.
- Match ball sales: **Wilstead FC:** 3 balls [£45 paid]. There are reported cases of these match balls splitting.
 - **Dan Gauntlett [Shefford Town & Campton] to provide an example – General Secretary to talk with Hy-Pro.**
- The following fines/costs/payments have not been made by the due dates.

REF	CLUB	DATE	DESCRIPTION	FINE	PTS	RULE	DUE DATE
2018.12-A	Atletico Europa		3 x HY-PRO MATCH FOOTBALLS	£45			02 January 2019
2018.09-04	Black Swan [Luton]	21/08/2018	FAILURE TO HAVE REQUIRED NUMBER OF REGISTERED PLAYERS PRIOR TO DUE DATE	£40		18[Bii]	02 January 2019
2018.11-19	Black Swan [Luton]	29/09/2018	DELIBERATELY FALSIFYING ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION RELATING TO NAMES OF PLAYERS – FIRST OCCURRENCE: £75 TO PAY £75 SUSPENDED	£75	-3	21[C]	02 January 2019
2018.12-02	Black Swan [Luton]	19/11/2018	FAILURE TO PAY A FINES WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME - 2018.09-04 & 2018.11-19	£15		6[I]	02 January 2019
2018.12-24	Black Swan [Luton]	17/11/2018	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIME	£15		21[C]	02 January 2019
2018.12-28	CS Rovers	10/11/2018	DELIBERATELY FALSIFYING ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION RELATING TO NAMES OF PLAYERS – FIRST OCCURRENCE	£150	-3	21[C]	02 January 2019
2018.11-06	FC Kokan	06/10/2018	FAILURE TO FULFIL FIXTURE - Saturday 1st [non-Premier]	£25	-1	20[Ei]	02 January 2019

2018.12-03	FC Kokan	19/11/2018	FAILURE TO PAY A FINE WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME - 2018.11-06	£15		6[I]	02 January 2019
2018.12-18	FC Kokan	17/11/2018	FAILURE TO FULFIL FIXTURE - Saturday 2nd [non-Premier]	£40	n/a	20[Ei]	02 January 2019
2018.12-32	FC Kokan	18/11/2018	FAILURE TO COMMENCE or COMPLETE FIXTURES - FINE £75			11[B]	Deposit [£75] used as payment
2018.12-32A	FC Kokan		ADDITIONAL PLAYER REGISTRATIONS [14] AND TRANSFER [0]	£14			02 January 2019
2018.12-C	Pines [Luton]		1 x HY-PRO MATCH FOOTBALL	£15			02 January 2019
2018.10-33	Sporting Lewsey Park	22/09/2018	DELIBERATELY FALSIFYING ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION RELATING TO NAMES OF PLAYERS – FIRST OCCURRENCE: £75 TO PAY £75 SUSPENDED	£75	-3	21[C]	02 January 2019
2018.12-09	Sporting Lewsey Park	19/11/2018	FAILURE TO PAY A FINE WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME - 2018.10-33	£15		6[I]	02 January 2019
2018.12-10	Square FC	19/11/2018	FAILURE TO PAY A COSTS WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME - 2018.11-F	£15		6[I]	02 January 2019
2018.12-11	Stevington	19/11/2018	FAILURE TO PAY A FINES WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME - 2018.10-08 & 2018.11-04	£15		6[I]	02 January 2019
2018.11-G	Thurleigh	01/11/2018	REIMBURSEMENT OF E.A.COURSE FEE FOR NON-ATTENDEE	£30			02 January 2019
2018.12-13	Thurleigh	19/11/2018	FAILURE TO PAY A COSTS WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME - 2018.11-G	£15		6[I]	02 January 2019

- **Atletico Europa** – additionally fined as per rule, **see item 15 below, reference 2019.01-01**
- **CS Rovers** – fine subject to appeal to Bedfordshire FA
- **FC Kokan** – contact Bedfordshire FA re player debts
- **Pines [Luton]** – additionally fined as per rule, **see item 15 below, reference 2019.01-02**
- *** Black Swan [Luton]** – fixtures suspended from Sunday 6th January 2019 until full payment is made.
- *** Sporting Lewsey Park** – fixtures suspended from Sunday 6th January 2019 until full payment is made.
- *** Square FC** – fixtures suspended from Sunday 6th January 2019 until full payment is made.
- *** Stevington** – fixtures suspended from Sunday 6th January 2019 until full payment is made.
- *** Thurleigh** – fixtures suspended from Sunday 6th January 2019 until full payment is made.
- Post meeting note: * All Clubs paid – fixture suspension lifted 9th January 2019

5. TROPHIES & MEMENTOES

- ❖ Nothing to report.

6. TRANSFERS

Liam Fenton	Wilstead to Bedford Albion
Steven Redmond	Crawley Green Reserves to The 61 FC Luton Reserves
Charlie Nicholson	Cranfield United to Elstow Abbey
Daniel Jefferies	Wilstead to Elstow Abbey.
Arkadiusz Ledwon	Square FC to FC Polonia (Luton)
Dwayne Edwards	M&DH Clapham Sports to Kempston Athletic.
Gary Beaumont	Sandy to Real Haynes Reserves
Gareth Loadman	Dinamo Flitwick to Flitwick Town.
Claudio Sepede	Meltis Albion to The 61 FC Luton Reserves.
Cayne Hazell	The 61 FC Luton Reserves to Totternoe Reserves.
Tony Ellis	Totternhoe Reserves to Wootton Blue Cross.

7. ALTERATIONS TO HANDBOOK

- ❖ **Wilstead FC** – Chair and Acting Secretary James Struthers [jamesstruther@btinternet.com] ☎07971492151

8. REFEREE SECRETARY REPORT & REFEREEING MATTERS

- ❖ **Stevington** – late confirmation with match referee [24th November]
 - Club fined as per rule, **see item 15 below, reference 2019.01-03**
- ❖ **Queens Park Crescents** – failure to provide referee with teamsheet [v Cranfield 1st December]
 - Club fined as per rule, **see item 15 below, reference 2019.01-04**
- ❖ The following Clubs are instructed to provide the required forms to the League Referee Secretary by 28th January 2019 or be liable to a fine under rule 6[H]:
 - **Elstow Abbey** – failure to provide referee low mark form
 - **Marston Shelton Rovers** – failure to provide referee low mark form
 - **CS Rovers** – failure to provide referee low mark form
 - **Queens Park Crescents** – failure to provide referee low mark form [v Cranfield United 1st December]
- ❖ Correspondence from Paul Medlin – suggestion to revert to 13:30hr kick offs for all Dec fixtures. Noted.

9. FIXTURE REPORT

- ❖ Previous Free Date requests:
 - **Wixams** 12th January 2019. Agreed
 - **Harlington Juniors** 16th March 2019. Agreed
 - **Pines [Luton]** 5th January 2019. Agreed

- **Black Swan [Luton]** 12th January 2019. Agreed
- ❖ New Free Date requests – all agreed.
- **Wilstead Reserves** 20th January 2019. Agreed
- **Bedford Albion Reserves** 9th February 2019. Agreed
- ❖ Other requests:
 - **AFC Oakley** – no home matches 27th April 2019. Agreed
 - **Riseley Sports** – no home matches 6th and 13th April 2019. Agreed
- ❖ **The following matches were not played or completed:**
 - Saturday 8th December: Centenary Cup. **AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College Reserves** v The 61 FC [Luton] Reserves. AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College Reserves unable to raise a team [2nd occurrence].
 - Tie awarded to **The 61FC [Luton] Reserves**. AFC Kempston Town & BC Reserves fined as per rule, **see item 15 below, reference 2019.01-05**
 - Saturday 8th December: Centenary Cup. Biggleswade FC Reserves v **Wilstead Reserves**. Wilstead Reserves unable to raise a team [1st occurrence].
 - Tie awarded to **Biggleswade Reserves**. Wilstead Res fined as per rule, **see item 15 below, reference 2019.01-06**
 - Saturday 15th December: Jubilee Cup. **Caldecote Reserves** v Elstow Abbey. Caldecote Res unable to raise a team.
 - Tie awarded to **Elstow Abbey**. Caldecote Res fined as per rule, **see item 15 below, reference 2019.01-07**
 - Saturday 29th December: Division Three supported by Hy-Pro. Liddington United Sports v **Flitwick Town 'A'**. Flitwick Town 'A' unable to raise a team [1st occurrence].
 - Match points [3] awarded to Liddington United Sports, score 0-0. Flitwick Town 'A' fined as per rule and deducted one [1] penalty point, **see item 15 below, reference 2019.01-08**
 - Saturday 8th December: Division Three. **Bedford Albion Reserves v FC Polonia [Luton]**. Match abandoned. Forwarded to Bedfordshire FA for action. Matter continuing.
 - Saturday 20th October Division Three **Flitwick Town 'A' v Real Haynes**. Match abandoned – with Bedfordshire FA for action.
 - BFA decision: charges against both Clubs found proved. In accordance with Rule 20[E][v] the match is declared VOID. No points are awarded and no league fines levied.
 - Saturday 15th December 2019 Division One. **Cople and Bedford SA v Sandy**. Match abandoned with 7 minutes remaining due to bad light. Score 6-0 to Cople & BSA.
 - Match result to stand.

10. REGISTRATIONS, RESULTS, PRESS & MEDIA SECRETARY REPORT

- ❖ The Registrations Secretary reported on matters associated with Whole Game System and Full Time.
- ❖ **Total Players Registered** at Midday Saturday 30th December 2018: **2584**
- ❖ **General Note:** Clubs are reminded to save their referee mark in FA Marks before entering player's statistics, failure to do so results in no referee mark being shown.
- ❖ **Charge Notices**
 - **CS Rovers:** Breach of league rule 18N in that in their game on Saturday 10th November 2018 they named on their Full Time result sheet Keighnan Berry who was not present at the game and his place being taken by another player who was not named and was not eligible to take part in the game. Ineligible player was Jerome Pannell who joined CS Rovers on transfer from Black Swan (Luton) on 15th November 2018. Game won 2-0. Email from both clubs considered.
 - Charge proved. Match points [3] awarded to Sundon Park Rovers.
 - CS Rovers fined as per rule and deducted three [3] penalty points, **see item 15 below, reference 2018.12-28**
 - In light of additional evidence provided by the Club in support of an appeal to Bedfordshire FA, the Committee reconsidered their original decision [shown above]. The Committee decided by a majority that the original decision stands, and that this matter is now the subject of appeal.
- ❖ Saturday 17th November 2018 Division Two **St Josephs v Sundon Park Rovers**. St Josephs failed to exchange a team sheet with opposition. Explanation accepted – no further action.
- ❖ **Report Notices**
 - **Atletico Europa:** In breach of league rule 21A in that they failed in their game against Sundon Park Rovers on Saturday 8th December 2018 to exchange a team sheet with Sundon Park Rovers and the referee.
 - Atletico Europa fined as per rule, **see item 15 below, reference 2019.01-09**
 - **Thurleigh:** In breach of league rule 21C in failing to load onto Full Time their result sheet for their game on Saturday 15th December against Liddington United Sports by the deadline.
 - Thurleigh fined as per rule, **see item 15 below, reference 2019.01-10**
 - **Atletico Europa:** In breach of league rule 21C in failing to load onto Full Time their result sheet for their game on Saturday 22nd December against Marston Shelton Rovers Reserves by the deadline.
 - Atletico Europa fined as per rule, **see item 15 below, reference 2019.01-11**
- ❖ **Clifton v CS Rovers** – no further action.

11. NATIONAL LEAGUE SYSTEM including FACILITIES

- ❖ **TEAM SHELTERS:** Clubs can view the options using the following Amazon link [there will be other links available].
- ❖ https://www.amazon.co.uk/Net-World-Sports-Portable-Football/dp/B01N5MT492/ref=cts_sp_2_vtp
- ❖ Clubs wishing to purchase through the League, and to take advantage of a substantial saving on two shelters as the League will pay the basic cost for one shelter, can contact the General Secretary to request a quote. Minimum purchase two shelters.



12. REPRESENTATIVE FOOTBALL

- ❖ Nothing to report

13. CHARTER STANDARD LEAGUE

- ❖ Nothing 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 team has reached stage R6 [6 cautions] and has received a warning from Bedfordshire FA. The warning requires payment of a Discipline Administration fee of £15. New additions in **GREEN**.
 - PREMIER DIVISION: Marston Shelton Rovers, Queens Park Crescents, Riseley Sports, Ickwell & Old Warden, **Caldecote, Cranfield United**.
 - OTHER DIVISIONS: Black Swan [Luton], Bedford Albion Reserves, Lidlington United Sports Club, St. Josephs [Saturday]
- ❖ ➢ The following teams have reached stage R10 [10 cautions] Fine plus admin fee applicable:
 - PREMIER DIVISION: No teams.
 - OTHER DIVISIONS: No teams.

15. CURRENT FINES

- ❖ Fines/warnings/costs levied at the January 2019 meeting:

REF	CLUB	DATE	DESCRIPTION	FINE	PTS	RULE	DUE DATE
2019.01-01	Atletico Europa	02/01/2019	FAILURE TO PAY COSTS WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME - 2018.12-A	N/A		6[I]	Warning
2019.01-02	Pines [Luton]	02/01/2019	FAILURE TO PAY COSTS WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME - 2018.12-C	£15		6[I]	28 January 2019
2019.01-03	Stevington	24/11/2018	FAILURE TO PROVIDE DETAILS OF A FIXTURE	£15		20[C]	28 January 2019
2019.01-04	Queens Park Crescents	01/12/2018	FAILURE TO EXCHANGE TEAMSHEET as per rule	£10		21[A]	28 January 2019
2019.01-05	AFC Kempston Tn & BC Res	08/12/2018	FAILURE TO FULFIL FIXTURE - Saturday 2nd occurrence [non-Premier] - CUP TIE	£40		20[Ei]	28 January 2019
2019.01-06	Wistead Reserves	08/12/2018	FAILURE TO FULFIL FIXTURE - Saturday 1st occurrence [non-Premier] - CUP TIE	£25		20[Ei]	28 January 2019
2019.01-07	Caldecote Reserves	15/12/2018	FAILURE TO FULFIL FIXTURE - Saturday 2nd occurrence [non-Premier] - CUP TIE	£40		20[Ei]	28 January 2019
2019.01-08	Flitwick Town 'A'	29/12/2018	FAILURE TO FULFIL FIXTURE - Saturday 1st occurrence [non-Premier]	£25	-1	20[Ei]	28 January 2019
2019.01-09	Atletico Europa	08/12/2018	FAILURE TO EXCHANGE TEAMSHEET as per rule	£10		21[A]	28 January 2019
2019.01-10	Thurleigh	15/12/2018	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIME	£15		21[C]	28 January 2019
2019.01-11	Atletico Europa	22/12/2018	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIME	£15		21[C]	28 January 2019

- ❖ **PAYMENT DETAILS FOR JANUARY 2019** – excluding payments for Luton Borough Council park pitches [see item 4 above]:
- ❖ CHEQUES are to be made payable to **Bedfordshire Football League** and sent to:
- ❖ The Treasurer, Barry Watson, **6 Hookhams Lane, Renhold MK41 0JT**
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ **Also please advise BY TEXT on 07831413839**

16. NEW TEAMS and WITHDRAWALS

- ❖ **Withdrawals:** No further withdrawals
- ❖ **New Teams** – enquiries only

17. LEAGUE DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW

- ❖ To be continued during season 2018-2019

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- ❖ Additional Actions and reports:
 - ▶ GENERAL SECRETARY **Barry Snelson** with support from co-opted Committee Member **Steve Chamberlain**
 - **Online League Handbook** – Revision 2: **Ready for release Action: General Secretary**
 - **CHECK REQUIRED ON CLUB'S SATISFACTION WITH THE NEW BALLS** – matter continuing.
 - ▶ TREASURER **Barry Watson** – with support from co-opted Committee Member **Mark Benson**
Luton Borough Council park pitch payment for November completed. **Action: COMPLETED – Mark Benson.**
BANK ACCOUNT SIGNATORIES matter continuing.
 - ▶ REFEREES SECRETARY **Bradley Hallybone** with support from Committee Member **Keith Redman** and co-opted Committee Member **Richard Horswell**, with REFEREE APPOINTMENTS via Beds FA **Mike Desborough**
 - Premier Division Club Assistant Referee training, together with clothing, possible registration with entry against matches on Full Time, and match day responsibilities still to be organised. **Action: Referee Secretary – on going**
- ❖ **Venue for AGM 2019.** Confirmed at Great Barford Village Hall. Full details at a later date,

- ❖ Josh Spavins raised the question of whether the County League would take on the administration of the Bedfordshire FA Vets competition. It was agreed a sub-committee of Messrs Snelson, Benson and Simmonds would meet with Josh before the next Committee meeting to look at the feasibility.
- ❖ Date of next full meeting: **Thursday 7th February 2019** starting at 7pm at Elstow Village Hall.
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- ❖ There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.59p.m.
- ❖ G. B. Snelson, General Secretary

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