



# NORTH BUCKS & DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE

## (FOUNDED 1911)



### Minutes of the League Management Meeting

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2016

**Present:** N. Holman Esq. (Hon. President); A.P. Jeskins Esq. (Chairman / General Secretary),  
M. McStraw Esq. (Vice-Chairman), Mrs. B. Sprules (Treasurer & Fixtures Secretary),  
N. Aldren Esq. (Registration Secretary); J. Hedge Esq. (Referee's Secretary);  
B. Stuchbury Esq., C. Hodges Esq.,

**Apologies:** None - All Present

#### Chairman's Opening Address:

The Chairman duly welcomed all members to the meeting.

#### Minutes of the Meeting Held 7<sup>th</sup> January 2016

The Minutes of the meeting held Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2016 as circulated, were approved and signed as a true record.

#### Matter's Arising

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

#### Charge Hearing - Brackley Sports F.C.

Further to the charge issued in the Minutes of Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2016, Brackley Sports F.C. had requested a hearing to respond to the charge. Representatives of Brackley Sports F.C. attended the meeting and presented their account of the incidents surrounding the postponement of the fixture against Brackley Old Boys F.C. on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

The Management Committee discussed at length the issues surrounding the postponement and a decision was put to the vote. The votes being equal the Chairman took a casting vote and it was therefore the majority decision of the Committee that the charge be dropped and the fixture be replayed.

In summary there were four different account received from the two Clubs, the Match Official and the Facility who are responsible for the ground. It was agreed that there were failings on the part of both Clubs and the facility and it would be unfair to penalise one party and hold them fully accountable for the issues that occurred.

Whilst the Committee noted this decision, it was recorded that Clubs must follow the rules (particularly Rule 13 (D)) laid down for the cancellation of fixtures and the communication thereof. The Committee also agreed that the League would pay the cost of the match official on the day.

#### Correspondence

Brackley Sports F.C.	Response to Charge and Request for Hearing	Actioned APJ
City Colts F.C.	Query over Invoice Issued and Fine Amount Due	Actioned BS
D. Clark Esq.	E-Mail Regarding Entry to League for Season 2016 / 2017	Actioned APJ
Berks & Bucks F.A.	E-Mail Regarding Rule Changes and Format of Standard Code of Rules	Noted
Brackley Old Boys F.C.	E-Mail Query Regarding Charge to Brackley Sports F.C.	Actioned APJ
City Colts F.C.	Response to Charge for Playing Ineligible Player	Noted
MK Gallactico F.C.	Query Regarding Player Ineligibility	Actioned APJ
Berks & Bucks F.A.	County Charter Standard Club Forum Information	Noted
MK Gallactico F.C.	E-Mail Regarding Player Ineligibility	Noted
Potterspurty F.C.	Confirmation of Cancelled Fixture and Incorrectly Texting Result to Full-Time	Actioned APJ

Marsh Gibbon F.C.	E-Mail Query Regarding Last Minutes and Result from 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2016	Noted
The F.A.	Consultation on Rule 8 (H) (iii)	Actioned APJ
MK Wanderers F.C.	E-Mail Regarding Query over Fines from Last Meeting	Actioned APJ
MK Titans F.C.	Confirmation the County F.A. Suspension has been lifted	Noted
T. Inanc Esq.	E-Mail Regarding Threatening Behaviour - Forwarded to Berks & Buck F.A.	Actioned APJ
Steeple Claydon F.C.	Confirmation of Payment of Fines	Actioned BS
R. Lipscombe Esq.	E-Mail Regarding Rearranged County Cup Fixtures	Actioned BS
Mk Gallactico F.C.	E-Mail Regarding Player Eligibility	Noted
Berks & Bucks F.A.	Confirmation of Actions Regarding Threatening Behaviour	Noted
Loughton Manor F.C.	E-Mail Regarding Return of League Trophies	Actioned APJ
Bedfordshire F.A.	County Cup Update	Noted
J. Scott Esq.	E-Mail Regarding Appointments for the Season due to Injury	Noted
Bedfordshire F.A.	County Cup Update	Noted
J. Lynch Esq.	Query Regarding Red Card and Suspension	Actioned APJ
MK Gallactico F.C.	E-Mail Response Regarding Player Ineligibility	Actioned APJ
Deanshanger Athletic F.C.	Confirmation of Postponement of Fixture due to Waterlogged Pitch	Noted
Twyford United F.C.	Confirmation of Postponement of Fixture due to Waterlogged Pitch	Noted
Potterspurty F.C.	Confirmation of Postponement of Fixture due to Waterlogged Pitch	Noted
Stewkley F.C.	Confirmation of Postponement of Fixture due to Waterlogged Pitch	Noted
Great Linford F.C.	Confirmation of Postponement of Fixture due to Waterlogged Pitch	Noted
Brackley Old Boys F.C.	Confirmation of Postponement of Fixture due to Waterlogged Pitch	Noted
Hanslope F.C.	Confirmation of Postponement of Fixture due to Waterlogged Pitch	Noted
R. Lipscombe Esq.	Confirmation of Postponement and Re-arrangement of County Cup Fixture	Noted
MK Gallactico F.C.	Query Regarding League and County Cup Fixture on Same Day	Actioned BS
Deanshanger Athletic F.C.	Confirmation of Postponement of Fixture due to Waterlogged Pitch	Noted
Great Linford F.C.	Confirmation of Postponement of Fixture due to Waterlogged Pitch	Noted
Tattenhoe F.C.	Confirmation of Postponement of Fixture due to Waterlogged Pitch	Noted
City Colts F.C.	Confirmation of Postponement of Fixture due to Waterlogged Pitch	Noted
Hanslope F.C.	Confirmation of Postponement of Fixture due to Waterlogged Pitch	Noted
University of Buckingham	Request for Minutes Silence in Respect of Player / Student	Actioned APJ
Clean Slate F.C.	E-Mail Regarding Pitch Condition for Cup match and Alternative Arrangements	Noted
Deanshanger Athletic F.C.	Confirmation of Postponement of Fixture due to Waterlogged Pitch	Noted
Stewkley F.C.	Confirmation of Postponement of Fixture due to Waterlogged Pitch	Noted
Charlton & District F.C.	Request Permission for a Free Weekend on 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2016	Actioned BS

## Outstanding Fines

### Woughton F.C.

Woughton F.C. have been reported to the Berks & Bucks Football Association, and those players previously registered with them last season are required to contribute their share for which they are liable. The share per player is £ 4.25.

**Total Debt £ 100.00**

**Payments Received to Date: £ 55.30**

### Denbigh Hall Sports & Social F.C.

Denbigh Hall Sports & Social have been reported to the Berks & Bucks Football Association, and those players previously registered with them last season and who have registered elsewhere this season will be contacted directly to contribute their share for which they are liable. The share per player is £ 3.80.

**Total Debt £ 110.00**

**Payments Received to Date: £ 3.80**

### Newport Pagnell 'A' F.C.

Newport Pagnell 'A' have been reported to the Berks & Bucks Football Association, and those players previously registered with them are required to contribute their share for which they are liable. The share per player is £ 3.80.

**Total Debt £ 334.00**

**Payments Received to Date: £ 3.80**

### Sherington United F.C.

Sherington United have been reported to the Berks & Bucks Football Association, and those players previously registered with them are required to contribute their share for which they are liable. The share per player is £ 2.00.

**Total Debt £ 62.25**

**Payments Received to Date: £ 16.00**

### St. George's F.C.

St. George's F.C. have been reported to the Berks & Bucks Football Association, and those players previously registered with them are required to contribute their share for which they are liable. The share per player is £ 8.50.

**Total Debt £ 280.00**

**Payments Received to Date: £ 25.50**

### Scot F.C.

Scot F.C. have been reported to the Berks & Bucks Football Association, and those players previously registered with them are required to contribute their share for which they are liable. The share per player is £ 3.60

**Total Debt £ 109.80**

**Payments Received to Date: £ 68.80**

### Cage Athletic F.C.

Cage Athletic F.C. have been reported to the Berks & Bucks Football Association, and those players previously registered with them are required to contribute their share for which they are liable. The share per player is £ 5.40

**Total Debt £ 150.00**

**Payments Received to Date: £ 0.00**

### Outstanding Invoices - As At 10<sup>th</sup> November 2015 (Due By 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015)

The following fines, issued on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2015, Clubs were given 21 days to pay, i.e. amounts to have been paid not later than 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015.

It was the decision of the Management Committee that the following fines that still remain outstanding would be doubled in accordance with the League Rule 05 (I) and given 14 days to pay. Failure to do so, the Clubs will be suspended and reported to their respective County Football Associations:

Comet MK	£ 22.00	Credit Note for £10.00 to be issued.
New City Stars F.C.	£310.00	Club to be reported to Berks & Bucks Football Association
Scot F.C.	<del>£ 20.30</del>	<del>3 x Players Apportionments - Not to be Doubled</del> - PAID

### Outstanding Invoices - As At 19<sup>th</sup> December 2015 (Due By 9<sup>th</sup> January 2016)

The following fines, issued on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2015, Clubs were given 21 days to pay, i.e. amounts to have been paid not later than 9<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

It was the decision of the Management Committee that the following fines that still remain outstanding would be doubled in accordance with the League Rule 05 (D) and given 14 days to pay. Failure to do so, the Clubs will be suspended and reported to their respective County Football Associations:

City Colts F.C.	£ 40.00	<del>Doubled Up Amount Outstanding</del> - PAID
MK Wanderers F.C.	£ 50.00	Queried Charge - Clarified and to be Paid.
Silverstone F.C.	£ 10.00	<b>Doubled to £ 20.00</b>

### Outstanding Invoices - As At 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2016 (Due By 13<sup>th</sup> February 2016)

The following fines, issued on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2016, Clubs were given 21 days to pay, i.e. amounts to have been paid not later than 13<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

<del>Seot F.C.</del>	<del>£ 10.00</del>	<b>PAID</b>
Silverstone F.C.	£ 20.00	
Syresham F.C.	£ 10.00	
Great Linford F.C.	£ 40.00	
Steeple Claydon F.C.	£ 20.00	
Willen F.C.	£ 20.00	
Clean Slate F.C.	£ 25.00	
City Colts F.C.	£ 50.00	
MK Wanderers F.C.	£ 10.00	
Comet MK F.C.	£350.00	
<del>Stoke Hammond F.C.</del>	<del>£ 10.00</del>	<b>PAID</b>
Wicken Sports F.C.	£ 5.00	
Great Horwood F.C.	£ 5.00	

### Fines for Breach of League Rules

Notification of fines raised since the last meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2016 will be issued separately directly with Clubs as noted on the Agenda. These will also include fines raised for Charges detailed in the last minutes as e-mailed to each Club. These are noted in Appendix A and C for information only.

### Charges for Breach of League Rules

Please see attached Appendix B for a schedule of charges raised since the last meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

### Conduct Issues

Congratulations to the following Clubs for achieving a 10/10 Mark for Sportsmanship:

Good Conduct - Stewkley Vs MK Wanderers

### Registration's Secretary's Report

The Registration Secretary advised that he did not have anything to report, all issues are being dealt with accordingly. The Registration Secretary noted that he was receiving a number of queries from Clubs who were trying to be proactive around registration of players for Cup Competitions.

The Registration Secretary wished to remind Clubs that registrations can be completed during the week and not just prior to the match. These can still be processed for players to be eligible for the weekend matches.

### Match Based Suspensions:

When players are sent-off during a match, a reminder that with match based suspensions, the player's suspension will commence 14 days after that match, and the correct number of matches will have to be served. If you have not received any paperwork it is the responsibility of the Clubs to contact their respective County Football Association to ensure the correct numbers of matches are served. The Match Report Form has now been updated to incorporate this.

As a result of these checks, the following Clubs are to contact their respective County Football Associations to resolve the following Player Suspensions which are still showing:

Scot F.C.	Ben Stokes	Case Ref. 8382597S
Stoke Hammond F.C.	Dave Harold	Case Ref. 8368156S

### Transfers

The following players had been transferred accordingly:

14<sup>th</sup> January 2016          Alex Stint                                  Great Linford F.C.                  to                  Great Horwood F.C.

### Registrations / Results Reporting 2015 - 2016 Season

Following discussion, it was agreed that for the forthcoming season, to try and ease workload pressures, the role of Registration Secretary would be split into Player Registrations / Transfers and Match Reporting.

Whilst not a formal position, the following will apply for the coming season:

Registration Secretary:	Mr. Nick Aldren	Player Registrations, Transfers, Queries and Processing of the Same E-Mail: <a href="mailto:registrations@nbdf.co.uk">registrations@nbdf.co.uk</a>
Results Secretary:	Mr. Neil Holman	Match Report Sheets and Processing E-Mail: <a href="mailto:results@nbdf.co.uk">results@nbdf.co.uk</a>

This would be trialled and subject to working and streamlining the process, a formal position would be incorporated into the League Rules for the 2016 - 2017 Season. Both Nick Aldren and Neil Holman advised this was working well so far this season.

### Referee's Secretary's Report

The Referee's Secretary did not have any issues to highlight.

### Fixture's Secretary's Report:

The Fixture's Secretary advised that the next set of fixtures had been issued and she was continuing to try and maximise the number of matches each week so that Clubs were playing regular football.

The Fixture's Secretary noted that she also had to re-arrange a number of fixtures as a result of Cup matches being carried over through weather disruption.

### Postponements / Free Weekends

Clubs are reminded that if they require a free weekend for any reason, they are to contact the League Fixtures Secretary a minimum of 5 weeks before the requested date. Once fixtures are published, the League Rules do not permit fixtures to be either postponed or put back.

### Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported the following balances:

- Current Account                      £    981.78
- Premium Account                     £ 13,698.85
- Cash / Cheques in Hand            £    395.00
- Unpresented Cheque                £     50.00                  (Donation)

The Treasurer advised that the following Clubs are in credit with the League:

Charlton & District	£	0.50	Southcott Village R.A.	£	6.00
Marsh Gibbon	£	1.00	Westbury	£	3.50
Padbury Village	£	10.00	Twyford United	£	5.00

## **Any Other Business:**

### **Social Media:**

Clubs are reminded that any posts on Social Media (e.g. Twitter, Facebook, Websites) should not relate to other teams, officials etc.... The Football Association takes such posts very seriously and can result in charges being raised against Individuals and / or Clubs. All Clubs have a responsibility to ensure that any such media items are monitored.

Should any Club have any concerns over what is being posted on social media, they can contact the League or go directly to their respective County F.A.

### **Respect**

The League reminds all Clubs and Officials of the FA Respect Programme, and that the North Bucks & District Football League is a designated Respect League. All parties are to ensure that the Respect Programme is followed at all times, in particular the pre-match handshake.

### **Awards**

Mrs. Sprules had obtained brochures for the annual awards. It was agreed that the League would obtain medals as in previous seasons and that the Chairman with Mrs. Sprules would select some samples for the man of the match award for review at the next meeting.

### **Final Venues**

It was agreed that the League's finals would be held at Buckingham Athletic Football Club as in previous seasons and Mr. Holman would contact Tony Checkley at the club to try and arrange some dates. It was discussed about using Clubs within the League if dates were offered for Saturday finals in order to support the League's Clubs.

### **Final Programmes**

The Chairman had agreed once again to compile and print the programmes for the finals. Mr. Aldren offered to assist and would collate the various details from Clubs who progress to the finals to support the Chairman in preparing these.

### **Reserve Team Challenge Trophy**

The League has reintroduced the Reserve Team Challenge Trophy this season however will need to present a trophy at the final. The Chairman had a number of old cups passed to him from the previous Secretary and would look to see if this trophy was one of the Cups in his possession, if not, one would have to be purchased.

### **Committee Jackets:**

Mrs. Sprules had obtained a sample jacket for the meeting which was viewed by the Committee. It was agreed that a jacket be purchased for each Committee Member with the North Bucks & District Football League log embroidered on at a cost of £42.50 each.

### **Rules Revision**

The Chairman advised that he would be issuing the proposed rule changes in respect of the fines as discussed at the Secretary's meeting in December to the Berks & Bucks F.A. for approval ready to be put to the Annual General Meeting.

In addition, the Committee also proposed the following rule changes at the meeting:

- Rule 2 (E)            Increase Deposit Fee from £ 35.00 to £ 50.00 to match the annual team subscription.
- Rule 11 (B)        To add that Match Results for County Cup matches also to be communicated to the Fixture's Secretary to ensure that matches can be re-scheduled as necessary and Clubs released for future rounds.
- Rule 8 (F)            To increase the signing on fee from £0.50p to £1.00 from 1<sup>st</sup> October in the season to encourage Clubs to register players as soon as possible as the work increases for player registrations once the season has commenced.

### Great Horwood F.C. - Player F. Tarrant

The Management Committee have become aware that the above player, registered with Great Horwood in the North Bucks & District Football League has played both a League and County Cup fixture for Buckingham Athletic Football Club. In accordance with the League's Rules the Registration Secretary would write to Great Horwood F.C. advising them of this to prevent them from falling foul of the League's Registration Rules.

### Berks & Bucks F.A. Initiative:

The Chairman noted this would be carried over to the next meeting due to the time.

### Trophies:

In accordance with Rule 18 (C), a reminder to all Clubs holding trophies, these are to be returned to a Member of the Management Committee on or before 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016. Failure to return any trophies, duly engraved and cleaned, the Club will be fined £ 25.00.

### Dates of Meetings for the Season

The date of the next League Management Meeting would be as follows:

- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016 (Changed due to Holidays)
- Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2016
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2016
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2016 (Incl. League Formation)
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2016 - Annual General Meeting

There being no further business the Meeting Closed at 22.20 pm.

For and on Behalf of the Management Committee.



**A.P. Jeskins** BSc(Hons) MRICS MCI0B CEnv CBuildE MCABE MBEng FFB MBII ACMI MRSPH MISPAL AMInstLM  
Chairman / General Secretary,

6<sup>th</sup> February 2016



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### Appendix A ~ Fines for Breaches of League Rules

To: 26<sup>th</sup> January 2016

No Fines to issue this Month.







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### Appendix C - Fines (for Charges Raised 7<sup>th</sup> January 2016)

To: 26<sup>th</sup> January 2016

**Rule 5 (H) Failing to Satisfactorily Attend to the Business and / or Correspondence of the League**

The following Clubs is fined the £25.00 as follows:

Silverstone F.C. Repeatedly failing to respond to the League's requests for submission of their Match Report Sheet from Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2015.

**Rule 8 (J) (ii) Players Charged with Misconduct for Registration Irregularities**

In accordance with Rule 5(D) the following Players (through their respective Clubs) are charged with Misconduct in relation to Registration Irregularities:

- (i) D. McCarthy Club: Scot F.C.

The above player is charged with signing two registration forms in the same season (Scot F.C. and subsequently Clean Slate F.C.), for two Clubs within the North Bucks & District Football League and fined the sum of £10.00.

The Player has subsequently returned to play for Scot F.C. The Player is not to play in the North Bucks & District Football League until this Charge is answered and he decides which Club he actually wants to play for.

**Rule 8(Q) (i) Playing and Unregistered or Otherwise Ineligible Player**

The following Clubs are charged as follows:

- (i) Tattenhoe F.C. Vs Stewkley Res. 12<sup>th</sup> December 2015  
1 Player - J. Hall - Won 4-0  
B&B F.A. Suspension

**It was the decision of the Management Committee that Tattenhoe F.C. be fined the sum of £ 10.00 and the match awarded to Stewkley Res. F.C.**

- (ii) City Colts F.C. Vs Deanshanger Athletic 19<sup>th</sup> December 2015  
1 Player - T. Brotherton - Lost 1-2  
B&B F.A. Suspension

**It was the decision of the Management Committee that City Colts F.C. be fined the sum of £ 15.00 as this was the second occasion this rule has been broken this season, and the match awarded to Deanshanger Athletic F.C.**

**Rule 10 (E) Failing to Commence Fixture with 11 Players**

The following Clubs are fined £ 5.00 per player short as follows:

Stewkley Res.	29 <sup>th</sup> November 2015	One Player Short
Tattenhoe	5 <sup>th</sup> December 2015	One Player Short

**Rule 10 (F) (i) Failing to Fulfil Fixture**

The following Clubs are fined £ 50.00 for each of the following:

Deanshanger Athletic F.C.	28 <sup>th</sup> November 2015	<b>PAID</b>
Hanslope Res. F.C.	28 <sup>th</sup> November 2015	
Syresham F.C.	12 <sup>th</sup> December 2015	

## Appendix C - Fines (for Charges Raised 7<sup>th</sup> January 2016)

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### Rule 13 (C) Substitutes Acting as Match Official (Premier & Intermediate Divisions)

The following Clubs are fined £ 5.00 for each of the following:

Twyford United F.C. 14<sup>th</sup> November 2015 **PAID**