



NORTH BUCKS & DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE



(FOUNDED 1911)

**Minutes From Tuesday 3rd October 2017
Held at Great Horwood Cricket Club.**

Present: Mick McStraw (Chairman), John Fenner (Vice-Chairman), Tony Skeggs (Secretary), Nick Aldren (Registration Secretary), Dave McGwyre (Results Secretary), John Hedge (Referees Secretary), Chris Hodges, Mrs Marcelle Turner and Brian Stuchbury.

Apologies: Mrs. Brenda Sprules (Treasurer) and Chris Ball (Fixture Secretary).

Chairman's Remarks: Mick had received call from Harry Tuckey (Vice-President) congratulating him and the rest of the committee on the good work they were doing. Mick, also, informed the committee that Brenda had, unfortunately, broken her leg whilst on holiday in Canada so she would be out of action for a few weeks. Proposed by Marcelle that some flowers should be sent to her. Tony to arrange.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 30th August 2017, as circulated, were approved and signed as a true record.

Matter's Arising

- Fines – MK Gallactico FC and John Rush. – John Rush (Towcester FC) still outstanding.
- County Cup fixtures and FT. – Will be picked under Fixtures/Referees reports.
- Bank signatories. – Barclays Bank had confirmed that Mick M and Tony S were registered as signatories on the account.
- Rule 3(B) – Late payment of league fees. There is no fine. – Fine to be added to the rule.
- Invite Liz Verrall to meeting. – Secretary had yet to do. See AOB.

There were no other matters arising that would not be covered by the various Officers' reports.

Correspondence

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| • Northants FA – Regarding Potterspurty FC not arranging a Respect Meeting. | No action needed. |
| • Berks & Bucks FA – Invitation for independent people to sit of disciplinary panels. | Noted. |
| • City Colts FC – Cancelling their game of the 2 September v AFC Santander as pitch not ready. | See Fixtures. |
| • Milton Keynes RA – Advertising next meeting (14 Sept) and asking for referees to attend. | Noted. |
| • Bletchley Park FC – Regarding fine notification | See Treasurer. |
| • Bill Berry – Request for a copy of the Handbook. | Actioned Secretary |
| • University of Buckingham FC – Confirming their fine payment has been made. | Paid. No action. |
| • Tim Brandi – New referee looking for games to complete Unit 5 | Action Referees Sec. |
| • MK Gallactico FC – Confirming their fine payment has been made. | Paid. No action. |
| • The FA – Various emails on Player Registration / Respect. | No action needed. |
| • Bletchley Park – Requesting that Ryan Thirkell be allowed to play for Bletchley Park. | See Registrations. |
| • Old Bradwell United – Dressing room renovations still not completed. | See Fixtures. |
| • Westbury FC – Thanking the secretary for the well-produced handbook. | Noted. |
| • Danny Myers (Referee) – Brackley Sports Res. V Twyford Res. | See Referees. |
| • Thames Valley Air Ambulance – Thanking league for donation. | Noted. |

Conduct Issues - None

Officers' Reports:

Registration's Secretary's Report:

The Registration Secretary informed the committee that he had registered 1,231 players. Over the last two weekends, 18 and 14 clubs had Match Day Registrations, which was getting out of hand and he was trying to find out the reason why. The wording in the registration form needed to be changed – "First" name to replace "Christian" name.

Bletchley Park had requested that Ryan Thirkell, who had been named twice but used once by Newport Pagnell Town FC, be allowed to play for them. After discussion it was agreed that he could only play for Bletchley Park first team.

Registration Irregularities:

Josh Lloyd, a MDR for Newport Pagnell Athletic FC had already been registered with Great Linford FC. Newport Pagnell Athletic FC to be fined £25.00 as per rule 8(H)ii. A transfer was required if Josh Lloyd wished to continue playing for Newport Pagnell Athletic FC.

Niall Holliday was also a MDR by Newport Pagnell Athletic FC but the opposition did not sign the form. Newport Pagnell Athletic FC to be fined for two counts of irregular registrations and one count of playing an ineligible player.

A reminder that if clubs register players on the day that they MUST get the form counter signed by the opposition and indicate on the form who has counter signed the registration.

Registration Verifications:

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| • 2 nd September | Buckingham United v Willen | Southcott Village v Stoke Hammond |
| • 9 th September | Steeple Claydon Res v Bletchley Park Res | Willen v Steeple Claydon |
| • 16 th September | Brackley Sports v Stewkley | |
| • 23 rd September | Newport Pagnell Athletic v Tattenhoe | |
| • 30 th September | Silverstone v Potterspurty | |

Transfers:			
Julian Olde	Bletchley Park FC	to Hanslope FC	Effective from 5 September
Lewis Hopkins	Willen	to Bletchley Park FC	Effective from 21 September
Lawrence Nuamah	Potterspurty FC	to Old Bradwell United FC	Effective from 3 October

Results Secretary's Report:

Just a reminder that all team sheets should be sent to the Results Secretary. There were four occasions that team sheets had arrived late. Those clubs fined are detailed in appendix B.

Referee's Secretary's Report:

John queried where the referees' list in the handbook had come from as there were a number of names that no longer officiated and one person, P.Hastings, had past away. Tony replied that last year's listing had been used with a few updates. List to be reviewed and an amended version would be added to the website.

The FT system was still causing problems and additional work for John and Chris, particularly around the county cup fixtures. The system did not recognise if a team had a league fixture as well as an external cup competition fixture. Tony would write to Liz Verrall with our concerns.

The referee Danny Myers had turned up to referee the Brackley Sports Res v Twyford Res only to find that it had been cancelled. He was claiming his fee and expenses of £37.50, which the league would pay due to the error with FT.

A number of new referees had been added to the list and were officiating in games.

John will be away from the 15th October until the 12th November. Chris Ball would be covering in his absence. Tony to email all referees with this information.

Fixture's Secretary's Report:

Chris informed the committee that everything was going as well as it could but the lack of support from the B&B FA was a real hindrance. The promise of the county cup fixtures appearing on FT hasn't happened and has caused issues for the 21st October fixtures.

Thanks to the following secretaries:

Joe Major (Potterspurty FC) for reversing a fixture on the morning of the game.

Kelly Hawkins (Great Linford FC) for accommodating a double header in November.

Terry Griffiths (Duston Dynamo FC) for his administration, offer of help and informing me of the Northants county cup fixtures.

Liam Oakes (Stony Stratford FC) for asking questions to ensure things are done correctly.

Cancelled Matches

2 nd September	-	City Colts v AFC Santander	Pitch had not been prepared by contractors.
Decision	-	Match to be re-scheduled.	
2 nd September	-	Brackley Sports Res v MK Wanderers Res	Brackley Sports Res unable to raise a side.
Decision	-	Match awarded to MK Wanderers and Brackley Sports Res	fined as per rule 10 (F) (i).
23 rd September	-	Southcott Village RA v Clean Slate Res.	Clean Slate Res unable to raise a side.
Decision	-	Match awarded to Southcott Village RA and Clean Slate Res	fined as per rule 10 (F) (i).
	-	Clean Slate Res liable for the pitch hire costs of Southcott Village.	
30 th September	-	Clean Slate Res v Great Horwood Res	Clean Slate Res unable to raise a side.
Decision	-	Match awarded to Great Horwood Res and Clean Slate Res	fined as per rule 10 (F) (i).
30 th September	-	Buckingham Utd Res v Brackley Sports Res	Brackley Sports Res unable to raise a side.
Decision	-	Match awarded to Buckingham Utd Res and Brackley Sports Res	fined as per rule 10 (F) (i).

Old Bradwell Development has said that their ground will not be available until after the 21st October. This will cause problems with scheduling home fixtures as their first team play in the South Midlands. The committee agreed that Old Bradwell Development should find an alternative ground in the meantime. Wicken FC had a ground available.

There were a number of teams who had failed to notify Chris that they had a County Cup fixture. These clubs would be fined as per rule 10(C).

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported the following balances:

• Current Account	£ 2,122.08	Direct Payments	£ 695.00
• Premium Account	£ 10,204.71	Paid In	£ 876.10
• Cash / Cheques in Hand	£ n/a	Expenditure	£ 244.88 See below for details

Expenditure:

• LMS Printing -	Printing of the Handbook	£244.88
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Stony Stratford FC had still not paid their Trophy entry fee, reminder to be issued.

Willen FC still needed to be refunded their £100 overpayment.

Unpaid Invoices as at 2nd October for invoices issued on 1st September 2017

• City Colts	£25.00
• Stony Stratford FC	£25.00
• Towcester Town FC	£25.00
• Towcester Town FC (John Rush)	£25.00

The first three above would be fined £50.00 as per rule 5(I).

Clubs left in Credit

Great Linford £1.00 Wing Village £3.00 Yardley Gobion FC £14.50

A reminder that if clubs pay money directly in to the League bank account that they must notify Brenda of the amount and day it was paid.

Any Other Business:

Facebook Site:

There had been comments posted about a referee from a member of Deanshanger FC. The club had spoken to the individual concerned. Clubs are reminder that if they had any comments about referees' that they should be addressed to the referees' secretary and as a Respect League criticism of referees' should not be aired in public.

Texting of Results:

You cannot forward the result text from FT to your manager for them to respond. Whoever receives the original text must send in the result for it to register.

Secretaries Meeting:

This would now take place on Tuesday 28th November at Great Horwood CC, starting at 7.30. Representatives of the B&B FA would be invited to talk about the FT and WG systems.

Berks & Bucks FA:

The B&B FA wondered whether the league wanted to be part of their youth development initiative. Tony to contact the B&B for more details.

The B&B FA was keen to work with the league with regard to promotion, helping struggling clubs and to make use of the League Benefits Pack.

A couple of seasons ago there was talk of organising a ladies cup competition. This was still under consideration but the B&B FA needed to be contacted to see how much support they would be willing to give.

Date of Next Meetings:

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

- Tuesday 31st October 2017 at Great Horwood Cricket Club at 7.30 pm.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 9.10 pm. John Hedge gave his apologies for this meeting.

For and on Behalf of the Management Committee.

M.McStraw
Chairman

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.

Appendix A - Fines to be Issued for Breaches of League Rules

As At: 3rd October 2017 -

Appendix B – Charges Raised 3rd October 2017

To: 3rd October 2017 Response Required by: 11th October 2017

In accordance with Rule 5(D) the following Clubs / Players (through their respective Clubs) are charged with Breaches of League Rules. The following Clubs are required to respond within 7 days of receipt of this notification to reply to the charge as follows:

- (i) Accept the Charge;
- (ii) Accept the Charge and Submit a Case of Mitigation;
- (iii) Deny the Charge;
- (iv) Request to attend in person and put their case before the Management Committee;

Clubs MUST reply to each charge with one of the above options, not later than 7 days from issue of this notification. Failure to respond by this date will result in an additional charge for failing to deal with the business of the League in accordance with Rule 5 (H).

Rule 5 (I) - Failure to pay a Fine within 21 Days of Notice – Fined £50.00

City Colts FC, Silverstone FC and Towcester FC.

Rule 8 (B)(2) - Clubs Charged with Misconduct for Registration Irregularities – Fined £15.00

Newport Pagnell Athletic FC	Niall Holliday	Fined £15.00
Newport Pagnell Athletic FC	Josh Lloyd	Fined £15.00

Rule 8 (H)(ii) - Players Charged with Misconduct for Registration Irregularities

In accordance with rule 5(D) the following player (through their respective club) are charged with Misconduct in relation to Registration Irregularities

Josh LLOYD Original Club: Great Linford FC Subsequent Club: Newport Pagnell Athletic FC

The above player is charged with signing two registration forms in the same season (Great Linford FC and subsequently, Newport Pagnell Athletic FC), for two clubs within the North Bucks & District Football League. Newport Pagnell Athletic is charged with recovering £25.00 from the player before any transfer is granted.

Rule 8 P (i) Playing an Unregistered or Otherwise Ineligible Players – Fined £50.00.

The following Club is charged as follows:

Newport Pagnell Athletic FC 30th September Josh LLOYD

Rule 10 (C) Failure to Give 10 Days Notice of County Cup Fixture to Fixture Secretary – Fined £5.00.

Premier	Intermediate	Division One	Division Two
Deanshanger Athletic	Southcott Village	MK Wanderers	Tattenhoe Res
	Stoke Hammond	Buckingham United	Deanshanger Athletic Res
	City Colts	Steeple Claydon	Buckingham United Res
	Olney Town	Newport Pagnell Athletic	Steeple Claydon Res
	Clean Slate	Padbury Village	

Rule 10 (F) Failing to Fulfill Fixture on the given date. Each occasion is fined £50.00

Brackley Sports Reserves	2 nd September	v MK Wanderers Reserves
Clean Slate Reserves	23 rd September	v Southcott Village RA
Clean Slate Reserves (2)	30 th September	v Great Horwood Reserves
Brackley Sports Reserves (2)	30 th September	v Buckingham United Reserves

Rule 11 (A) Failing to Submit Match Report Sheets by the given date. Each occasion is fined £10.00

City Colts	16 th September	Arrived 20 th September
AFC Santander	16 th September	Arrived 20 th September
Silverstone	16 th September	Arrived 20 th September
Silverstone (2)	23 rd September	Arrived 27 th September

Appendix C – Outstanding Fines – Clubs Referred to the County Association

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: £ 11.40

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: £ 79.60

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: £ 5.40

New City Stars F.C.

New City Stars 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 £ 10.00.

Total Debt £ 310.00 Payments Received to Date: £ 30.00

Comet MK F.C.

Comet MK 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 £ 8.90.

Total Debt £ 372.00 Payments Received to Date: £ 8.90