# CHELTENHAM ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 31st January 2018 at The Victory Club.

Attendees: T.Onions (Acting Chairman), J.Hunt, P.Tustain, G.Cook, D.Pardoe, I.Swales, D.Johnson, B.Hill, T.Holmes, I.Hamilton

Apologies: N.Oram, M.Neave.

1. **Actions arising –**

IH re-stated to clubs the importance of letting the league know if Club Secretaries are not available.

IH emailed all clubs with the normal procedure for taking penalty kicks if scores are level during Charity Cup games.

1. **League Secretary**

Email from Pete Daly standing down with immediate effect due to increased work commitments. Pete wished the Committee and League well and maybe he will return sometime in the future.

League and Cup medals ordered.

BH asked for a quotation to consider for the trophy finals. These medals are priced at £150 for two sets of winners medals and £150 for two sets of runners-up medals.

Decision made to order winners and runners up medals as the Committee felt this would be appreciated by the participating clubs.

Medals will have engraving stating Junior Charity Trophy Winners and Runners-Up, Primary Charity Trophy Winners and Runners-Up. IH to let Macron know.

1. **Rule Offences and Mitigation.**

See attached.

1. **GFA**

League forum for adult and youth leagues to be held at the GFA in February. We have been invited to send two attendees. NO is happy to attend, details are as follows:

-          **Venue:** Gloucestershire FA, Oaklands Park, Almondsbury Bristol, BS32 4AG

-          **Date:** Tuesday, 20th February

-          **Time:** 7.00pm – 9.00pm (*please arrive from 6.45pm*)

Both NO and IS are attending this event on behalf of the League.

1. **Treasurer**

MN sent his apologies and has provided a guide to his Treasurer duties and what is expected in the role.

DJ rasied another potential interest from a contact of hers. IH to provide MN’s guide.

The Committee felt we needed to have a decision on the new Treasurer for next season by the end of March 2018 or significant decisions on the future of the League will have to be made.

1. **Fixtures**

JH reports that fixtures are going ok, despite a dodgy weekend just gone.

The Cup fixtures need to be played this weekend or grounds switched.

442 games have been played so far this season.

3pm kickoffs from this Saturday, 2pm for the cup games. IH to send an email to all clubs.

1. **Referees**

IS reported :

- 100% coverage achieved in January

- Coverage this season - 432 appointments across 442 fixtures - 98% coverage

- Ongoing monitoring of referees implementation of disciplinary matters - All referees reminded that it is an obligation to submit cards to GFA & WFA, any referee not submitting cards is likely to be suspended by their County FA

- Ongoing investigation by GFA into a referee withdrawing from an appointment on a Friday evening, without satisfactory reason - Further feedback to be provided at in February's minutes

- Clubs are encouraged to feedback upon referee performance at the clubs meetings, both good and bad - Without ongoing feedback and communication, it is difficult for the Management Committee to know what is going on, on the ground.

IS suggested emailing all clubs as a reminder on the postponement policy. IH to send an email to all clubs.

All present again thanked IS for his efforts as they continue to ensure we have as much referee coverage as possible. IS’s efforts cannot be understated in this.

1. **Results**

BH had nothing to report.

1. **Registrations**

PT stated that the 7 day notice of approach is working well.

We have 1900 players signed on by the clubs.

1. **Any Other Business.**

DP reported that the new League Facebook page launched and there has been 4000 views with 250 folks liking it. There is lots of positivity and Dan intends to do more in regards to teams and photo’s. Dan is also policing the site but reports that there has been no issues to date.

IS raised the words that we needed on our medals for the end of the season. They read D1 Champions, D1 Runners-Up, D2 Champions, D2 Play-Off Winners, D3 Champions, D3 Play-Off Winners, D4 Champions, D4 Play-Off Winners. IH to inform Macron.

JH reported that the 3G pitches at All Saints and Tewkesbury have been booked for the Easter weekend (31/3/18) for the Junior and Primary Charity Trophy Semi-Finals. They have also been booked for the 12th May for the Finals.

TH highlighted the need for clubs to inspect pitches early and seek a referee inspection if in doubt. It needs to be reflected upon in terms of 2 teams from the same club playing at home and the precedence if only one pitch is playable in accordance with league rule 10f ii can be adhered to.

The disciplinary record of Dowty Dynamos has led to growing concern for the Committee. 4 Committee members have had recent experiences of being at games. A lot of thought was stated as the Manager being the main instigator of such problems. The Manager was actually banned from the start of the season for transgressions against a Referee at the tail end of last season where again his behaviour was witnessed first hand by several present Committee members.

So far Dowty’s have had 41 yellow cards and the Manager has also been dismissed. This exceeds the nearest biggest yellow card recipient by quite some distance.

Action on IH to invite the Club Secretary and Manager down to the next available meeting on the 14th February.

IH reported that the Stroud League have recently been in contact to attempt to put together a meeting with our League, North Glos and Cirencester League to look to pull together to attempt to address the decline of Adult Saturday Football.

The Committee felt this was an excellent idea and all were happy to support anything we could do. IH to look at dates and inform folk of potential meetings coming up.

1. **Date of next meeting.**

**League Management – 28th February 2018. (Apologies from IH)**

**Futures/Charities – 14th February.**