# CHELTENHAM ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 25th October 2017 at The Victory Club commencing at 7pm.

Attendees: N.Oram, J.Hunt, P.Tustain, M.Neave, G.Cook, I.Swales, B.Hill, T.Holmes, I.Hamilton

Apologies: D.Johnson, T.Onions, P.Daly, D.Pardoe, S.Arlin

1. **Actions Arising** –

IH asked Newton if they were happy with the dual role of their alternative contact and player and also Secretary at Leckhampton Rovers. They confirmed they were.

SA emailed his guide out to assist new Secretaries.

Action on all the committee to review rule 8C prior to the end of the season.

IH socialised Treasurer vacancy for next season. No takers yet!

TH to get a Charity Game Committee together. This will take place immediately after this meeting. All welcome to attend.

IH emailed Scott Milne in regards to a date for the next futures committee meeting for him to come in and discuss how he may help us going forward.

SA/DP to work together to take the initiative forward to provide more information to club managers.

Action on NO to get a key cut for the trophy cabinet. This is still outstanding as a specialist key shop is required.

1. **League Secretary –**

Several calls from the Victory Club in relation to our trophy cabinet needing cleaning. The Victory Club were actually provided with their own key, but they have lost it. A planned cleaning roster will need to be put in place.

Ratification provided by the Committee in regards to Worcester Olympic withdrawing from the league. Hopefully they will settle their debts to the league otherwise we will have to go down debt recovery rout. Their record will be expunged.

Debt recovery route commenced in regards to Newlands. Unfortunately, due to our leniency towards them at end of last season when we gave Newlands more time to pay, the time elapsed has now been too great to get back their debts from last season. (They did assure us, that they would pay! – lesson for any future occurrence perhaps.)

Twitter/Social Media – We need others involved to be part of this, not just relying on Ian S. All committee members to consider assisting with this.

1. **Discipline/Rule Infringements – See attached.**

TH raised the point that rule 11A, 11C and 11F will need to be changed next season.

TH reported a case that is currently with the GFA involving a club playing an ineligible player will have to be considered very quickly once the GFA make their judgement.

1. **GFA**

Scott Milne from the GFA will be invited to our next meeting to assist us with what we can look at to ensure the future of the League is sustained. **Action on IH to invite Scott.**

1. **Treasurer**

MN had nothing to report. NO and the committee advised that the replacement for MN would have to be resolved as soon as possible or the entire future of the League would be in doubt. **Action on IH to socialise the vacancy. Action on BH to get the information in the press.** **Action on IH to ask Dave Purser of the GNSL if he would be interested in the position.**

A future role was discussed for MN to ensure he maintains contact with the League in the hope that he will fully re-join the committee as a full-time officer when his external work-load permits it. MN will be a very hard act to follow and has done a tremendous job ensuring the League continues to be able to operate financially in these trying times with our reduction in income.

The Committee asked MN if he would consider becoming Vice President of the League from next season when he stand down as treasurer. MN was happy to accept.

1. **Registration**

PT reported that a total of 1704 players are now registered to our clubs on the Whole Game System.

There are still issues especially with transfers that PT is reporting to the FA. They are still ironing out some software bugs.

The Committee decided to invoke the FA rule C2A that mandates clubs to use a 7 day notice of approach if wishing to sign a player from another club as transfers were still causing issues with some clubs reporting that they had no knowledge of their players signing for other clubs due to some software problems with Whole Game System.

**Action on IH to email all clubs with this instruction.**

1. **Referees**

IS reports that all is good on this front. NO asked how he was coping with the RefSec job on both the CAFL and the GNSL. IS reported that John Green had said he was an ‘asset’ to the GNSL. (As he is of course to the CAFL)

1. **Results**

BH reports that there were quite a few offences but it has got better last week.

**Action on BH to email all clubs not to put AET in their text message when reporting results.**

1. **Fixtures**

JH reported that we were at the semi-final stage of the Junior Charity Cup and the quarter-final stage of the Minor Charity Cup. The Senior Charity Cup (FA Cup Style knock-out for all clubs) is due to start on the 6th January.

The plan to fit all the games in has been a massive challenge and the committee thanked JH for his continued efforts.

The plans for all the Cups will be discussed at the up-coming Charities/Futures meeting on November 15th.

The committee discussed the special permission to be granted for any player playing in the Senior Cup not to be cup tied for previously playing in the Junior/Minor cups. This was unanimously passed.

1. **Any Other Business**.

Gordon raised the sad news about DJ’s husbands’ funeral being held today, hence DJ was not at the meeting. The Committee felt a donation to the families’ chosen charity would be very appropriate as well as the League Secretary sending a message of condolence to DJ on behalf of the Management Committee. **Action on TH to let MN know the charity details.**

1. **Date of next meeting**.

**Charity / Futures meeting Wednesday 15th November.**

**Management Meeting on Wednesday 29th November 2017.**