# CHELTENHAM ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held at 7pm on Wednesday 28th March 2018 at The Victory Club.

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

Apologies: N.Oram, M.Neave.

1. **Actions arising –**

Letter from Bishops Cleeve Dev sent to the GFA.

All clubs notified of Referee Layton Pearce’s suspension.

1. **League Secretary**

All medal engraving details provided to Macron.

2 x confirmed and paid applications for next season.

Newton Sports – Malvern area – Entry fee paid

Gotherington FC – Swindon Village – Entry fee paid

2 x very interested.

Lower teme and Martley fc – Worcester area - Entry fee not paid so far

John Griffiths – Tewkesbury area – Entry fee not paid so far

Formal application coming in for next season.

SCOR for next season to be discussed under AOB.

Disciplinary issues resolved by the GFA in regards to Beeches FC conduct during a game v Pittville in February. League Secretary who was refereeing the game relayed the un-acceptable behaviour, including an actual physical assault against him and language that has no place on the Football pitch or indeed anywhere in society. Action on League Secretary to instruct Beeches attendance of Secretary and Chairman at the next League Management Meeting as behaviour such as this will not be tolerated in the Cheltenham League.

1. **Rule Offences and Mitigation.**

See attached.

1. **GFA**

League Secretary asked Club Liaison Officer Dan P if he was aware of the grants currently available for new teams and for clubs to enter extra teams. Dan confirmed he was aware and would advise clubs accordingly.

1. **Treasurer**

Matt sent his apologies and reported that he had nothing to report.

1. **Fixtures**

John reported that there were lots of Tuesday and Thursday fixtures now planned, but he would work with clubs if some dates could be reworked. Unfortunately the weather has caused difficulties getting all the games in and with the Play-offs coming into effect this season all league games would have to be completed in a timely manner.

John has also been busy planning all the Semi-Finals and Finals of our Cup Competitions. These were even more difficult this year with the un-precedented success of our Clubs in the County Cups.

All the Committee thanked John for all his efforts and congratulated all of our teams for their success in the County Cups. (Lets hope they bring back the appropriate Cups from their competitions)

1. **Referees**

- 100% coverage achieved in February

- On target for 100% coverage in March

- Cup Final plan/appointments to be ratified following this meeting.

- Referee Review to be scheduled in last Management Committee agenda/meeting before AGM.

1. **Results**

Results section - Usual steady flow of fines for late texts or no text at all. Otherwise all's well.

Media - start of a busy time organising the programmes for semis and finals.

1. **Registrations**

Phil reported that he has a few requests in for transfers that officially end on the 31st March. However, the Committee decided that these will go through as they are in before the 31st March.

Registrations will still be permitted right until the end of the season.

Phil reported an issue with one club that he will raise with the FA to hopefully resolve.

Committee gave permission for Gala to play a Goal-keeper signed earlier this season but who has not been able to play enough games due to postponement.

1. **Any Other Business.**

**SCOR –** Ian Shighlighted the changes the FA has made for next season and he has previously sent out documentation to all Committee members to read. The changes will be communicated to clubs prior the AGM.

One important item to note is the new SCOR now demands Clubs to pay their fees prior to the AGM vice mid-August. Clubs and Treasurer need to bear this in mind.

Temporary Dismissal (or Sin-Bin) trial that has been so successful in the GNSL during its pilot season discussed by the Committee.

There was an offer to apply to the GFA for inclusion in the pilot system for next season prior to it being introduced as an option the season after.

The Committee voted to apply to join the system for next season. This will greatly benefit our Clubs.

Live Draw was then made for our Senior Charity Semi-finals which paired Cheltenham Civil Service against Whaddon United Reserves and AFC Renegades against FC Barometrics. This will mean that a non Division One team will appear in the Senior Charity Final.

Ian H was seeking Match Ball sponsors for the finals so more money can be raised for Charities. He encouraged others to seek sponsorship where they could.

Ian H reminded the Committee that we still needed a League Website administrator and an Echo report writer for next season as Rob Morrison is retiring from duties. (All agreed that Rob has done a great job for the League and his reports have been of a very good standard)

1. **Date of next meeting.**

***League Management – 25th April 2018.***