# CHELTENHAM ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 24th October 2018 at The Victory Club commencing at 7pm.

Attendees: B.Hill, D.Pardoe, J.Hunt, A. Wakefield, P.Tustain, I.Swales, G.Cook, T.Onions, D.Johnson, S.Henley, T.Holmes, I.Hamilton.

Apologies: N.Oram, I.Smith

Ben Hill (Vice Chariman) Chaired this meeting.

1. **Actions**

IH emailed Southside Star who agreed to change their email address.

IH emailed Jeff Willerton in regards to another League forum. Jeff responded stating no plans at present, but would be happy to have one if we had pressing items to discuss.

IH emailed all clubs to make sure they fill in Sportsmanship marks now the box has re-appeared on the match return.

Charity Presentations all now conducted. Letters of thanks received from Sue Ryder Care and The Butterfly Garden.

1. **Appearance by Malvern Cave at 7.30pm.**

Malvern Cave failed to attend and will now be charged under 6H. They will be invited to attend the next meeting after which a further course of action will be investigated. Action on IH to email Malvern Cave Secretary.

1. **Fixtures Secretary**

JH reports that all fixtures are going well and he has already commenced bringing fixtures forward from April 2019. JH also stated that we now actually require some rain! (We hope this does not come back to bite us through the winter!)

The Junior and Minor Charities Semi-Finals were discussed as the next Charity meeting it not scheduled until the 14th November.

The Junior Semi-Finals will be played W/C 19th November.

The Minor Semi-Finals will be played W/C 26th November.

JH will come up with a plan for the Plate fixtures.

In terms of venues’, DP will approach Cheltenham Saracens who have previously offered to host games and JH will approach Bishops Cleeve who are long standing supporters of our Charity Semi-Finals and Finals.

JH did raise the subject of attendees at the games and the importance of ensuring we have enough help to actually run these events.

1. **Registration Secretary**

Fintan were asked to appear before us at 7.15pm in regards to their failure to use the paper forms as instructed due to the continued IT problems at the FA.

Fintan were represented by Jeff Carbin (Secretary) and Matt Roberts (Chairman).

Fintan have now completed the great majority of the paper forms and it was a case of confusion over the message from the AGM as well as Matt standing in for Jeff which caused this. Jeff offered his apologies. The main issue here is the continued FA IT problems that has resulted in extra work for our volunteer club members and league committee members.

Fintan were thanked for their attendance.

PT raised the 7 day notice of approach that must be adhered to for transfers. PT cannot actually approve these transfers until the 7 days is up. Again this is an FA instruction. Action on IH to remind clubs of this.

1. **Referees Secretary**

IS reported that he has 560 more fixtures to allocate Referees to prior to him standing down from this role at the end of the season.

At the end of September which is usually a challenging month given FA calls, IS reported that he had 96% coverage.

IS also said he would push the vacancy of this role once the GNSL vacancy is confirmed as filled.

The Committee congratulated Ian on the fantastic job he has done since stepping into the Referees Secretary role.

1. **Disciplinary Secretary**

**See Charges and Mitigation from TH.**

It was noted that Winchcombe, Newton, Pittville United and Malvern Cave appear to be struggling with their admin. Action on DP to reach out to them to see if they need more assistance/guidance.

1. **Treasurer**

IS sent his apologies as he was still stuck in work.

1. **GFA**

The bid to purchase Wembley now withdrawn. League Secretary voted for a ‘No sale’.

Interesting that Greg Dyke said this was a bad decision by ‘old’ council members influence and would harm grass roots football. (Given that Greg Dyke never wanted to discuss grass roots or indeed support them during his time at the FA, it is quite an amusing comment.)

1. **Any Other Business**

JCT and JCC cup draws took place at the end of the meeting. The video of the draw will be socialised in the usual way.

PT reported an issue with his collation of the sportsmanship marks meaning the only way he has of downloading them is one at a time which is very time consuming. Action on PT to email the FA for assistance to resolve this.

JC reported that following a substantial investment he is now able to hear perfectly out of both ears with the help of two new hearing aids. He commented on what a good job the committee is doing now he can hear every word. BH thanked JC for his comments.

DJ raised the issue of clubs being fined when they have withdrawn from the league. Action on IH to seek guidance from the GFA.

It was proposed / seconded and agreed by all present that RSG’s withdrawal from the league was accepted. JH will expunge their record and they will be removed from the league.

SH asked what the Management Committee dress-code was. He was advised to speak to Macron.

1. **Date of next meeting –**

**Charities/Futures Sub Committee – Wednesday 14th November 2018 at 7pm.**

**League Management – Wednesday 28th November 2018 at 7pm.**