# CHELTENHAM ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Minutes for the Management Committee Meeting to be held on Wednesday 26th September 2018 at The Victory Club commencing at 7pm.

Attendees: N. Oram, T. Holmes, T. Onions, S. Henley, B. Hill, D. Johnson, G. Cook, A. Wakefield, J. Hunt, I. Smith

Apologies: P. Tustain, I. Swales, I. Hamilton, D. Pardoe, I. Smith (arrived late pre-notified)

The first action of this meeting was to co-opt Steve Henley onto the League Committee.

1. **Actions**

***Ian H let Iain S know about the refund of the £50 to the charity fund from Gotherington’s application to join the league****.*

***Ian H got an update from CBC in regard to the pitch situation.***

It is the responsibility of the home Club to ensure that they take every precaution possible to avoid their opposition from travelling should there be a chance that their pitch being unfit for play.

**Action on I.H** to email Southside Star to ensure they inform their opposition whether their pitch is playable prior to them travelling.

***Terry O to report back on the possibility of charity games to be played at Gala Wilton.***

T. Onions has confirmed that Gala Wilton’s ground is available for the Minor & Junior Charity Cup Finals on 29th & 30th Dec 2018 (weather permitting)

1. **Fixtures Secretary**

***Noted that a bleak long harsh winter is forecast, perhaps we need a winter break?***

J. Hunt reported that all fixtures are running ok.

Minor Cup to be published on Full Time (to be played on 6th Oct)

Possible winter break on grass pitches (i.e. use 3G) to be referred to the next Futures Meeting.

1. **Registration Secretary**

Phil had sent his apologies.

***We need to discuss the Southside Star recent gap in correspondence and email address problems. (Tony to detail)***

**Action on I.H** to email Southside Star due to the poor responses to League correspondence. Maybe a change of email address is required as it was reported that a number of old associates still have access to the email address!!

Charlton Rovers late Pitchside Signing to be classed as an admin error & to be charge in line with this.

1. **Referees Secretary**

***Email received from Ian S notifying us that he would be standing down as Referees Secretary at the end of this season due to Family and work commitments***.

We will actively need to start to look for a replacement for this role, unless Ian has someone in mind.

Whoever takes this role will take over an extremely well organised system & will have some very big shoes to fill.

1. **Disciplinary Secretary**

**See Charges and Mitigation from Tony.**

1. **Treasurer -** all ok
2. **GFA**

Ian H attended the GFA Council meeting last Thursday and offers the following items of note:

Continued IT problems at the FA which has resulted in a lot of pain for everyone and is a significant issue across the country. The FA are still working on it. (Perhaps folk should note this when filling in the grassroots survey which is going to be issued in October)

The GFA continue to work with Bishops Cleeve FC in terms of the 3G pitch investment. Evidently there are issues with the ground being leased from a farmer which may affect the monies invested. The GFA still hope this will go ahead, but are looking at other possibilities in the North just in-case.

There is still a challenge on referee recruitment and retention with the startling figure of only 12% of folks who complete the referees’ course still refereeing 12 months later!

The GFA have £1million of assets and £66K in the Benevolent fund. (Hence, they do want to spend some with the 3G venture as above.)

The sale of Wembley debate continues with the added complication of the Government, The Premier League and the Football League wanting their slice of any sale. This severely reduces the amount that will then be passed onto grassroots football. There is another meeting next month to debate further and it is too early to say on a final decision either way.

1. **Any Other Business**

Nick began by asking the committee their feelings of the Meeting with Mark Ives of the FA.

The feeling was that we will need to work with them & at least they finally allowed us to join the Sin Bin Pilot.

There is no way to join another County, so it looks like there is no other choice but to work with the GFA.

Now that the vote of no confidence has been used this cannot be used again so the next step would be a mass resignation!

There may be a possibility of joining forces with the other leagues in the North of the County as they have all reported similar problems.

**Action on I.H** to email Jeff Willerton at the SDFC to see when the next League Forum meeting would be held.

***Charity presentations arranged so far by Ian H:***

Sue Ryder Care at 6pm on Tuesday 2nd October at Bristol Street Ford, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

Cheltenham Sports for Disabled at 6.30pm on Tuesday 2nd October at The Big Yellow Storage, Princess Elizabeth Way, Cheltenham.

All welcome to attend.

Nick still to confirm the Cemar presentation for The Butterfly Garden.

Charity Trophies for next season ordered so they can be displayed at Cemar again. (The medals will have to be ordered earlier than normal as well if we are having earlier finals.)

Steve Henley asked if Matt Neave’s email address can be removed from the mailing list as this no longer works.

Ben Hill Reported that he had received a number of blue copies of teamsheets vice the white copies. Ben has sent out an email informing Clubs that they must send in the white copies.

John Hunt Reported that on Full Time we have to fill in Respect Marks even though we do not have this in our League.

Sportsmanship Marks have now been added so **ALL CLUBS MUST Complete these Marks from this week onwards.**

1. **Date of next meeting –**

**Charities/Futures – Monday 1st October 2018 at 7pm (room is booked)**

**League Management – Wednesday 24th October 2018 at 7pm**