# CHELTENHAM ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 15th August 2018 at The Victory Club commencing at 7pm.

Attendees: N.Oram, T.Holmes, T.Onions, B.Hill, G.Cook, A.Wakefield, I.Swales, J.Hunt, D.Pardoe, I.Hamilton

Apologies: P.Tustain, D.Johnson, S.Henley. (I.Smith – no response)

N.Oram and the committee welcomed Alan Wakefield as a new member of the committee. The other new member Steve Henley sent his apologies.

1. **Mark Ives Head of Judicial Service at The FA – 7 .15pm**

**Discussion point being our vote of no confidence in the GFA passed at the AGM.**

This session covered the original 5 points and then the added one following submission of the vote of no confidence to the GFA.

The discussion was a useful one and in the main informative, but it did not really give us anything new or positive to assure us that the GFA really wanted to work with us.

Mark Ives did state that he was there for Grassroots football and would be available to us in the future.

He did state he gave the go ahead from the FA for our involvement in the Sin Bin trail and that the FA had not covered themselves in glory in the late publication of SCOR. (Something he will push for improvement on)

The position between the League and the GFA is still a perilous one that will have to be investigated more in the future. They do remain our governing body but the relationship is not a good one even though the league have a great relationship with Chris Lucker and the folks in the office.

Mark Ives thanked us all for our efforts with Grassroots football and wished us well for the season ahead.

1. **Fixtures Secretary**

John H reported that all the fixtures had been completed and this again was a massive effort by him and the League Chairman.

Clubs have had them for 1 week and anyone with any changes should have by now contacted John.

1. **Registration Secretary**

Phil had sent his apologies but reported that registrations were coming in thick and fast with no significant problems so far.

1. **Referees Secretary**

Ian S reported that around 60 out of 70 referees are up and running with the requisite Sin Bin training. He will catch up with the remainders.

There has been a decline in referee numbers but we will have to see the season unfold prior to seeing the impact.

1. **Disciplinary Secretary**

Tony H reported that he will send the charges out with the next meeting.

1. **Treasurer**

Iain S had not offered apologies, but is known to be continuing his take over from Matt with the necessary paperwork being signed. Action on Ian H to contact Iain to ensure all is ok.

1. **Any Other Business**

Tony H raised the issue regarding reporting of results and potential of bringing this in line with the GNSL. Committee decided to look at this for season 2019/2020.

Ian S raised the Gotherington £50 to go to the charity fund. Committee backed this unanimously. Action on Ian H to let the treasurer know.

Dan P reported that the facebook site had reached the 300 mark and was quite popular. He was looking to put clear concise information with more updates this year. Dan will socialise this with clubs.

John H raised the issue with CBC pitches. Lots of them are out of use after the Council called them off due to the summer weather with lack of rain affecting the quality. Action on Ian H to ask CBC for an update.

Nick O raised the Charities Junior and Minor Finals with Gala Wilton as potential hosts. Action on Terry O to report back at the next meeting.

1. **Date of next meeting –**

**Charities/Futures – Wednesday 12th September 2018 at 7pm.**

**League Management – Wednesday 26th September 2018 at 7pm**