**CAFL League Management Meeting Agenda – held on Wednesday 23rd November at 7.00pm via Microsoft Teams**

**Attendees – JH, TH, PT, AG, BH, TO, IH, DJ, DP, IS**

**Apologies – MP, SH.**

**Actions from last meeting:**

1. General Secretary – IH

DP action to see what teams from D3 want in terms of extra games – response from all clubs bar one, majority asking for the league to be extended and they want more games and as many games as possible and want it to mean something. JH is also talking to the Youth League in regards to them playing our D3 teams. This will be resolved within 2 weeks and JH will set something up and look at the viability.

Leckhampton confirmed they were happy with monies owed being paid back so players who have paid can sign for other teams.

Email sent to all clubs being a bit more pro-active on getting players onto WGS and emailing PT to let him know.

Chased the WFA for a reply to the Affiliation question for next season, response as follows: Leagues affiliate with the County FA with whom they have the predominant number of affiliated teams and this is clearly stated in FA Regulations.

Until you have met the requirements under FA Regulations you will continue to be affiliated by Gloucestershire FA.

I always find that where relationships are difficult it is best to actually arrange a face to face meeting, much gets ‘lost in translation’ in emails. This would allow a discussion of the issues that frustrate both parties and maybe identify a workable option. Please remember though that County FAs are required to follow FA Regulations which sometimes leads to frustrations as this can lead to certain matters being mandated and no option for a CFA to be flexible.

I am sure David Neale would be happy to meet with you and talk through your concerns.

This is not a closed issue and the committee will further investigate our options including a potential for our clubs to affiliate to the WFA themselves if deemed worthwhile.

Initial discussion with Jeff Willerton of the Stroud League in terms of a potential hook up for next season.

Big Yellow agreement for another 6 months free usage providing we keep the publicity going on our social media.

Action on Ben and John to look at what is stored inside the Big Yellow and discard items no longer required.

1. Treasurer – IS

Everything is up to date, invoice required by Leckhampton for the registrations.

1. Fixtures – JH

All going well (don’t mention the heavy rain at time of writing). Some games going into April, but everything looking good.

Charity Cup competitions now in the ¼ final stages and we will look to plan the Semi-Finals and Finals shortly.

Some fixtures may have to change if England proceed through to a game due to be played on the 3rd December and JH will work with clubs to free this date if appropriate.

1. Results – BH

All going well, notifications have generally been coming in very well and clubs are doing a good job.

1. Registrations – PT

Everything is fine, just some late match returns.

1672 players registered. 24 transfers at time of writing.

Baffles the committee why these players do not want to turn out on a regular basis. Lack of commitment, lack of training facilities are definitely contributing factors across the board.

Is it worth talking to OXTALLS about using their facility more for training.? (Action Ben to explore further)

1. Referees – MP

Martin’s issue with a referee who appears to be making up his own actions dealing with dissent vice using the sin-bin as mandated to us.

Currently we have 100% referee coverage, but this is largely due to the lack of games or games being postponed by clubs.

Appointments for December will be done this week.

1. Club liaison – DP

Nothing to report from Dan apart from his D3 action above and general appreciation by the league in the tribute to Timmy Watkins. (RIP)

1. Discipline and Rule Offences – TH

See attached.

1. AOB

Player Riley Woodman to be discussed – he was banned for 365 days for headbutting an official (referee), which was later down-graded to inappropriate conduct with contact being made. Fintan have signed him on for when he can commence playing again, which I believe is in December. To be consistent, with previous offences of this nature we will apply to the GFA for him not to be permitted to register for one of our sides for the remainder of this season and then reconsider again for next season.

Worcester United ground situation was discussed. They have the hockey centre, Droitwich Road down on the website, but it appears they are playing where they fancy and this was a real problem for the match referee on Saturday just gone, who was messed around and eventually had to go to different ground. Equally we have not passed any other ground for use.

Discussion on Montpellier pulling out of their Charity cup fixture which was between their 1st’s and Reserves. Very disappointed that a club will do this to prevent players being cup tied for future rounds. Do teams want to play games or not. Extremely unsporting behaviour. Action on IH to email Montpellier with the Committee disappointed and a look at the rules for next season.

Charity Presentation – Iain Sm to provide symbolic cheques and JH to see if we still have some large cheques for photo’s. Currently planned for Friday 2nd December at Big Yellow at 2.30pm for Cheltenham Sports for Disabled and The Butterfly Garden. (JH, BH and ISM in attendance)

Sue Ryder Care donation to be made at the hospice at a date to be decided.

Senior Charity Cup draw was conducted at the end of the meeting and the first games will be played on the 7th January.

**Date of next meeting – Wednesday 14th December at 7pm at the Victory Club.**