**CAFL League Management Minutes – held on Thursday 19th December 2024 at 7.00pm at the Victory Club**

**Sue Henson-Green (Deputy-Chair of the GFA) attended the Victory Club to present the 21 Year Service Awards for Phil, John, Ben and Terry at 7.15pm. (Fantastic achievement by the 4 recipients and really showcases their devotion to grassroots football – well done all)**

**Attendees – J.Hunt, B.Hill, P.Tustain, I. Swales, D.Pardoe, L.Cole, M.Pates, I.Hamilton. (Virtual attendees – T.Holmes, I.Smith)**

**Apologies – A.Wakefield, D.Johnson, T.Onions**

1. **League Secretary**

Emailed Leckhampton with offer of help with Admin – no further issues to report, which is good.

Varistha to be removed from all our signature blocks and from the League Website. This is due to them saying they would sponsor the league again, but then failing to honour that agreement.

Other avenues being explored for sponsorship for the league and for the cups. A shame Varistha left it so late to let us know.

Shurdington Rovers have appealed to the GFA after losing their appeal to the League. This is against a Referee not notifying the league of a potential association with another team if he felt it would cause an issue. The League found this did not break any rule and despite the Referee being a former Referee of the year voted by all clubs, and him actually sending an opposing player off for the team he had a potential past association with in the game, Shurdington drew the game and wanted it reviewing and replaying. Over to the GFA now, but quite astonishing.

1. **Treasurer**

I.Smith is waiting for all details to come in prior to invoicing clubs. Cheques to be paid to the Victory Club and the VC steward.

1. **Fixtures**

Fixtures are generally going ok.

JH has reached out to Bishops Cleeve FC in regards to Semi-Finals and Finals. They did offer Saturday dates, which had proved in the past not to be as popular as mid-week. JH will contact them again. Potential other venues were discussed and will be reviewed once BCFC respond.

Jnr Cup fixtures going well, Minor and Primary fixtures now at the ¼ final stage. The draw for the next round will be at the next meeting and clubs will be invited to attend if they wish to.

1. **Registrations**

1310 players signed on and 1 transfer going through at time of writing. 1 ineligible player reported and team to be charged.

1. **Results**

All going well with team-sheets and notifications – well done to clubs.

1. **Referees**

- To date (18/12/2024) 191 out 194 games have been covered.

- To date 6 low marks submitted against referees.

- To date 2 positive reports received about referees.

- This weekend is fully covered currently.

- I will aim to get January appointments out before Christmas. The deadline for referees to get their availability to me is 22nd December.

- I will do the work to get the mid-season marks out over the Christmas break. These are the marks referee’s give regarding clubs after their games.

Falcons Reserves have been sent a warning from the GFA about reaching/exceeding the 25 points for the season thus far. Club asked to address this by the GFA – League to keep an eye on this one in the hope Falcons resolve the issues.

1. **Discipline & Rule Offences**

See attached.

1. **AOB**

Results Secretary’s IT is in a critical state. Committee agreed to provide new IT and IH will review if anything is available from the FA/GFA in terms of grants. Failing that, something will be sourced in the new year.

New Player Registration form designed by TH following comment made by a club that information needs to be clearer. TH to talk to RM to get this updated and on the website.

**Date of next meeting.**

Wednesday 29th January in person at the Victory Club at 7pm.

Clubs will be invited for the cup draw.