**CAFL League Management Meeting – held on Thursday 1st August 2024 at 7pm via Microsoft Teams**

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

**Apologies – PT, LC**

1. **League Secretary**

Team situation – FC Lakeside have been struggling to get a side together after failing to put a management team for their Premier Division side in place. Cotswold Tigers who entered the league following the demise of Smiths Barometrics Reserves, suffered a big setback when one of their main organisers suffered with a major health issue. FC Lakeside and Cotswold Tigers discussed a merger and playing under the FC Lakeside banner down at Coldpool Lane. The Management committee were not 100% content with how this all played out, but nevertheless decided that this would be approved as it was the best solution available at this time.

**Action IH to email both clubs.**

As a follow-on, given the Premier Division will now contain 9 teams, the Management Committee have been thinking how we can create more games in that Division. One suggestion came from Cheltenham United around making the Premier Divisions’ Charity Cup into a round robin tournament. The Committee also looked at the possibility of each team playing each other 3 times in the league vice 2. This was dismissed as not a viable solution and may also have ramifications on SCOR.

**Action on JH to put a plan together to share with the Premier Division teams.**

Alder FC in Division 2 – are they joining or not – currently looking for a pitch in Gloucester. **IH to give them until Monday.**

Charity donations for the new season will be divided amongst the 3 existing charities – Sue Ryder Care, Cheltenham Sports for Disabled and The Butterfly Garden.

League Affiliation / Sanction all done – had to do double entries on Wholegame (being phased out) and the new Competition portal.

GFA again not charging the £80 (£20 each) for our Charity Cups as their contribution towards our Charities Pot.

1. **Treasurer**

All invoices to be prepared and sent out.

1. **Fixtures**

Shurdington formally asked for September 28th off due to a stag doo.

D1 and D2 fixtures wise is looking good for fixtures.

Premier with 9 teams will have 16 games.

See above regarding the cup competition for Premier Division teams to provide more game.

Awaiting County Cup dates from the GFA. **Action on IH to ask the GFA.**

Fixtures should be out on the 21st August, starting on the 3rd September for D2 teams. Then starting on Saturday 7th September for the other two Divisions.

1. **Registrations**

Are new forms done and on the website? **IH to ask Rob M.**

(late news – Rob has now done this)

1. **Results**

Yearbook – Ben is looking to clean it up a bit and get it updated on the website.

1. **Referees**

Registrations taking place, lost 2 referees from last year, but also gained some new ones.

1. **Discipline & Rule Offences**

All previous ones have been ratified.

All new rules will be included in the rule book.

1. **AOB**

Sponsorship update - JH to speak to Prakash.

Representative game suggestion from Fintan at the AGM.

Go back to Matt for his full idea, then take it from there.

Maybe this can be put in place for next season. **Action on IH to talk to Matt R.**

Tony – Start a League rule sub-committee, TH, AG, RM. BH, DP.

Rob G – Chairman of FC Lakeside has approached the league about a running a potential U/21 / U/23 League. Committee felt this worth looking at and asked IH to contact Rob to put his ideas on the table, then others can get involved.

**Date of next meeting – 4th September.**