CHELTENHAM ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held at the Victory Club, Cheltenham, on Wednesday 21st July, 2010

Attendees: J.Crowther, G Cook (in the chair), R Attwood, T. Onions, I.Hamilton, J Hunt, P Tustain, A Clayton,

 R Overington, C William, B Hill

Apologies Denis Barrett, Nick Oram, M.Neave

Minutes of the meetings. Held on Wednesday 26th May were read and accepted.

Matters Arising from the minutes.

There were no matters arising and as we are now going into a new season no actions were left ongoing.

League Secretary.

Ian Hamilton reported that he was coming to grips with his new role and had received valuable help from several of the existing officers including the outgoing secretary Nick Oram.

It is disappointing to note that St. Marks have withdrawn both their teams from the league, especially as their new team has just been accepted into Division 6. This obviously leaves both Divisions 3 and6 with 13 teams vice 14.

The new results secretary has a new number for the results which includes an answer-phone. The number is 01452 690911 and this will be included in the handbook details. New stationary will be printed in time for the new season to also reflect this change.

The next club meeting is on Wednesday 18th August commencing at 7pm in the Victory Club. There has been several changes in officers on the league so clubs are urged to attend. A club representative can attend in lieu of the secretary. Failure to attend will incur a fine in accordance with league rules 5H.

All the new stationary and handbooks will be available for collection at this meeting.

Correspondence: - Correspondence Reported for Discussion

 These have been discussed and put on Correspondence

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Charter Standard for our league from Matthew Boucher GFA. The committee felt with such a turnover of officers, it was a bit early to look at this but agreed to review again during the season. Email sent to Matthew to inform him of our response.

Respect Program for our league from Matthew Boucher GFA inviting the league secretary to a Respect workshop. The chairman had already made his views known on this matter during the AGM. The committee agreed that we as a league will not be adopting the Respect program at this stage. Email send to Matthew to inform him of our response.

Football facility audit from Gary Probert GFA. Gary had emailed several points that he would like on behalf of the league in regards to facilities at multi pitch sites that our league’s team use. Bob Attwood agreed to provide feedback on this and several folks around the table informed the committee that some clubs had also been requested to provide this information.

International Clearance form – reply from Chris Lucker GFA. Chris informed the league secretary that these forms need to be sent with the registration forms to the registration secretary. This then provides documented proof that the clubs have taken steps to clarify the international playing status of their registered players. Should there be any dispute about the eligibility of players based on international clearance, the league will have this document to refer to. There is also a box to tick on the registration form. It is still the clubs responsibility to check the status of their international players.

Bounced cheque – Hesters Way United. League Treasurer has emailed the club secretary to inform him of this matter.

Real Whaddon have failed to affiliate to the GFA and failed to reply to both emails and letters sent to their known addresses. The committee discussed this item in detail and decided that the league secretary send a letter and an email to David Bedford giving 14 days from Monday July 26th to respond or be expelled from the league. Letter and email sent on Saturday 24th July.

The league treasurer has had two occurrences of correspondence sent to his home address by recorded delivery. This practise is not acceptable and the clubs concerned have been informed.

Affiliation to the GFA list sent to league secretary. There are a few of our clubs who have not yet affiliated to the GFA. Failure to do this will result in the club not being permitted to play any games in the league. Please do this as soon as possible and note due to lateness, the GFA will now fine you £30.

 New referee marking guidance received from the GFA. The mark for a referee is out of 100. The minimum mark is now 60. Any club marking a referee 60 or under will have to make a full written report as to the reason.

Rule Offences:

Mr Alan Clayton provided the following information:

July Rule Offences:

The following clubs have been charged in accordance with rule 5h: Failure to deal satisfactorily with the business of the League Fine at discretion of Management Committee

i) Failure to satisfactorily attend to the business of the League - non return of Supplementary Information form by prescribed date -Fine £15: Apperley & Tewkesbury Dynamos, Broadway United, Northleach Town, Priors, Real Whaddon, St Marks Community Association, Tewkesbury Town, W.M.K.

ii) Failure to satisfactorily attend to the business of the League – non payment of League Application Fee – Fine £15: Hesters Way United

The following clubs have been charged in accordance with rule 5i: Late Payment of Invoices – Fine £15

Invoices due 12/06/2010: Belmore (invoice 10347, £20, club suspended 12/06/10), FC Barometrics (invoice 10352, £5, club suspended 12/06/10), Northleach Town (invoice 10357, £20, club suspended 12/06/10), Priors (invoice 10359, £25, club suspended 12/06/10), Real Whaddon (invoice 10360, £120, club suspended 12/06/10)

The following clubs have been charged in accordance with rule 6h - failure to be represented by Secretary or approved, nominated deputy for the duration of the Annual General Meeting. Fine £75:

Cinderford Town (not represented), Finlay Rovers (not represented), Priors (not represented), St Marks Community Association (not represented), Real Whaddon (not represented), Tewkesbury Town (not represented)

Churchdown Panthers (not represented by Secretary – Keith Clarke), FC Lakeside (not represented by Secretary – Caroline Monk), Prestbury Rovers (not represented by Secretary – Alan Goldthorpe), Upton Town (not represented by Secretary – D White)

The following clubs have been charged in accordance with rule 14b - withdrawal of a team after the AGM. Fine £100: St Marks Community Association (two sides)

The following Clubs have been charged a £30 administration fee following suspension from the League for Rule Offences. Belmore, FC Barometrics, Hesters Way United, Northleach Town, Priors, Real Whaddon

Treasurers Report.

The treasurer was unable to attend the meeting due to other foot-balling matter.

The treasurer had informed the committee that some club accounts were still outstanding and he had previously asked for a copy in a final reminder by the 24th July.

The treasurer is also due to send out the annual invoices in due course.

Three clubs still owe money to the league :

Real Whaddon

Belmore

Priors

These debts will need to be settled before any games are played in the new season.

Fixtures.

John Hunt reported that the fixtures had been completed and thanked Nick Oram for his assistance. John required response from clubs by July 29th or face a charge under rule 5H. John reported that he has already been in discussion with some clubs regarding the fixtures and certain difficulties that have arisen regarding changing rooms being ready in time.

Clubs are reminded that league games commence on Wednesday 1st September with the first Saturday being the 4th September.

Registrations.

Phil reported that he had received registration details for 4 clubs so far, but expected a lot more to start arriving. Clubs are reminded that the registration secretary requires at least 11 forms per team 7 days before their first game.

Any Other Business:

The league secretary informed the meeting that the new handbook is well on course to be ready to be handed out at the club meeting scheduled for Wednesday 18th August. Currently it is being proof read and will be at the printers to commence actual printing week commencing 26th July. The chairman decided on a pastel blue cover.

Arthur Stiley – A suitable trophy is to be obtained and the chairman will be talking to Pat Stiley to come to a decision on said trophy.

Les Fisher – League secretary to send a letter of thanks on behalf of the committee and league for all his past services.

Registration secretary to report back at the next management meeting on registration of players from existing clubs, to new clubs in the league.

The charity cup committee would be made up of : Ian Hamilton, Carl Williams, Bob Attwood, Matt Neave, John Crowther, Ben Hill, John Hunt and Alan Clayton.

Pitch allocation at KGV – John Hunt reported that this was generally done on a gentlemen’s agreement with seniority and last year’s allocations taken into account. If there was a dispute, John would rule who played where.

All future meetings will commence at 7pm.

NEXT MEETING – WEDNESDAY, 18th August, 2010 Club Meeting K.O. 7pm