# CHELTENHAM ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 20th September 2017 at The Victory Club commenced at 7pm.

Attendees: N.Oram, J.Hunt, P.Tustain, D.Pardoe, J.Cook, P.Daly, B.Hill, S.Arlin, T.Holmes, D.Johnson, I.Hamilton

Apologies: I.Swales, M.Neave, T.Onions.

1. **Actions Arising** – first meeting of the new season, nothing carried over from last season.
2. **League Secretary – Usual busy period.**

Sponsorship update – New sponsor for the Charity Competitions this year are CEMAR from Gloucester. Story to appear in the Echo this weekend.

Bristol Street Motors Ford, Cheltenham confirmed new 3 year sponsorship deal for the League.

Leckhampton Rovers Secretary / Newton alternative contact is the same person. This was discussed by the Committee who felt while both jobs are being done well, there is no need to intervene. **Action on IH to ask Newton if they are happy with the dual role.**

Concern over some of the early fines, especially as a number of new secretaries picking some up over match returns, match notification. Steve Arlin assisted by Dan Pardoe are going to reach out to clubs to offer help where it is required. **Action on SA to email out his guide to new Secretaries.**

1. **Discipline/Rule Infringements –** as per attached spreadsheet.

This section took from 19**:**08 to 20:31 to complete which was pretty much a record. Club Secretaries please note the amount of time we have had to spend on this during the meeting.

Appearance by Bredon FC represented by CAFL Bredon Secretary Steve Arlin in regards to recent charge received. Outcome covered in charge sheet.

Rule 8C must be looked at in terms of required change prior to the end of this season. **Action on Committee.**

1. **GFA –** Scott Milne offer to attend the next futures meeting to look at our league going forward.Committee agreed it was very important to commence this dialog for the future of the league. **Action on IH to invite Scott.**

**NO reported from his GFA Council Meeting attendance that the GFA advised that FAN numbers should be used for County Cup games.**

1. **Treasurer**

Matt sends his apologies for missing the meeting and asked IH to let the Committee know that unfortunately this will be his last season as League Treasurer. Pressure of Matt’s day job has resulted in him missing some meetings and he feels it will be difficult for him to continue. However, Matt is not walking away and will offer assistance to handover duties to the new incumbent. Matt will also look to get involved again in the future when his career allows.

The Committee offered a massive vote of thanks to Matt with what he has achieved as League Treasurer. This will be a big gap to fill, but the League must start looking now for this key position.

**Action on IH to socialise role spec and advertise this position.**

Debts still owed by both Gloucester Elmleaze and Newlands Athletic to be pursued under debt recovery. Newlands to be split up with what they owe from last season and for their pull-out this season.

1. **Registration**

Match day signing confirmationsent to clubs.

PT reports that there are currently some issues with registrations that he will contact the FA player registration department about. One of these issues is a player already signed on by one club but then signed offline with another club.

A reminder to clubs that no pitch side signings are permitted for the next round of the Charity Cup.

1. **Referees**

IS sent his apologies.

1. **Results**

BH reports busy start to the season with lots of help required to be given to new secretaries. This has resulted in more fines for some of the new clubs.

1. **Fixtures**

JH reported a nightmare start to the season following the late re-organisation required.

There had been issues with Fulltime and some teams had moved grounds once the season started.

There had also been games that clashed with GNSL games and they still are.

Fortunately JH agreed to soldier on and was thanked by the committee for his perseverance.

1. **Any Other Business**.

IH reported that one club had reported that they wished to have a committee member present for the return match against another club later in the season as they felt the first game was less than pleasant to play in. The Committee agreed to look at this prior to the reverse fixture.

TH reported that the Stroud League had agreed to play a charity game against the League representative side. **Action on TH to get a Charity game Committee together.**

TH reported that during August and so far in September our games have amassed 169 yellow cards and 20 red cards.

BH reported in terms of media we now have features appearing in the Gloucestershire Echo and the Local Answer.

DP reported that he reached out to a number of Team Managers in terms of providing them more information as some time information is not always passed on by Club Secretaries. **Action on DP and SA to work together to take this initiative forward.**

Another key is required for the trophy cabinet. **Action on NO to get one cut.**

1. **Date of next meeting**.

**Charity / Futures meeting on Wednesday 11th October 2017.**

**Management Meeting on Wednesday 25th October 2017.**