**CAFL League Management Meeting – Wednesday 28th April at 6.30pm via Microsoft Teams**

**Attendees – JH, NO, MP, TH, SH, BH, DJ, ISm, TO, IH**

**Apologies – PT, DP, AW.**

1. Semi-Final and Final update for the Junior and Minor Charity Cups.

Semi-Final dates as follows at Bishops Cleeve FC

Minor – Monday 10th May with a 6.30pm kick-off, 1 game on main pitch, 1 game on bottom pitch.

Junior – Friday 14th May with a 6.30pm kick-off, 1 game on main pitch, 1 game on bottom pitch.

Draws, including who is playing on which pitch to take place on Monday 3rd May at Cup Management Meeting.

Unfortunately, Cheltenham Town cannot offer their pitch for the finals as their renovation work commences immediately after their last home game of the season. They did apologise and hope to host us next season.

Thanks are due to Bishops Cleeve FC who are going to host our Semi-Finals and Finals.

Final details as follow:

Minor – Friday 21st May with a 7pm kick-off.

Junior – Monday 24th May with a 7pm kick-off.

1. AFC Renegades

This has proved to be a very difficult situation whereby Renegades applied to the Stroud League, paid their application fee, did not inform the League and still applied to be in the Cheltenham League for next season.

Renegades Secretary has had difficulties with various admin and some team behaviours since they joined our League. The Committee have bent over backwards to help, yet the particular Secretary seems to have a massive chip on his shoulder feeling persecuted by the League Management Committee. I can firmly state that this is so far from the truth, it was all quite unbelievable.

We then decided to put an SGM vote out to you as clubs to vote on whether to immediately expel Renegades.

The vote would have gone through to expel them with the returns I had and I thank you for your support. Equally I fully understand some abstentions and a No vote.

However, we have now received an apology from the Renegades Chairman which we have accepted. If we had of had that communication at the start of their application to the Stroud League, there would have been no problem.

We have supported and wished clubs all the best on their way to other Leagues (as well as saying we would welcome them back) in the past and we will do it again.

For me personally with zero connection to any club in the League in terms of involvement, this has been a tiring and painful experience. I spend hours of my time attempting to perform my General Secretary duties to benefit you all and this has really tested me to the limits. My role never actually stops and I am happy to put efforts back into local football as that is where my refereeing career started but this has put a question mark to me for the future. (Then I get item 3 below and think maybe we are all doing a good job!)

1. New teams for next season

This is really healthy and despite item 2 above, shows the Cheltenham League is a great product attracting so many new teams.

Teams applied and paid application fees:

Montpellier FC

Gloucester Athletic

Generation Next

Bilford Rovers

Whaddon Reserves

Charlton Rovers 4ths

We also have enquiries still in with 2 other teams.

New clubs will be interviewed in mid-May. Reserve teams of existing clubs will not be interviewed.

Teams dropping out:

Abbeymead Rovers

AFC Renegades & their reserves.

1. New rule proposals – TH, AW, SH

Great work by the above to look at some new rule proposals / word changes for next season. These will be input to the GFA once their SCOR is received from the FA and will be covered at the AGM.

1. Treasurer – ISm

Iain is working with clubs on payment of invoices and getting the accounts ready for audit. Obviously, monies are down this season and Iain is looking at what Charity contributions can be given out this season noting we did not donate anything last season.

We will of course look at league fees for next season again and see what we can afford.

1. Fixtures – JH

John has done a great job working quickly to organise fixtures for the Charity Cups and is hopefully going to continue in this role for next year if elected.

1. Results – BH

Ben reports some admin issues which has probably occurred due to the lock-down and the mid-week games. He reports that SMS texting has been good.

1. Registrations - PT

PT Sent his apologies.

1. Referees – MP

MP reported a supporter entering the pitch during a game and going after an opposition player. This is with the WFA. He also reported a referee failing to turn up at a game which he has investigated.

Decision made to appoint 3 officials to our Semi-Finals and 4 officials to our Finals.

1. Club liaison – DP

DP sent his apologies.

1. Discipline and Rule Offences – TH

See attached.

1. Intentions for Committee for next season – IH, ISw, PT, DP, ISm, BH, DJ, TH, SH, AW, MP, TH, JH, NO, TO

These will go forward to the AGM for voting. If anyone out there thinks they can take on any of these roles, then please register your interest. (note from IH – if you want my General Secretary role, please talk to our Chairman)

1. AOB

SH asked about the state of various CBC pitches. Including his report of a tree trunk showing in the goal-mouth at Naunton Park. We have also had clubs and referees reporting Swindon Village. Basically a lot of the CBC pitches are in a disgraceful state and they have investing little if any monies to maintain them. (The exceptions are KGV and Whaddon Rec, which appear to be the best CBC pitches in Cheltenham)

JH is meeting with CBC in May with the Cheltenham Youth League and if anyone has any other CBC pitch issues, please email JH.

JH also stated that Priors is back up and running but he had concerns on the drainage during any periods of wet weather.

BH highlighted that Plock Court appears to be a in a good state and they have some Saturday vacancies, so interested clubs should contact them if they wish to book for next season.

 **Date of next meeting – Monday 3rd May for Cup Draw.**