**CAFL League Management Meeting Minutes – held on Wednesday 25thth October at 7.00pm in person at the Victory Club and via Microsoft Teams**

**Attendees – J.Hunt, A.Wakefield, B.Hill, D.Johnson, S.Henley, M.Pates, T. Holmes, I.Smith, I.Hamilton**

**Apologies – P.Tustain**

1. **League Secretary**

Visited the new laid 3G at Tewkesbury School and noted the wires hanging from where the curtains are drawn to separate pitches when not using the full pitch. This has caused some issues in games, where notably the referee has taken flack over it. GFA have advised that they have contacted the school to get the wires detached when a full game is on and urged home clubs to do the same. If they are not removed and they cause interference during a game, a drop ball is the correct action a referee should take.

Invited to a meeting to discuss proposals for a shake up on the GNSL, this could provide an extra division to have potentially a D2 North and South. It does need shaking up in the County league above though, to allow more promotion and relegation vice having 2 places and then a ridiculous play-off for a champion of leagues that should be promoted naturally.

This could have repercussions on the Cheltenham League!

1. **Treasurer**

Not too much to report.

Checking on current sponsorship deal and payments owed.

Payment needs to be paid to Victory Club and Steward.

1. **Fixtures**

All currently looking good and weather has been fairly kind.

Draws to be made for Junior, Minor and Primary Cup later in the meeting.

1. **Registration**

Phil sent his apologies.

1. **Results**

All good at this time.

1. **Referees**

We were 2 referees short on the 7th October and 1 referee short each week in November, but hopefully some of our referees who referee occasionally can help out.

1. **Discipline & Rule Offences**

See attached**.**

Shurdington to appear before us in regards to one of their charges – represented by their Chairman – S. Henley.

Southside Star asked to appear before us, but their Secretary says he lives away and the email address for their named Chairman Elliott Mounsey is no longer valid. This is to answer their mounting fine count and worrying admin mistakes.

Southside did report that they are in the middle of a handover to a new Chairman. Action on League President to make contact and offer advice/help.

1. **AOB**

Alan W asked the Referees Secretary what happens when a referee gets a bad report. Martin said all reports are looked at and followed up, but he relies on the GFA for further training action, that does not appear to happen.

A reported case of a player from a team biting the ear of a player from another team during a game is currently with the GFA. This is obviously extremely disappointing to hear, but the league will await the GFA action before taking it further.

Referees’ Secretary’s laptop is on the blink. IH to contact the GFA to see if they have finally brought back the IT assistance fund form the FA. Failing that, we will look to see what we can do as the Ref Secretary needs a laptop to do his job.

Tony raised the website job descriptions/conflict of interest of the League Officers which is still to be completed. IH to speak to RM about getting this information on the website.

Cup draw took place at the meeting for the Primary, Minor and Junior Cups. This was filmed and posted on the League Facebook page. Technical difficulties prevented one of the draws to be posted, but all are now on fulltime.

**Date of next meeting – Thursday November 23rd 2023.**