# CHELTENHAM ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Minutes for the Management Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 27th March 2019 at The Victory Club.

Attendees: N.Oram, J.Hunt, P.Tustain, A.Wakefield, I.Smith, T.Onions, S.Henley, T.Holmes, D.Pardoe, G.Cook, B.Hill, I.Swales, I.Hamilton

Apologies: D.Johnson

1. **Actions Arising:**

IH contacted Welland FC in regards to the proposed charity donation from the league for one of their players who sadly passed away.

The Charity is MNDA and arrangements made with the League Treasurer to send the cheque in.

BH contacted Roger Jackson and/or Jon Palmer to find out if they have more information and report back at the next meeting on the former League Referee John Slatter in regards to his death just prior to Christmas. BH informed the committee that there was a great feature on John on the Gloucestershire Live Website:

<https://www.gloucestershirelive.co.uk/news/cheltenham-news/daughter-fondly-remembers-sport-mad-2558110>

Decision needed on the Cheltenham Saracens v Malvern Cave game abandoned after 8 minutes. WFA have now suspended two of the players involved which includes the one who the Referee reported for causing the abandonment.

(Committee Decision utilising the rules concerning occurrences of this nature resulted in the game being awarded to Cheltenham Saracens with no goals. Fulltime to be updated. League Rule 20 refers)

1. **Fixtures Secretary**

Ian Nelder-Morgan (Current Secretary of Newton) invited to the meeting after confirming his interest in taking on the Fixtures Secretary role for next season.

This years Senior cup Semi-Finals will take place at Bishops Cleeve on the Nights of

Thursday 11th April 7pm and Thursday 18th April 7pm

Draw made at this meeting. DP to socialise.

1. **Results Secretary**

BH reported that all is going well apart from some clubs still failing to note down the shirt numbers on their match form.

1. **Registration Secretary**

PT reported that he has some transfers pending but they may not be on WGS by the time transfers are no longer permitted. (31st March) Committee decision to grant special permission for any transfer that has been notified to the Registration Secretary prior to the 31st March to be permitted to go through once they appear on WGS.

1. **Referees Secretary**

Martin Pates invited to this meeting following his discussion with several of the committee at last weeks Minor Charities Final in terms of his interest in taking on the Referees Secretary position for next season.

ISW reports that at the end of February 2019 490 games out of 498 had been covered by official referees. This represented a 98% coverage rate and he predicted that this should be the same rate of coverage as last season. The committee thanked Ian for his continued great work.

1. **Disciplinary Secretary**

*As per charge sheet*

1. **Treasurer**

ISM reports that he is still awaiting confirmation of a new auditor and there may be some increase in the fee.

Ian is preparing for end of Financial year and was still eagerly awaiting news of the Bristol Street sponsorship. Action on IH and BH to chase again.

1. **GFA**

Two Andoversford players given long bans and large fines for their actions against Referees. Hopefully this sends out a message that the League will not tolerate behaviour of this nature.

Letter from Referees Association and our thoughts/actions around the banned players discussed. Committee decision to remove both players registrations for the rest of this season and to review for next season.

Rules for next season sent to the GFA. (Special thanks to Tony, Alan and Steve for their efforts)

1. **Any Other Business**

FC Lakeside Reserves left their changing room at the Minor Charities Final at Bishops Cleeve in an unacceptable state. They have already come forward and paid £25 cleaning bill to Bishops Cleeve. This will be changed for next season with an offence under rule 6H and a fine up to £100 imposed. We cannot jeopardise any potential venue for our finals by risking not being invited back by leaving changing rooms in a mess. Rules to be changed to cover this.

One Club requested help with some admin and JH provided that help. In the future clubs will be directed to our Club Liaison officer in the first instance.

Chesterton AFC approach us with an inquiry to join the league for next season. They will be encouraged to apply and come in and have a discussion with us.

DP reported that Cheltenham Saracens approached him with a potential request to enter another team into Division 4 for next season. As we had a precedent with this with two Malvern Vale sides in one Division they should be encouraged to apply and the League can seek approval from the GFA to proceed.

BH reported that Severn Sport are now providing some coverage of CAFL games. It is good to see them added to the Local Answer and some Gloucestershire Live coverage.

PT asked if Jeff Carbin was back as Secretary for Fintan as he had received correspondence from Matt Roberts (Club Chairman) IH reported that Jeff was indeed carrying out the Secretary duties. PT to ask that Jeff send in all correspondence with the League.

PT reported that there is still some wording in the rules around postage. All correspondence as directed is to be electronically communicated as per the year book. Any reference to postage will be removed for next season.

JH offered his congratulations to our Referees Secretary for his appointment to referee the GFA Senior Amateur Final.

1. **Date of next meeting –**

**League Management – Wednesday April 24th, 2019 at 7pm.**