**CAFL League Management Meeting Minutes – held on Wednesday 28th September at 7.00pm via Microsoft Teams**

**Attendees – J.Hunt, T.Holmes, B.Hill, Endo, M.Pates, I.Hamilton, P.Tustain, I. Smith, T.Onions, A.Wakefield.**

**Apologies – D.Pardoe.**

**Actions from last meeting:**

Iain S to invoice Winchcombe Town 1sts following them joining us from the GNSL. (Iain will do this presently)

Charity presentations to be sorted, plan for Big Yellow.

Ben to email reminder to clubs in regards to SMS nominations.

Southside Star and 303 Squadron chased by IH in regards to club affiliation, which they both completed.

A few clubs have been having issues with their access to Full-time, various help offered and others forwarded to the GFA/WFA. Hopefully they will be resolved soon.

1. General Secretary – IH

More teams lost since last meeting. Most pressing is Division 3 and some thought has already been made on potential extra games.

John has been discussing this with the GFA and will look to formulate a plan to potentially look at 2 mini-leagues within the division and have extra games once the league is completed. Other ideas have come in from some clubs and the Committee will take this into account and will definitely plan to provide extra games.

1. Treasurer – IS

Fines invoices to be completed.

Sponsorship invoice to be passed to sponsor through the Chairman.

Kempsey Corinthian invoice to be paid shortly, players can now sign for other clubs.

1. Fixtures – JH

Started reasonably well, but teams dropping out has been a nightmare. It is unlikely that we will be having play-offs.

County Cup has been a nightmare with the GFA just dumping the games into fulltime which clashes with our fixtures, which is just a complete utter farce. John has received no notification and cannot change anything as it all locked down by the GFA.

John to spend some time bringing fixtures forward whilst the good weather lasts.

1. Results – BH

The main problem has been the County Cup games as these do not show on our fulltime. Teams this weekend will have to ring through result or text which is the only way it can be done. Ben has let clubs know.

Bishops Cleeve v Southside came through as a result but was actually abandoned in the 88th minute. This has been sanctioned as a full-time score by the Committee.

On fulltime some new secretaries are needing help, but Ben is sorting. (Dan has also provided help)

1. Registrations – PT

Transfer forms are still showing last seasons’ dates and need to be changed and sent to Rob M for website update.

1548 players signed on and 19 transfers. Note – A player can only transfer twice in a season.

1. Referees – MP

County Cup issues – GFA have new process which is hampering Referee Secretaries across all local leagues. The Leagues have asked the GFA to come up for a meeting, but they are saying everyone will have to travel to the GFA in Bristol. This is absurd, especially as the GFA are salaried staff whereby all the league folks are volunteers. The leagues will keep on trying.

The GFA are being quite officious in their approach banning referees from refereeing if they turn down their County Cup games.

Is this a question of our affiliation being looked at again, and potentially look at the WFA.

The GFA also charge for the Referees course, the WFA do not. Action on IH to talk to the WFA about potential future affiliation vice the GFA.

100% coverage for games at the moment, clubs pulling out has helped and the weekend off for the Queens funeral.

1. Club liaison – DP (Apols)

Dan did raise a matter that had been on social media, but the League will not get involved with social media matters, unless it is a breach of league rules.

1. Discipline and Rule Offences – TH

See attached.

1. AOB

Rob M has informed us that he is standing down from his website duties at the end of the season, he has done a great job, so we will have to look at replacing him. Or will the sponsor take this on? Action on John to talk to the sponsor.

Southside Star secretary was chased in regards to admin and said he is aiming on getting other folks involved.

Bishops Cleeve games moving to Friday evening due to changing room situation, but potentially 8pm kick-offs. This will have to be notified to the opposition. This will be alternated between the CAFL 1st and 2nd teams.

Bishops Cleeve Chairman currently suffering from ill health. Best wishes to be passed for a speedy recovery from the CAFL Committee.

Nothing heard from CBC on the bottom pitch at KGV, so it is not permitted to be used. (Reports that it is now overgrown as the Council no longer cut it.

AG concerned about the number of teams dropping out of grassroots football. This is also happening in other leagues and Women’s football locally. IH to raise it at the GFA Council meeting as the GFA do not seem to be supporting grassroots football.

PT reported that Ex Cheltenham League Referee passed away a couple of weeks ago – Eric Mills.

MP raised Referee match forms, should clubs still use CAFL forms as CAFL are not appointing. So is there a need for this anymore. TH reports this is mainly for Disciplinary reasons so he can keep an eye on offences. Referees to still send their reports in to Tony.

**Date of next meeting – Wednesday 26th October at 7pm.**