



Whiteley Wanderers Youth FC



Whiteley Wanderers AGM Minutes Thursday 23/05/2024

WWFC AGM Meeting held 23rd May 2024 from 20:00 to 21:10 at Whiteley Community Centre, Gull Coppice.

1. Apologies – Ian and Elaine Binks, Aaron Wright, Darren Coleman and Karlos (arriving late due to training commitments).
2. Attendees – Committee plus Steve Tongue, Alex Francis, Adam Goodman, Sam White and Niall Boden.
3. Matter Arising – No matters arising from the previous AGM held last year.
4. Chairmans Report – Steve reported that it is his sixth year. We seem to have had a lower number of welfare issues to deal with as a committee this year when compared to last year. I still enjoy the role and am happy to continue. Comms to parents is better than it was. The workshops we facilitated earlier on in the season have helped with the communications /relationships and have allowed us to avoid further issues. The facilities / pitch issues are continuing with regard to Meadowside, the state of the pitches is a continual cause for concern, and we are continuing to escalate through the appropriate channels. Fortunately, there is a good supply of 3G pitches although the price of these have continue to increase all the time and have caused the club to consider its subscription cost. All the clubs' volunteers are valued and thanks to all of those at the club for their ongoing support and commitment to the club.
5. Treasurer Report (provided by the Chairman) – The club accounts were distributed and are currently showing a loss of circa £13k. Some of this debt is misleading due to costs reducing but the subscriptions fees still being paid until July. The realistic figure at the end of the season is about £5 or £6k. Pitch Hire costs are still high, and we have a very high reliance on 3Gs (due to lack of grass pitches) which are expensive when compared to Grass, 3G is roughly double the cost of Grass. The increase in costs for 3G pitches are approximately 20% when compared to last year although they have risen year on year.
6. Secretary Report – For the coming season (24/25) we are currently entering 35 teams across multiple leagues. We have a new league, JPL, for some teams this season. We have 12 teams in EDMSL, with no teams on the waiting list including the max of 4 x U9 teams, 8 teams in Tyro league, 4 teams in CSYFL (U16 and U18), 8 teams in HGYFL, 2 teams in the JPL (including one team playing in EDMSL as well) and 1 team in Hants Combination. When asked by Secretary or CWOs or advised on Whole Game that qualifications are due to expire please do not ignore them and action them immediately. Coaches must ensure that they have the correct qualifications as you will be suspended, and the team MAY NOT be able play and forfeit games or in some case not enter leagues in the first place due to not having enough qualified coaches.
7. Election of Committee – All Committee members are remaining except Simon Ede who is leaving after 2 years. The Chairman thanks his support over the years whilst undertaking several roles in the club in vice Chair and COVID officer. Simon is being replaced by Rachel Payne (OFFICAL HANDOVER DATE FOR CORRESPONDENCE 01/07/2024)
Secretary change proposed by Steve Tongue, and seconded Alex Francis
The remaining members of the Committee were voted in en-mass and were proposed by Adam Goodman and seconded by Sam White.
8. Rule Changes – No Rules changes were advised. However, this year all coaches will be asked to agree to the Coaches code of conduct as part of the registration process for this year.



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9. Player Subscriptions – Due to ever increasing costs of pitches the club, for the first time since 2018, are increasing Subs to £20 per month per player. Signing on fees will be £20 for each league played in as each league played in has a fee. The men's teams pay and play will also increase in line with this change and pay / play will be £8 from the 1st August. The Direct Debits will end in July with the new cost and system starting in August. Each person will setup their account using a link or QR code. The process is straight forward, and the new portal will allow seamless access to the right information for each player and coach.
This change was voted for by all in attendance at the meeting unanimously.

10. AOB:

- New Club Portal - Darren gave a summary of the new Team Fee Pay system and the benefits of this system. It will make a significant difference to the club admin system and the supportability of the data. Coaches will have the opportunity to access their team's medical information, club coaching sessions for general use and arranging matches / training. All members will be sent the relevant link or QR code in due course.
- Club Purchasing Procedure for equipment / kit – If you need equipment or kit then please get approval BEFORE purchasing it. Macron are not always the cheapest or best provider. the club has other suppliers who also offer discounts and maybe a better alternative. If this process is not followed, then you may not get the money back.
- Meadowside / 3G – As you are all aware we have been having ongoing issues with Meadowside and the ability to play any football on the grass this season. Despite lots of effort with council etc. but there had still been no progress. Since the petition was launched by the club the other day there have been significant responses, there have subsequently been lots of communication with the club, so we are hopeful for some action.
- EOSP – Steve Tongue is finalizing the details for the EOSP. Details will be sent out soon.