# MINUTES FROM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

## Date: Tuesday, 21st May 2019

Time: **19.30 – 21:30**

Place: The Bull Hotel.

**Attendees**

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| Adam Sloman | Tristan Court | Andy Wright | Sarah Sloman |
| Jason Winter | Alan Stratford | Steve Garton | Tony Warrington |
| Andy Moran  Alex Griffith | Chris Drabwell  Alex Cotton | Justin Nicholls  Rob Bucci | Iain Mills |

**Apologies**

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| Jeylan Sezgin | Nigel Head | Brian Say | Graham Merrington |

1. **Chairman’s Introduction**

Adam opened the meeting.

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were noted. (See above).

1. **Approval of the last AGM Minutes**

Last year’s AGM minutes were not available for approval, it was resolved that this would be completed at the next Monthly Meeting.

1. **Chairman’s Report (Adam Sloman)**

Adam stated that whilst we had been successful in securing a £4,500 grant for pitch improvements and the 2019 Presentation looks to have doubled the takings from 2018 other efforts at fundraising had fallen flat (Quiz Night and Classic Car Show). Adam stressed the need for greater coach involvement in the ‘off-field’ activities and the necessity for engagement from parents/carers to enable us to succeed.

We need to develop and sustain links with local businesses and the community and give the club a real sense of being part of the community. The involvement of ‘non-football’ people would help to make this a reality.

Adam distributed a document depicting the current status of the club and plans for the short and mid-term – this is to be distributed electronically to all coaches to make comments, additions and amendments before an approved version is circulated to a wider audience.

* **Action: Adam to distribute document to coaching team via email and invite comments, additions and amendments.**

1. **Financial Report (Iain Mills)**

Iain has been in the role for 12 months and it has been difficult to get hold of previous financial information.

Current Status – The club has around £11K in the bank, but in the past year has seen an operating loss of circa £2.5K – if this doesn’t improve then the club is not sustainable.

It was requested that copies of the accounts be made available in advance of future meetings.

* **Action – Iain to distribute accounts prior to meetings in future to allow time for people to digest and prepare questions.**

*Summary of main income*

£10K – Registration and Playing Subs

£1.9K – Sponsorship

£0.8K – 2018 Presentation Day Income

*Summary of main expenditure*

£2.2K – Registration Fees

£4K – Repairs

£1.6K – Expenses

£0.85 – Training

£0.8 – Heat/Light

£0.4K – Advertising

Accounts have been submitted on time and no fines incurred (unlike previous two years).

Discussion then followed on Subs and Membership Fees. It was agreed that teams need to improve the timeliness in submitting their subs; it is not the job of the Treasurer to chase these. Monthly payments to be made by all teams on the Friday prior to the Monthly Managers Meeting – outstanding fees can then be discussed at that meeting.

* **Action – All outstanding subs for the 2018-19 season needs to be paid into the account before the 31st May 2019**
* **Action – Iain to share bank details to Coaches to ensure that everything can be paid in.**
* **Action – All teams are to pay their monthly subscription fees by the Friday prior to the Monthly Managers meetings –dates of these meetings to be supplied to all coaches so everyone is aware.**

*Registration Fees for 2019-2020 Season*

Currently the membership fee stands at £40 for the first child and £20 for additional siblings and then a monthly fee determined by each individual team (currently ranging from £10 to £20 per month) to cover subs payments and anything extra for that team (Winter training, additional equipment, trips, etc.) payable over 8 instalments. This was discussed and it was questioned how this compares with other teams in the area – it is believed that Highworth charge in the region of £250 per year, Cirencester around £350 per year. It was agreed that the membership fee for the 2019-20 season would be £45 for the first child and then £30 for additional siblings. Kickstart Fees are currently £30 and then ‘Pay as you play’ and it was agreed that this should continue. Monthly subscription fees would be at the discretion of the individual teams.

The requirement is that the Club will be paid £3 per starting player per game LESS the appropriate referees fee (5v5 = 5x £3 = £15 Less referees fee, 7v7 = 7x £3 = £21 Less referees fee).

* **Action – 2019-20 Membership Fees to be set at £45 for the first child and £30 for additional siblings, Kickstart Membership Fees to remain at £30 per child. Payable into the main club account by 1st September 2019. Coaches to make parents/carers aware now so there is plenty of time for all to have finances in place to pay by 1st September.**
* **Action – Adam to prepare document that shows a breakdown of what you get for your money and what the Club spends.**
* **Action – Coaches to set monthly fees for their team – need to ensure that this is set at such a level to allow for subs payments.**
* **Action – Coaches Guide to be produced as we have a number of new coaches in the club.**

1. **Election of Officials**

**The following positions were up for available and have been filled as follows:-**

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| **Position** | **2018-2019** | **2019-2020** | **Proposed By** | **Secounded By** |
| Chairman | Adam Sloman | Adam Sloman | Chris Drabwell | Andy Wright |
| Vice-Chairman | Jason Winter | Jason Winter | Sarah Sloman | Adam Sloman |
| Secretary | Graham Merrington | Graham Merrington | Iain Mills | Adam Sloman |
| Treasurer | Iain Mills | Iain Mills | Adam Sloman | Chris Drabwell |
| Club Dev. Officer | Alan Stratford | Alan Stratford | Adam Sloman | Andy Wright |
| Welfare Officer | Chris Sampson | Chris Drabwell | Alan Stratford | Adam Sloman |
| Facilities | Andy Wright | Andy Wright | To be supported by Adam & Sarah | |

In addition to the above, Rob Bucci agreed to become a Non-Football Representative to assist with community liaison and fund-raising. Brain Say will also continue in his role preparing the clubs application to regain its Chartered Status – he will see this through to completion.

Al has drafted a list of items to purchase to help with training, cones, corner flags, respect tapes, etc. If you would like to see the list please contact Al. He is open to other suggestions, but we are currently running up to the amount provided.

The training night with Scott Burry was well received and another session with Scott will be run in the middle of August specifically aimed at getting kids fit in a fun way. This will be on a Wednesday night.

1. **Resetting the Club**

Proposal from the Chairman – Change the club name back to its original name “Fairford Youth Football Club”.

This was discussed at length, some of the points raised were as follows:-

* Is this in reaction to Fairford Town FC’s plans to introduce an “Academy” for children from 7 years and up? No, it is a longer term view, the club has been in existence since 1976 and is there for the children and to provide a safe environment for them to develop and enjoy playing football.
* Links with local schools were discussed. – Can we offer sessions to the local schools?
* Despite the current name, the club is still known as Fairford Youth by the majority of people, including those that come from Lechlade.
* Inclusion of Lechlade was to try and stop players from Lechlade going to play at Highworth.

**The discussions concluded and a vote was called.**

Those in favour of the name change: 7

Those against the name change: 4

No Preference/abstentions: 4

**Therefore, the proposal was carried and the club name would be changed to ‘Fairford Youth Football Club’.**

1. **Any other business?**

* Congratulations to Spike and the U13’s for their League and Cup Double, also to Graham for the U15 League win and to Jeylan and Andy for the U11 Cup triumph.
* Need to get involved in the community, what events can be arranged? Can we get some coaches involved with the local schools?
* Can we advertise in local publications – Ripples, Whats On etc….
* Air Tattoo – the pitches will be used for camping as per previous years – it is a good revenue source for the club (circa £2K) – **Are there any volunteers to open the kitchen on 20/21st July to offer Teas, Coffees and Bacon Rolls?**
* Need to look more formally at the kitchen arrangements – food hygiene certs, rota, regular volunteers.
* What other events can we organise – Car Boot Sale, 6-a-side – all proposals to be considered.
* Quotes are being sought to repair the road surface at the coaches/officials entrance.
* Pitch boards – opportunity to sell boards to local businesses.
* Old cars in car park – still investigating whose they are.
* Metal goals alongside clubhouse – it was resolved to dispose of these.
* Clubhouse Development Plans – raised with the Rugby Club who thought it would be a great idea and a space they would be interested in using but would not be able to invest.
* Rubbish beside the clubhouse – working party to be arranged to clear.
* Alan Stratford has ordered new training equipment with the money from North Wilts League.

Meeting Closed at 21.13