

ASHTON 88 FC

AGM

Wednesday 9th September 2020 – 7.30pm Start

@ The Green Room, Ashton-under-Hill

MINUTES

- 1. Present** – Graham Begley, Paul Shakespeare, Gary Locke, Mark Richmond, Jason Scott-Ford, Lee Oliver, Chris Clark, Karen Paxford, Sue Mason, Ricky Lovell, Lewis Catton.
- 2. Apologies** – Emily Key
- 3. Minutes of the last AGM (May 2019)** – Passed as a true record (Appendix 1)
- 4. Matters arising from the previous minutes** – No matters arising
- 5. Secretary's Report** – Full report attached (Appendix 2). Around 140 members, 11 Teams across the club.
- 6. Treasurer's report** – Full financial breakdown attached (Appendix 3). Club is in a good financial position. Year ending 30th June 2020 left a surplus of £3529 (compared to 2019 which was 2215). Largely due to Covid-19 and the season being cut short. Next years expected expenditure will be 1109 as last season's surplus will be invested in better training facilities, rising costs of pitch maintenance and playing catch up with awards/trophies from the season being cut short. Paul outlined that GB has secured a number of grants that will provide additional support towards pitch maintenance. Going forward the club will need to seek sponsorship to support the purchase of new kits for next season which will be discussed at the next committee meeting. Fees being received from players this season has been much better controlled and organised with full payments or monthly Standing Orders.
- 7. Chairman's report** – Full report attached (Appendix 4). Gary provided a report for his role as Fixtures Secretary (attached – Appendix 5). This supported the plans for the use of Beckford and Ashton for matches and linked with the grant funding that the club will receive soon. Gary is working with a business in the village to take on the maintenance of the pitches moving forward.

LC commended the Covid-19 procedures put into place for the club to make it safe to return to training and matches for all involved.

KP asked for clarity over the Chair's concerns around the balance of provision in the club. GB explained that the ethos has always been that teams enter the same number of tournaments each season, train together (or offer the same time length), play the same

number of pre-season friendlies etc. to avoid the feeling that teams are not receiving the same value but also avoids putting extra pressure on coaches to match the drive of other coaches. Ultimately we do not want to lose volunteers because it is getting too much to keep up with the drive of other teams. GB further mentioned his concern over having a balanced and full committee to support the work load of the current coaches and committee in order to retain the volunteers the club has and allow more focus on coaching.

8. Election of committee

- **Treasurer** - Paul Shakespeare was nominated by GL and seconded by LO.
- **Welfare Officer** – Emily Key was nominated in her absence by MR and seconded by JS-F
- **Secretary** – Sue Mason was nominated by GL and seconded by LC
- **Fixtures** – Karen Paxford was nominated by CC and seconded by RL. Gary Locke was happy to step down as Fixtures in KP agreement to take over the role.
- **Development & Club Coaches Liaison** – Mark Richmond had provided prior notice that he would step down in this role due to work commitments. Chris Clark was nominated by PS and seconded by LO.
- **Events** – Position left open due to the current Covid-19 situation but the club will need to seek a candidate soon.

It was highlighted through the AGM that two further positions were needed for future recruitment:

Purchase Manager
Funding Co-ordinator

The committee will seek for volunteers to join the committee in these roles. LO expressed an interest in the 'Purchase Manager' role but if we can gain parental support within the club this will benefit the committee and share the workload better.

- **Chair inc. Chartered Standard** – Gary Locke was nominated by CC and seconded by MR.

9. AOB – Sponsorship, New Kits for 2021-22, Pitch Maintenance and use of pitches, Recruiting extra Committee Members will be added to the next committee meeting.

10. Date of Next AGM – May 2020 (Date to be confirmed)

The AGM came to an end at 8:55.