

Ashton 88 Football Club AGM- 2nd May 2019

Minutes

Present – Graham Begley
Lee Oliver
Jason Scott Ford
Luke Nevin
Gary Locke
Danny Bostock
Paul Shakespeare
Mark Richmond
Emily Key
Ricky Lovell

2. Apologies – Mark Lewis from the senior team

3. Minutes from the last meeting – Jan 31st2018 – nothing of any relevance to be raised, discussed subs, café in the park, the issues regarding the shed, no significant change in roles.

4. Chairman's report – Jay feels that his role is now more of a back-up coach and he no longer adds value as the Chair and therefore is happy to step down.

5. Secretary's report – The club is growing very fast and I am really happy that we are now able to form a full committee to help the club continue to its growth. We are coming to the end of our third successful season with the Saturday Ambassador League having entered 5 teams across 4 age groups this year. We have two development teams at Under 7's and Under 6's age group who have lots of games under their belts and it was also a very successful season for the Senior team in the ESL who have got to the cup final this year. We now have around 100 members club-wide (approx.75 juniors and 25 seniors).

Towards the end of this season we started developing an U5's squad and a Girls team which we hope will flourish and become as successful as our other teams.

We have received great support this year through sponsorship from a variety of local businesses across all club teams which has been heavily invested in kit across the club. We had a two year kit sponsorship plan and therefore during the 2019/20 season we will need to look at a whole club deal again or explore individual age group sponsorship options.

6. Treasurers Report – The financial year of the club has ended with a positive net income of £2215.09. this is a significant increase in the previous year (which ended at a breakeven point) and this is largely down to great success from a drive for sponsorship within the junior team. Café in the Park had reasonable success (although not as good as the previous year) and the float from the Café has been a useful asset to provide cash for Referee's fee and other petty cash expenses necessary to run the club. Mark asked for a better understanding of Café in the Park and this was explained by Graham including the difficulties that the club has faced managing to gain a committed representative from each age group to run it. It was agreed that further discussion of this was necessary as the principal of Café in the Park has the potential to be a real asset to the club. Fees were discuss. The question around Fees and the issues caused by outstanding and agreed this was a point for discussion later.

7. AGM – Forming of a formal committee.

Nomination for Chair/Chartered Standard Rep: **Graham Begley** nominated by Gary Locke
Seconded by Louise Locke

Nomination for Treasurer: **Paul Shakespeare** Nominated by Mark
Seconded by Luke Nevin

Note : Agreement made that Paul will take over Incomings and Outgoings in total. Discussed how outgoings are paid and whether its useful to get a credit card or paypal account. Paul discussed the auditing issue of repayment of expenses being an issue and therefore the necessity for a credit/debit card. Paul has been added to the Quickbooks accounts and Paul/Graham agreed to meet separately to handover.

Nomination for Welfare Officer : **Emily Key** nominated by Mark
Seconded by Luke Nevin.

Discussed the importance of the role and how Emily will be working with the FA after completion of her training.

Nomination for Secretary : **Louise Locke** nominated by Emily Key
Seconded by Graham Begley

Nomination for Development Officer : **Mark Richmond** nominated by Gary Locke
Seconded by Luke Nevin

Note: Mentioned that incorporated in the role was raising the profile of the club, development of a Girls team as well as managing and organising equipment.

Nomination for Fixtures Secretary : **Gary Locke** nominated by Ricky Lovell
Seconded by Lee Oliver

AGM came to an end and it was agreed that the next AGM will be May 2020.

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Apologies: Apologies Mark Lewis.

1. Plan for Next Season: Teams, Coaches and Numbers of children

Mens Team : Continue for 2019/20. Expect to have a reduced squad to 22 or 24 signed on instead of the 35 from this year. Now Danny and Mark have been managing it for one season it's easier to understand. Graham said its better to have too many players and it does seem to work with lots as there are some weekends when they struggle for players. Danny and Mark will carry on with same structure.

Under 12's – Luke to continue as coach. James Hughes has expressed an interest in coaching and has looked at the level 1 course but hasn't as yet registered to complete the course. Numbers of team needs to be confirmed. The team play 9-a-side, probably need to recruit one or two more players. Luke is happy that team kit is suitable for another season.

Under 11's : change in coaching, Dan White and Dave Beardsall are leaving as well as their children. Lee Oliver and Jason Scoot-Ford to take over and are booked on coaching courses. Currently have 12 and potentially need to recruit 2 more players. Graham said if there are any other under 11's on the waiting list he will pass them over to Lee. Lee asked for the ok to promote it on social media for new players which was agreed. Moving up to 9 a side. Lee raised the issue of how long into the summer they can train for – it was agreed to raise as a general point later in the meeting. Kit being returned was raised and need to make sure that all kit is returned. The issue of welcome pack discussed as a general point.

Action : Secretary to create and pass on to Chairman for approval.

Under 10's – Matt and Paul to continue coaching. 10 players to continue. Strong team who have been together since the beginning. Paul can't see this changing, happy that the squad size works but looking forward will need to think about recruiting for next season when they move up to 9 a side. The Core group will be moving to different schools and this may mean new friendships will create new players. The kit is suitable and should last another season.

Under 9's – Gary Locke and Ricky Lovell to continue. Have 14 confirmed for next season with 2 left to decide. Currently running two teams as one squad with Ricky joining half way through the season. Intention to run 18 max under the same format. The players have been able to swap between teams and be grouped as the coaches choose which has meant that they have really developed the players successfully and they very much wish for this development to continue in the same format. Graham has submitted a rule change request to allow us to register 2 teams with interchangeable players. The league will be discussing at their AGM and hopefully will confirm a positive answer. 4 of the 5 on the waiting list decided to stay in their current clubs and one new player joined tonight. Need 4

more. Graham is happy for individual coaches to promote or for Mark to promote through possible taster sessions at the local primary schools.

Under 8's – Vince and Mark to continue. Possibly will lose Ava to the Girls team. Currently have 11 including Ava and Phoebe (who only trains). It may be difficult to keep them all and they are now in a position where some are really keen to play more matches. Graham's suggestion is to register all 10 in one team. Mark asked for suggestions on how to keep all of the kids happy with regard to pitch time and the suggestion was to arrange friendlies of 2 matches with bigger teams such as Bidford and Eckington or to arrange matches with 2 clubs. Intention is to create an Under 8's girls team. Mark is happy that if the pitch time becomes an issue for any of the children that their parents will speak to the coaches. Mark is booked on the level 1 and Vince has already completed the course.

Under 7's – Tim not in attendance. Currently has large squad and is on his own. Jim is moving on to help with the under 5's. Graham to have a conversation with Tim,

Under 6's – Squad of 10 with 2 coaches James Baker who has already completed his coaching course with Tim to possibly do the level one.

2. Football Presentation

The plan for the Presentation Day is to create some 'Ashton Traditions' with football houses containing children from every year group completing as teams through a series of games (with a football theme) to win points and ultimately one team declared as Club Team Winner 2019. Initial response in numbers has been disappointing with only 40 responses to date (53% of the club) of which 31 have confirmed attendance (41% of the club). Louise will email all coaches individually over the weekend to let them know which players have not responded and chase them. Everyone agreed that we should work really hard to get as many children there as possible. It was agreed that the club can expense external catering for the event. Louise and Mark will research options and organise accordingly. Louise will also email the volunteer helpers to 'share the workload' over the next week or so.

3. How the Committee will work :

Action: Secretary to send out a contact list to all coaches of the committee.

Talked about how to use the additional facilities within the website to include fixtures etc. Also the whether to use WhatsApp or the Website is better. Graham to send link to individual coaches to publish on the website.

Pitch Availability – contact Gary. Lee asked about friendlies in the week. Graham suggested that we should try to play these away because contact needs to be made with Cricket Club. Graham will try to get the cricket fixtures and if the pitch is available.

Louise will register all teams and players to the Ambassador team for the junior teams. Danny said that the senior team needs to be managed separately to the junior's. Graham and Danny agreed to run the responsibility between them. Danny agreed to take over the management and Graham to continue as secretary for the seniors. Danny will confirm home fixtures and referees. Louise to register all players, both junior and senior. Graham to look at registration form for seniors.

Confirmation of players for next season – will provide welcome pack to all players (new and old). New players have to fill form provided. Online we need to get all parents to give consent for registration, medical treatment, and photos. This must be filled in every season. Without the online form players will not be registered. **Deadline for the online consent 15th August 2019** to ensure all players are registered in preparation of the new season.

Disciplinary and fines – any fines will come to Louise and then she will contact Paul and also check with the coaches that the fines are accurate.

Development – New season, new stock. The shed is always a mess, no one takes ownership. Danny suggested shelving with marked areas for each team so that each coach takes responsibility. Danny said that he can get some quotes and will arrange shelving. Each coach needs to create an inventory of equipment to provide current equipment requirements and surplus equipment and send information to Mark to collate and order with finance help from Paul. Mark to review goal nets etc in case any replacements required. Email to M.richmond@tgbs.co.uk. Each team needs to ensure that the kit bag has first aid kit, list of players and any medical issues. Louise to produce spreadsheet of all players in each team with contact details and medical requirements and this should be in kit bags every week. Each of the coaches need to regularly replenish first aid kits.

Subs rules – This year we ended up with chasing final subs until last week, despite the deadline being December 18. Fees for 2019/20 season will be £110 per year Junior for Under 8 to Under 12 teams (£110 upfront, £55 by 15.08.19 and £55 by 01.02.20, or Standing Order over 5 months at £22 per month) and £150 for Senior (£75 by 01.09.19 and £75 by 01.02.20 or £140 if paid in full 01.09.19).

Post meeting – it was agreed that the U6, U7 and U8 Girls teams would pay reduced fees of £55 per year as they do not have league fees or and guaranteed fixtures. This can be paid under the same payment terms as the other junior fee (ie £55 upfront, £27.50 by 15.08.2019 & £27.50 by 01.02.2019 or 5 monthly standing order payments of £11.00 per month)

Calendar – For next season we need to set out to parents the detail of End of Year Presentation 2020 and also any training issues. Coaches asked about training deadlines for the end of this season, Graham's suggestion is that that deadline is 15th May and then individual teams can continue training/ friendlies through the summer. Suggested that each coach decides for their own teams.

Season training - Pitch space is obviously an issue for training at Ashton but so suggestion is that all teams train permanently at Evesham. Gary to enquire about use of Bredon School for summer training. Graham to enquire about using Evesham High Grass in the summer and Astro in the winter.

4. Any Other Business

Carpet in the changing rooms needs replacing. Netting to stop the balls from falling into the ditch.

Lee suggested fencing, Graham to look into. Paul suggested 2 spare balls behind the goal all the time and the subs for the team to be responsible for retrieving balls.

Club Shop – through Birdseye Sports. Include details in the welcome pack.

Next meeting date for coaches and committee – Mid-July 2019.