

WEST FARLEIGH SPORTS CLUB

MINUTES OF THE CLUB AGM

Tuesday 11th May 8pm start – Virtual zoom meeting

Present: Paul Baines, Terry Baines, Gary French, Ian Pearce, David Gilliver, Richard Ward, Jack Matthews, Darren Latter, Andy Starr, Ian Prideaux, Jo Prideaux

Apologies: Jen Baines, Sharona Pearce, Karim Habibi, Jack Martin

1. Chairman's Report

Paul Baines read the minutes from AGM 2020 – all who were there agreed they were a fair and accurate representation of the meeting.

Baino gave thanks to all volunteers in these unprecedented times.

Football: The first team had their season cut short by vote at an SGM. The reserves season has continued, and they are fighting for promotion, and in a cup final (2020s Cup Final). The Junior section is still going strong. We will have to see what teams remain to compete and are grateful to Paul Beck for continuing to pull this together. Vets team is on hiatus, but they are open to some friendlies.

Cricket: We will have teams in divisions 3 and 7 in the KVCL this season.

Netball: We are competing in division 4 of 7. They are playing tonight.

Baino gave a quick summary of grounds and equipment. The cricket pavilion now has an electric boiler. There is also a net area in progress and the trees are being pruned. The big news is the potential purchase of the cricket ground, with the help of some benefactors.

We hope to be able to host the fireworks again in 2022 (our main fund-raising event).

Finally, the Chairman invited members to send in any proposals for club development and improvements to the committee for consideration.

2. Treasurer's Report

Gary confirmed that the club has made it through the COVID pandemic, so far, in good financial health. Sporting income is down by £3,000 (£9,026 to £5,971) and sporting income is down by £1,600 (£10,306 to £8,720). Net gains from non-sporting activity has reduced from around £11,000 in 19/20 to £3,000 in 20/21 – mainly due to the absence of the fireworks event. The club was also able to claim some grants meaning we came out of FY 20-21 in a stronger position than we entered it.

Gary also reported on the exceptional items purchased. An ongoing commitment to pitch improvements at Elmscroft Park and the cricket nets project that needs completing.

Gary stated that a copy of the accounts are available to any member on request.

3. Election of officers

The following officers were happy to continue in their posts and, as no new nominations were put forward, were nominated en-bloc, seconded and unanimously voted in.

President – Stephen Norman
Chairman – Paul Baines
Vice-Chairman – Ian Pearce
Secretary – David Gilliver

Thanks to Gary for his service over the past years as Treasurer. Jo Prideaux was nominated by Bains and seconded and voted into position unanimously.

Treasurer – Jo Prideaux – elected

Jo Prideaux and David Gilliver to be added as signatories of the club's bank accounts. Gary French and Matt Smith to be removed.

Vice-Presidents

No new VP were suggested, and no life members suggested and thankfully all VPs are still with us.

4. Annual club subscription

Gary suggested that due to the current circumstances with the pandemic, annual subs would remain unchanged.

5. Any other business

We need to elect 3 more trustees for the additional strip of land leased at the cricket pitch. We will leave this until the next committee meeting.

Andy Starr questioned whether the idea of developing a second pitch would be re-visited. The benefits of bringing the youth teams back to the village, rather than playing at other locations, could lead to a closer-knit club. Bains explained the financial implications of leasing additional land added to the cost of the project itself. It will be discussed at the next committee meeting though, and costs dug out to look at again.

Terry Baines wanted to put on record his thanks, and the tanks of the club, to Paul Baines for his hard work and leadership in this difficult year.

End of this part of the meeting – 8.55pm.

Paul Baines (Chairman)

David Gilliver (Secretary)


