

PJRFC AGM 2022

Apologies: Brendon Hession, Phil Jones, Paul Jones, Rhodri Lewis, Chris Doyle

Present: Niel Kenny (NK), Julian Emmanuel (JE), Luke O'Shea (LO), Bryan Whicher (BW), Luke Couchman (LC), Jack Swiatkiewicz, D Price, Tim Woods,

Chairman's Report: Niel congratulated the players on the continued emphasis on training through lock down, with some highlights, and noted that we gained bonus points even on the fixtures that we lost, and probably had the most bonus point loses for any club in England. The discipline on and off the pitch was commendable. A big thank-you to Rhodri Lewis and Iain Greenwood, Luke Couchman and Julian Emmanuel. The arson attack was difficult to come to terms with. BW is liaising with insurance company to make a claim. This may be difficult without receipts. The second team had a disappointing season, but had 15 fulfilled fixtures. A big thank-you to Julian Norton for all his hard work in the kitchen at all the club lunches. LO and NK will try to collect as many receipts as possible to forward our claim for the Arson attack. The minis have done very well also. We lost some old members this year; Derek Berry, Dickie Bird and Mark Crowe, whom we remember fondly. The season finished with a great dinner at the player awards night. All members were encouraged to make availability known at earliest convenience. A kit manager, and social secretary are vacant posts to fill. The young players were encouraged to volunteer. The second team shirts were noted to rip unusually, and may need replacing, and the kit manager would take on this. We need to plan and organise a tour this year, and we need a volunteer to help organise one for this year. Niel, gave notice of his retirement from chairmanship next year. Anyone interested, please do talk to Niel soon.

Secretary Report:

We talked about amalgamating with local teams to put out three teams; first team, second team and combined vets. LO noted the challenges we face and the difficulties in levelling the player numbers and abilities. JE noted the challenges ahead, and CL enquired if stepping down a league would be helpful, though may be difficult to organise, and may not be necessary, in view of the return of some capable university students to boost the second team.

Treasure's report:

LO noted that a lot of the endeavours were cost neutral; minis, international tickets, award nights. The contribution from our sponsor and old boys was noted, and does keep our finances in check. The pitch fees, the club lunches also add to our income. The club house hire was noted- auctions. The ground fees, though cost of maintenance has risen significantly, though laundry has been stable. The expenses on club house has also risen.

The PPSA accounts were also discussed. We will attach numbers and full report at the end of the minutes. An increase in sales from bar was noted, but the auctions and hire contributed a significant amount to our coffers- 15k. The hire of the club house to the BBC and dog training class, and as a polling station- have all been profitable. The private hire with bar has been difficult, as it has not been easy to run and organise these events, and manage these events. The lunches and player events have been helpful, and we need to consider how we keep up income at the bar, and members were encouraged to help with ensuring we spend at the bar, to keep it running in profit.

We noted that the expense in bar purchase, and the income did not match, though would not be a significant risk going forward.

Election of officers:

Chairman: Niel Kenny, proposer LC and LO

Secretary: JE, JD proposer and JS second

Second Team captain: Joint captaincy- proposer JD and second DP- Jun and Tom Cripps

Treasurer; LO proposer- CL, Shane Van der Schyff

First team captain; LC proposer- JS and seconded- DP

Club captain: Iain Greenwood Proposer- CL and Shane Van der Schyff seconded

Vets Captain- JE, CL and JD, proposer and seconded

House and Grounds: Bryan Whicher

Fixture secretary: Chris Doyle

Press Officer: NK

Social Secretary: Alex Weg, aim for 2 events at club; ladies lunch and birthday bash

Equipment officer: Shane Van der Schyff

Membership secretary: Tim Wood

Coach: Rhodri Lewis

President; Pat Liddiard

Web site manager: Luka Merlini

RFU tickets officer; Paul Edwards

Medical Officer: JE

Physio: Oliver Hickey, awaiting confirmation

We need a committee meeting to finalise orders for next year.

The election was unanimous.

AOB- A planning application is in for development at Warlingham. We would know by Autumn, if the application was successful, but there is significant opposition from local residents, and Warlingham rugby club. Once this decision is made, we would be able to make decisions on next steps. The new location may be at Parsons Pightle, or elsewhere.

The meeting was brought to a close.