



Manager's Meeting Minutes

15th January 2023 – 7.30pm, St Albans Rugby Club

1. Facilities Update

- Grass coverage/ goals/ replacement nets/ potholes/ 3G significant extra rubber crumb
- Main front entrance to the club – will be tarmacked
- Fixtures – balance between playing games and giving sufficient notice of postponements
- Deep clean on of clubhouse/ spruce up proposed
- Strictly no unauthorised access to the pitches is allowed

2. Finances

- In good shape, forecasting surplus £25k to allow for any extra maintenance/ kit expenditure required
- Our Annual maintenance budget is £50k

3. Football Admin

- Referees database is there to be used but we do accept it's not ideal and are working hard to make the process easier for you. It was noted that although the WFL do allocate refs, they are rarely available so managers still have to arrange their own ref.
- Kit – if children are outgrowing their kit and need to replace, currently the parent is responsible for covering the cost. We will put a kit exchange in place, alongside the boot exchange.
- We do have spare away kit – please send any requests through to Sam Jacobs
- Jackets – last chance to put your request in as they will be ordered this week
- Safeguarding/ DBS checks – please ensure these are up to date
- Social Media – please keep sending in your videos – goals/ saves/ sportsmanship!
- A Player Survey will be emailed out over the coming weeks
- Extra coach recruitment is ongoing
- GK coaching is due to restart imminently with Ben Cooke – comms will come out from Craig
- Thinking ahead to next season – catch up slots are being booked in with Craig and will be for transitions years as well.
- Please open both gates at the entrance if you are the first to arrive
- Reminder to put goals away if last on the pitch
- Duke of Edinburgh – please let Andy Parker/ Craig know if anyone would like to do some volunteering
- Reminder to please start games on time and to allow for warm up's etc.
- Training balls have been replenished



- A fixtures schedule will be uploaded to Pitchero. **NB: THIS IS TO BE USED FOR INFORMATION ONLY.** Any queries or requests regarding fixtures must come through Sam.

4. Q&A's

- Leagues: WHYL – do cancelled games get rescheduled by the league? *Yes the league do this.*
- Squad sizes and number of teams in the league, seems to be a big disparity – *CB will bring up with the league/ raise at the league AGM meetings.*
- Pitch 2 – can nets be put in place behind the goal – balls are bursting on the thorns behind, can we get catch nets? *Nick will put one in place. Oaklands will be putting a fence up across the boundary along the whole line and Nick will chase.*
- Referees: Younger age groups tend to use parents due to lack of availability but are struggling to get qualified refs. *The committee is working hard to put something in place to improve the process.*
- When are the next meetings? *The next manager's meeting will be on the 12th March 7.30pm, followed by 7th May 7.30pm.*
- *Presentation event is confirmed as 17th June.*
- Can we have Team announcements prior to presentation day? *Lots of debate on whether teams should be confirmed prior to the presentation day but danger of affecting the mood of presentation day.*
- *Discussions will take place between managers and Craig plus coaches.*
- *It's key to have discussions with parents to get an indication of players intentions to stay.*
- How can we incentivise subscription sign up and commitment to the new season? *The committee will discuss and feed back.*