

# **MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JULY 2019**

Present - Gary Vella, Ruth Vella, Rob Horley, Kevin Walsh, Debi O'Hare, Ryan Goode, Adam Elswood, Dave Grantham, Carol Grantham

Apologies - Tim O'Hare

## **Minutes of Previous AGM - Sun July 8<sup>th</sup> 2018**

Reviewed and approved

## **Reports**

### **Chair's Report**

Another year of progress from the club and building on work that has been done over the last few years both on and off the pitch.

The MUGA installation was completed late last year and has already proved its worth with usage from the Junior section as well as other groups. It had been hoped that the bar would be open in the evening to support this facility but we still have to work on this.

The main pitch. The FA have an initiative for putting money into grassroots football and in particular with 3G pitches. We are looking if we can be part of this initiative and working closely with the council and FA stakeholders on presenting a business case. Some work to be done on sources of funding and the suitability of the site but this is ongoing. The expectation is that a move to a 3G would happen after the end of 2019/20 season. There is also discussions on investment in the infrastructure with a new stand with changing rooms and other facilities including a new clubhouse - at the racecourse side of the ground. Plans for this to be produced in October. The current clubhouse usage would have to be re-defined.

For the first team it has been a tremendous year. The first promotion in 30 years after a dramatic last day win at Stapenhill clinched promotion to the Midland Football League Premier (Step 5). Also, after appearing in the FA Cup for the first time in years, we had wins over Coleshill Town at home and Malvern Town away before being knocked out in the First Preliminary round away to Coalville Town. After our promotion we are again in the FA Cup this year.

FuturePro Academy are now based onsite having moved from Stratford. This will help with the profile of the club. They have links with several professional clubs including Birmingham City and Walsall.

In terms of revenue for the club we had added the income from the Academy (see above) as well as the Nursery, Laundrette and room usage from the like of the Naval Choir and Judo

First team catering - we have linked up with The Black Pig company (based near Inkberrow) to provide catering for first team games and other events, as required

## Secretary/Membership Report

We are in the process of moving our membership year to start in July so that we align with the Juniors sign on and subscription date. As this is the first year we are doing this we have agreed that the subs payment window will be extended to early August to accommodate those unaware of the changes. I will be down on Friday and Sunday nights in the next few weeks to collect membership subs.

We have introduced an additional membership category. For a parent/guardian for each player in the Junior section they will be associate members, as part of the Juniors sign on fee, but with no voting rights. I was at the sign on day on the 6<sup>th</sup> July but there are other parents/guardians to contact.

From the previous membership list we had 90 members but that included 29 from the choir. The choir have now changed to a monthly fee and will not require to be members.

## Financial Report

Overall there was a surplus of £19,359.77 (see the Profit and Loss Statement for details).

As part of the funding for the 3G we will be asked to make a contribution to the costs. Have been looking at grants from other areas such as Henry VIII fund, WDC grants etc.

NB - Rob will set down as Treasurer as soon as we have found a suitable replacement.

## Election of Committee

As per nominations before meeting

Position	
Chair	Gary Vella
Vice-Chair	
Treasurer	Rob Horley (see note in Financial report)
Secretary	Kevin Walsh
Committee	Debi O'Hare
Committee	Ruth Vella
Committee	Ryan Goode
Committee	Adam Elswood

## **AOB**

- **Need to setup a management company for the support of the 3G pitch.**

In order to support the plans for the 3G pitch business proposal we will have to show the management structure we would have in place. WDC were clear that we would need to employ people to do this. This will be part of future committee meeting agendas

- **How do we get more people involved in the club**

Aware that there are some people who are willing to be involved, including being on the committee

Meeting closed at 11.50 pm

### **Date of next AGM**

AGM - SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> JULY 2020 11.00am