

# Minutes of Players' Voice meeting

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2020 11.30am

Meeting Room in Acton Ealing Whistlers clubhouse  
Fox Wood Nature Reserve

## Chairperson

Tristan (Welfare Officer)

## People present

Andy (Chair of club), Daniel U11 Red, Evan U11 training group, Marissa – Wildcats, Hannah – Wildcats, Joe U10, Daniel U8/U9, Cece (Wildcats cubs), Lily (Wildcats cubs)

## What people said

Players introduced themselves.

Tristan introduced himself as **Welfare Officer**. Any player can come and talk to him if they are worried or unhappy about something.

Tristan explained the purpose of Players' Voice as a chance for players, representing their teams, to feedback things they like and things that could be improved about the club.

Here is what the players said:

### Joe U10

- *What we like:* we are all friends, we play as a team, we don't argue
- *How it could be better:* improve our positional play, different style of coaching

### Cece Wildcats cubs

- *What we like:* training like the assault course
- *How it could be better:* play matches

### Marisa Wildcats

- *What we like:* the [range of] activities
- *How it could be better:* proper goals

### Evan U11 training group

- *What we like:* training is very good
- *How it could be better:* set piece training

### Daniel U11 Red

- *What we like:* we are a professional team, want to go up. We play with lots of skill and flair.
- *How it could be better:* training is cramped and pitches are poor. We need more land for training.

### Daniel U8/U9

- *What we like:* matches, training with friends, matches
- *How it could be better:* nothing!

### Lily Wildcats cubs

- *How it could be better:* do harder games, ask players at the end how they feel

### Hannah Wildcats

- *How it could be better:* open the kitchen (serve sausage rolls!)

Andy explained how the club works. We are all volunteers. We need more help from parents, for example to run the kitchen and do maintenance such as repairing the floors.

Discussion about facilities. Players said the toilets in the clubhouse are better than school toilets but it's hard to find the light switch! Maintenance could be improved.

Daniel (U8/U9) raised a concern about a match where bad language was used by the opposition. Tristan explained that the coach writes a report to the league after every match and the league contacts the opposition if there has been bad behaviour of any kind. Players playing for Acton Ealing Whistlers must carry on playing fairly and behaving well even if the opposition are not. Andy said that the club will ensure a Match Official in a Hi-Viz vest comes to matches against teams that have not behaved well in previous matches.

Tristan reminded players at the meeting of their job to represent their teams. They should carry on asking other players for ideas and tell us about them at meetings.

We will have another Players' Voice meeting in a couple of months, where Tristan and Andy will say what the club has done to improve.