



WESTSIDE FOOTBALL CLUB
Minutes of AGM – Season 2007/08
Tuesday 17th June 2008
Held at West Side Church, SW18

Present: P. W. Saunders (PWS) Chairman
S. Walters (SW) Secretary
G. Holder (GH) Director of Football
A. Norton (AN) Chaplin

18 Club members.

Apologies: D Foot, J Saunders, J Richards, S Over, R Plowman, P O'Callaghan, B Norton
D Thumwood, Ameet

1.0 APOLOGIES

As Listed above

2.0 CONSTITUTION and CODE of CONDUCT

2.1 PWS stated that as noted at last year's, AGM the Board wish to amend the Club's constitution to include an extra Board Member, a Youth Rep. This is to reflect the fact we are now so strong in the youth football department.
This is an addition to 7.2 of the Club's constitution.
The members were asked to vote and this was motion was carried.

3.0 ELECTION of BOARD MEMBERS

PWS explained that all of the current Board have to stand down and apply for re-election, if they wish, as they have served the maximum three years.

3.1 PWS explained that the nominations are;

Alan Norton	Chaplain
Peter Cox	Treasurer
Steve Walters	Secretary
Graham Holder	Director of Football
Jane Walters	Youth Rep
Paul Saunders	Chairman

The members were asked to vote and this motion was carried.

This board now works for the next three years.

PWS expressed the club's thanks for the work Dave Thumwood had carried out as Treasurer over the years.

4.0 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

4.1 PWS outlined the work undertaken by the board over the past year. He also listed the activities of the club over the year.

5.0 SECRETARY'S REPORT

5.1 SW reported that in general the club is running smoothly.

5.2 SW confirmed that the Club has been awarded the Surrey Charter Club of the Year for the Fifth year running and we heard today that we was also been awarded the Regional award for the third year running. We should all be very proud of Westside FC.

5.3 SW confirmed that we had our Charter Status renewed. This now runs until 2010

5.4 SW confirmed that we were awarded the Sportsmanship awards for our league in the Surrey South Eastern Combination League and also in the Surrey County Girls league.

5.5 SW stated that we are continuing to work with Raynes Park High School to improve the facilities at Oberon. We have also been offered use of a brand new facility which is being developed by Raynes Park High School in Raynes Park

5.6 SW stated that the new Surrey Elite League which replaces the Combined Counties Div 1 is coming into being next season. Six teams from SSEC 1 are going into this league. We are not sure of the SSEC constitution until their AGM on 30th June 2008. The KDL have accepted four new clubs and six new teams. This has resulted in the provision of another division (div 6).

5.7 SW stated that 3G was currently being laid at Chestnut Grove and should be ready for our winter training.

5.8 SW stated on the footballing side we have not had our most successful year. However, the Girl's under 16's team reached the London County Cup Final, the first Westside team ever to reach a County Cup Final. They also reached the AFA Cup Final. Unfortunately they lost both games, but this is still a big achievement. The boy's under 14's team won their cup final and were runners up in their league.

6.0 TREASURER'S REPORT

6.1 DT was unable to attend however, PWS explained that we had had a sound year and had maintained our position. We had not lost money as in the previous year and in fact we had made a small profit.

6.2 PWS stated that the balance sheets will be circulated as soon as possible.

7.0 CONFIRMATION of MANAGERS for 2008/09

- 7.1 The board reported that after a long deliberation it was proposed to run the same number of teams next season as we did this year.
We did consider dropping one men's side to ease the availability of Christian managers; however, we concluded that this would not solve the "commitment" problem
- 7.2 The board had a very limited response to the request for managers and after due consideration the Board proposed the following people carry out the duties for next season:

A. Dowdeswell	(Men's Premier Team)
A. Tomes	(Men's 1st Team)
G. Holder	(Men's 2nd Team)
A. Norton	(Men's 3rd Team)
A. Dowdeswell	(Ladies Team)
J. Walters	(Girls u18 Team)
P. Cox	(Boys u16 Team)
S. Walters	(Boys u15 Team)
A. Brit	(Boys u13)

8.0 KIT FOR NEXT SEASON

- 8.1 PWS explained that now that all the Club play in the same kit it was going to continue for the foreseeable future. Anyone who needed new kit can order it from PWS.
- 8.2 PWS explained that if people leave their squad numbers will be available. If you wish to have a different number please let me know.

9.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 9.1 **Several members stated they were not happy with the communication from the club management.**
They felt that they did not hear what decisions had been taken at Board meetings.
GH explained that he did summarise what he felt was the major points in the introduction section of the programme; this was felt to be the best way to reach majority of the club members, i.e. those who play.
- 9.2 **Several members questioned the team selection policy.**
PWS explained that the board had produced "guidelines" to help team selection.
PWS stated that if a copy was required please see him afterwards.
PWS further stated that the board had also produced job descriptions for all officers of the club.
This will ensure that people coming into the club in the future will have a written idea of what is expected of them. However, these documents are subject to change as the club evolves.
- 9.3 The board proposed that the sign-on fee remain at £50.00 (£30.00 for unwaged) and the match fees, as agreed at last years AGM will be £10.00 per game (which will cover training on the 3G).

9.4 It was confirmed that the board had decided to limit the number of players signing on to 70 players for the men's section. This was due to the fact that given the numbers we had last season the 3rd team were having to play players because they were signed on rather than picking on pure ability.

PWS explained that the club was not initially signing on any new players; the players who signed on last year have preference.

As registrations have to be lodged with the leagues early all players should sign on before 12th August 2008. After this date the board will look at any player who wishes to sign on subject the 70 figure not being reached.