



Eccleshall Eagles Junior Football Club

AGM meeting minutes

27th Nov 2017 - The Royal Oak

Attendees:

Richard Hodgkins (RH), Martin Gleave (MG), Jeremy Pert (JP), Stuart Creswell (SC), Rob Hunt (RH), Michael Merricks (MM), Rob Hodgen (RH), Jon Richards (JR), Karen Richards (KR), Guy Bradshaw (GB), Jon Busfield (JB), Nick Reay (NR), Veronica Gough (VG), Sian Smith (SS), Steve Barker (SB)

Apologies: Ed Murdoch (EM), Neil Austin (NH), Richard Jones (RJ), Cliff Jones (CJ), Mike Roberts (MR), John Hamnett (JH), Russell Blood (RB), Paul Dollin (PD)

Agenda Items:

1. Minutes of 2016 AGM
 - Approved
2. Matters of Arising
 - As a club, can we look at things we can do to attract more kids and parents to keep them at Eagles Park. Can we get more consistent catering. More volunteers needed to look at what we can do to maximise use of facilities.
 - Committee to communicate to parents the specific things we need them to help with
 - Sponsorship at the ground is dependent on planning permission being approved. This is next in line after compound.
 - Club need to produce a Club Development Plan to retain FA Standard Chartered status, needs input from as wide a group as possible. Sub committee to be set up with MG to arrange
 - Consensus that Lottery is a good idea and would be received well by the team's parents
3. Financial Report
 - Ended up Season with bank balance of £21,484. Had a number of grants to pay for things at Eagles Park relating to grounds maintenance equipment.
 - Total income £37,000: £17,875 subs, £15,418 grants, sponsorship other bits
 - We do still owe the council £12,000 for work done on drainage.
 - Club books to be published.
 - Subs kept at £175, £125 a child if you have more than one child at the club. Assistance package available for anyone in need of one, through team managers. This compares favourably with other local Clubs who's fees are @ £250 per season for Juniors
 - Financial report proposed (RH) and seconded (JP). Agreed unanimously.
4. Welfare Officer's Report
 - Richard update on status of welfare and safeguarding.

- Good position, new coaches going through CRC process and lining up L1 coaching courses
 - Safeguarding report proposed (RH) and seconded (RH). Agreed unanimously.
5. Ground Development Report
- 2 match pitches up and running, looking to get another pitch which will be a full-sized pitch
 - Another earth-quaking to be done this season
 - Looking to get a compound put in for two containers for groundsman equipment
 - League approached us to use the pitches for cup finals
 - Special vote of thanks for Stuart and his efforts on the ground
 - Mike Merricks has volunteered to help Stuart
 - Ground development report proposed (SC) and seconded (MG). Agreed unanimously.
6. Chairman's Report
- Delivered (JP) on behalf of Chairman - Chartered club since 2010
 - Work we do on safeguarding and respect is a continuing priority. Thank you to Richard for organising this
 - Pitches are some of the best in the county. Effort from Stuart and having own equipment is paying dividends
 - It costs £10k to maintain ground at Eagles Park each season. Revenue from catering and sponsorship is important to help this
 - Chair's report proposed (JP) and seconded (RH). Agreed unanimously.
7. Team Manager's Highlights (16/17 season)
- Stuart – U9 team competed in top league, competitive season
 - Rob – U13 team made up of mainly of kids who started at U7 age group. Finished runners up and won the cup
 - Martin & Rich – two U11 teams for 3rd season. Good group of children who are mixing well. Thanks from Steve Barker for the management of the two teams
 - Nick – U8s. Got to the final last season. Seeing kids development by getting game team
 - Mike – U7s. Covering for Ed. Barely had enough players for one side, now got two sides going at U8s. Won the cup competition
 - Other managers absent
8. Election of Officers & Committee Members
- Jon Busfield stepping down as Chairman. Jeremy covered some of the highlights of what Jon has contributed to the club for last 12 years. A huge thank you for all Jon's amazing efforts over the years.
 - All unanimously voted for Jon to be appointed Life President of the Club, an honour so far not bestowed on any other committee member, for the drive and direction in making Eccleshall Eagles what it is today
 - Election of following people to committee positions approved at the AGM:
 - i. Chairman – Martin Gleave
 - ii. Secretary – Karen Richards
 - iii. Treasurer – Rob Hunt
 - iv. Welfare Officer – Jon Richards
 - v. Groundsman – Stuart Creswell

- vi. Club Liaison Officer – Jeremy Pert
- vii. Club Development Plan Sub-Committee (others welcome to join)
 - 1. Martin Gleave
 - 2. Mike Merricks
 - 3. Veronica Gough
 - 4. Sian Smith
 - 5. Steve Barker

9. A.o.B. – none

Meeting closed at 21:10hrs.