

2023 AGM MINUTES

Spirit of Youth football club

Tuesday 25th July 2023
Bloomfield Road Social Club
8:30pm

In Attendance

Neil Bowkett Chairman, Daniel Pack Secretary, Dave Wallace Safeguarding officer, Bailey Pack Youth Development officer, Mike Schofield Membership Secretary, Paul Dignan Treasurer, Sarah Pack Events Coordinator, Carolene Hinds Schools Liaison Officer.

Dale U10s Phoenix, Becky Dacre U10s Scorpions, Paul Wood U12s, Colin U13s, Toby U15s, Sasha U11s, Lewis U9s, Aaron U9s, Dan U9s, Dave Lamb U12s, Mara Santos U9s

Michelle Cummins U12s, Stephanie Schofield U12s, Emma, Donna Bowkett U12s

No apologies sent.

Approval of minutes

The minutes from the AGM held in 2022 were corrupted so unfortunately could not be read.

Chairman Report

Opened AGM. Really pleased with the club and think 2022 went well, believes that this is because we have the right people in the right places.

Asks that people try and attend as many meetings as possible. Reach out to others to volunteer.

Mention of teething issues at new Common Edge facilities but thinks everyone has had a good experience so far. Happy that there is now parking available.

NB - Need to sort 9 a side storage facility at Common edge.

5 other football clubs are now using these pitches, but SOY are key partners so should have first refusal.

Going into the new season with more teams in the club.

Closing thanks

Secretary Report

Key moments for our club this year have been that many teams have made finals & semi in many competitions.

Club is going from strength to strength and have created 5 more teams.

Just finished a second season YD football development.

Opened our first girls centre (wildcats), 26 girls registered with 2 teams formed U7s and U9s

Invited to host our first girls football weekend at Common Edge, Shannon hosted alongside local authorities, we had 20 children attend 10 from SOY wildcats, some new to football that are potentially joining the club. Well done to Shannon, Simon, Colin & Dave.

Secured 4 hours winter training pitches at Common Edge, 1hr Tues, 1hr Weds, 2hrs Thurs

Extra 3g pitches available at Mill Farm for other teams or indoor use of Highfield sports hall.

NB - Times will be confirmed at the end of August.

Teams' 1st league games start in September.

1st weekend for older age groups,

2nd weekend for the younger age groups

Some of our younger teams are playing in the Blackpool district.

Other teams remain in the PDPL.

All U12s, Pauls U13s and U15s have been entered into the county cup.

U12s games will be played on a Saturday PM or Sunday AM

Reminder any incident to see DP.

All equipment orders are now in and coaches' kits that have been put in are ordered.

Deliveries are starting to drop.

Affiliation complete, we are 3 weeks behind because of late paperwork etc but number should come through tomorrow 26/07/2023.

Personal injury policy, public liability insurance all in place.

A follow up meeting to be arranged for all new managers and volunteers, also a preseason meeting to discuss divisions and any problems.

Finance

Paul Treasurer presented financial reports for 2022 season.

(See attached Documents)

Welfare Report

Very positive year, only a few issues that were dealt with.

NB - Reminder that all volunteers need to have up to date DBS checks.

Also check that all qualifications are in date. Safeguarding, first aid.

Any new coaches to be completely trained before September.

Team Roundups

YD – Bailey Pack – Brilliant character sessions catering for all. Ages 3-7.

Development coming on. 10 players that have fed into a U7s and U8s team.

New development team for the coming season.

Girls Development – Shannon Pack – huge interest and numbers for ages 5-11.

Girls are going improving week by week.

Managed to form a U7s & U9s team and close to having enough players for a U11s.

U7s Scorpions – Becky Dacre – Kept all players moving into next season, a few new players that have never been in a team before. Concentrating on development. Took part in a recent round robin and did well, drew all games. Working on equal game time. Changing team name to the Jets for the coming season.

U8s Scorpions – 12 players, no problems this season, great parents, all matches have been close results. Entered JB7 tournament. Focusing on transition to 7 a side now and integrating new players. Development has been very good; coaches are really enjoying it.

U9s Vipers – Sasha – watched the team grow since last season where they were competing in the plate to this season where they reached the final of the cup. The team have come on a long way from where they were.

U9s Phoenix – Dale – an up and down season, a lot of new players joined. We have set up a separate team so that all players are getting equal playing time. They are going from strength to strength together.

U11s Falcons - Dave – We started with 20-22 players that has reduced to 18. We have set up that each player rotates every 6 weeks which will give everyone approximately 24 games to play, parent all happy with plan. Team was getting beat a lot so returned to basic passes etc seem to be doing well with it.

U11s Hawks – Neil Bowkett – Soiled season, some new players, new to football. Togetherness within the team a lot of passion. Played in tournaments, disappointed that haven't moved up a league but going into the new season positive, proud of team and happy 10 of them are starting high school together.

U11s Phoenix – Mike & Dave – Great season, played 50 games and only lost 3. Got too final of the plate but unfortunately lost on penalties in horrendous weather. Retained most of team for upcoming season with just 1 new player. Played around with formations to help prepare for 11 a side which worked well. Attitudes have been good only a few problems. Team happy. Looking forward to coming season.

NB - Welfare officer needed for Freckleton fixture.

U11s Eagles - Dave Wallace – 13 players gone from strength to strength, kids are enjoying pushing on. Fair playing time. Had a strong 1st phase and finished strong with positive attitudes. Have been put in the same league next season but happy.

U12s Scorpions – Shannon & Colin – Good Season, some great performances, tried position/formation changes which backfired so quickly changed back. Better results since October. A few new players to football to work with, going to refresh football rules after break, speak with parents. In smaller groups team works well, when all together seem to struggle. Positive for the season ahead looking forward to getting back after break.

U12s Vipers- Paul Dignan – Fantastic season, got to the final of the JB7 tournament. Confidence levels high after first win of 8-1. Lost 2 games all season. Team spirit high even in different positions. Been playing up to get used to 11 aside. Had some great achievements, great support from parents. Started fundraising to take the team to Holland for a football tournament, going well raised £3000 so far through car boot sales. Transitioning to 11 aside, played 4 teams in higher league and won.

U14s Tigers – Had an up and down season with results, good performances, new players. Has been challenging with the mentality side of the players but physically very good.
All players are moving into the new season with us.

Elections

Secretary – Dan Pack

- First - Carolene Hinds
- Seconded – Paul Dignan

Social Media Officer – Donna Bowkett

- First – Neil Bowkett
- Seconded – Dan Pack

Head of Mixed Football U10 – U16s – Paul Dignan

- First – Neil Bowkett
- Seconded – Mike Schofield

Safeguarding team officer – Emma Wright

- First – Paul Dignan
- Seconded – Carolene Hinds

Club Officer – Dave Lamb

- First – Mike Schofield
- Seconded – Neil Bowkett

Team managers –

Youth Development – Bailey Pack

Girls Development – Shannon Pack

U7 Eagles – Sam

U7 Leopards – Brendan

U8 Jett's – Becky

U8 Raptors – Shannon Pack & Brad

U9 Scorpions – Aaron

U9 Girls Jags – Mara Santos

U10 Vipers – Sasha

U10 Phoenix – Dale

U10 Eagles – Dale

U11 Phoenix –

U11 Vipers -

U12 Phoenix – Mike Schofield

U12 Falcons – Dave

U12 Hawks – Neil Bowkett

U12 Eagles – Dave Wallace

U13 Scorpions – Shannon Pack

U13 Vipers - Paul Dignan

U13 Phoenix –

U14 Spartans – Kev

U15 Tigers – Toby

Next Meeting

Next AGM Meeting Tuesday 23rd July 2024

Time TBC

Place TBC

New Managers/ Coaches Meeting

Thursday 17th August 2023

Time - 8pm

Place - Bloomfield Social Club

Pre-Season managers meeting

22nd August 2023

Time TBC

Place TBC

Questions
