

The AGM for the North Ferriby FC Supporters Club 12th June 2023 7PM

In attendance: James Chestney, Steve and Malcolm Dale, Rod Chambers, Mark Leighton, Mike Birney, Joan and Brian Butler, Brian Sugarman, Lyndon Tebb, Martin and Anthony Wood. Jason Stevens-Read joined us online.

Apologies for absence, Mark Chestney, Mike Dixon and Mark Hooper.

The following officials were appointed: -

Chairman Mark Leighton proposed by Brian Butler and seconded by Malcolm Dale
Vice Chairman Jason Stevens-Read proposed by Anthony Wood seconded by James Chestney
Secretary Anthony Wood proposed by James Chestney and seconded by Steve Dale
Treasurer Steve Dale proposed by Malcolm Dale seconded by Mike Birney
Committee member Rod Chambers proposed by Steve Dale and seconded by Malcolm Dale
Committee member James Chestney proposed by Anthony Wood seconded by Jason Stevens-Read.

The membership thanks James for his period as Chairman and wishes Mark the best of luck in his new role.

The Accounts showed a bank balance of £1,822.40. The biggest incoming was from the goals and shut outs which Mike Birney has agreed to continue. Mike passed on thanks to David Jones thanking for his help.

If you are a member please continue next season, if you aren't please consider joining, as it raised £1,144.20 last season, and we thank Mike for his fantastic efforts. It's a minimum of 20p per goal and 20p per clean sheet the club achieves in competitive matches. The Supporters Club contributed £1,000 for the team's training gear, £300 for the end of season trophy's and £100 in sponsoring Chris Bolder.

We need to look at other fundraising methods and the resurrection of the League Ladders and Pitch Squares was proposed.

Last season we had three teams of three litter pickers to keep your ground tidy, and one other, Brian Sugarman who helped every game and Matthew Kempson who helped at the games he attended. We always want more to give up about ten minutes of their time after games to collect any litter. If you can't if you can at least put your rubbish in the bins provided and if you see any rubbish not in bins, please put it in one to help the litter picking teams. If you would like to help please contact the Supporters Club.

There are several ideas in the pipeline to encourage current members to rejoin the Supporters Club and to entice new members to join. These will be announced in due course by the Chairman, when they are finalised. One that the club Chairman Les Hare proposed was first refusal on tickets for all ticket matches.

It was also suggested that a membership pack can be produced outlining members benefits and including input from Les Hare. An exclusive members WhatsApp group was also raised

as an effective coms tool across members, along with greater use of social media to promote supporters club activity, etc.

The members at the AGM agreed to the sponsorship of Chris Bolder for next season if he's still available to sponsor.

There will be a work party at the ground on 24th June to mainly clean up and so if you are free, please bring cloths, buckets, brushes etc to help.

We offered Les and Gill Hare Life membership of the Supporters Club and, on the acceptance of Les for both, presented Les with a certificate and asked him to take Gills for her. I'm sure you will agree the time and effort they both put in is worthy of such.

Les then spoke to us about the initial meetings he had with Matthew Kempson and the Supporters Club Committee at the time we knew North Ferriby United were going to be wound up, reforming as a new club with help from so many people and how invaluable the Supporters Club is and always will be to the club. He mentioned how every volunteer is so valuable no matter how much time they can give, as it's one less job for him. He especially mentioned the litter picking and how we are complimented on the cleanliness of the ground.

He had looked at the website of Sheffield FC and their Supporters Club and their model is maybe something we can follow in the future. He also mentioned which two teams had let us down over one of our pre-season fixtures (now filled by Goole Town) and another fixture soon to be announced. We were also informed how many new players Chris and Les had spoken to about signing for us, but they were asking silly money. Les is not prepared to pay silly money for anyone.

After the speech from Les the meeting was wrapped up. We may try and have a Fans Forum before the start of the season if a suitable date can be found.

The next supporters meeting will be arranged before the season at the end of July - date to be confirmed.

Anthony Wood
Secretary
North Ferriby Supporters Club