



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
North Ferriby FC Clubhouse, Dransfield Stadium
Wednesday 24 April 2024 (6:30 pm)

Present: All in attendance are listed at the bottom of the minutes.

Minutes: Anthony Wood.

1. **Apologies** - all apologies are listed at the bottom of the minutes.
2. **Minutes of the last AGM** - 12.06.23 - Accepted.
3. **Appointment of Committee Members:**
 - Chairman Mark Leighton - Proposed by Brian Sugarman seconded by Brian Butler.
 - Vice Chairman Jason Stevens-Read - Proposed by Anthony Wood Seconded by Jon Brooke.
 - Secretary Tom Rickwood - Proposed by Jason Stevens-Read Seconded by David Worrell.
 - Treasurer Steve Dale - Proposed by Jason Stevens-Read seconded by Martin Wood.
 - Committee Member Rod Chambers - Proposed by Jon Brooke and Seconded by Jason Stevens-Read.
 - Committee Member James Chestney - Proposed by David Worrall Seconded by Brian Sugarman.
 - Committee Member Mike Birney - Proposed by James Chestney and Seconded by Joan Butler.
 - The meeting welcomed new Secretary Tom Rickwood to the Committee
 - Thanks were given to the outgoing Secretary Anthony Wood for his work and dedication over several years providing much-needed organisation and stability to the club.
 - It was noted after a point raised by Stuart Donald concerning the lack of diversity on the Committee. The Chairman pointed out he had approached several female club members intending to be on the Committee but unfortunately, no one had come forward.
 - As a result of the increase in club members, all agreed that the diversity of club and committee membership is a prominent issue and further engagement/communication will be facilitated regarding the involvement of a wider group in club activities.
4. **Review of Season 2023-24**
 - A presentation was distributed to all the members' pre-AGM which was summarised by the Chair.

- It noted that all the Pitch Squares have now been sold, raising £1,000 towards equipment for the ground staff – the Chair passed on thanks to all who have contributed for the coming season.

5. 2023-24 Accounts

- The Accounts were read out by the Treasurer, a copy of which is available if required.
- The increase in membership benefited the projects the club has been able to fund.
- The current bank balance stands at £781.27.

6. Football Club Sponsorship

- In future seasons, the Supporters Club will continue to sponsor the Manager for £100, and at the end of Season Awards, which is currently £500.

7. Updates on Club Activity

- Goals and Shut Outs (GaSO) raised £775.40 this season once all monies have been collected – a new member joined at the AGM - anyone wishing to join GaSO please inform the Supporters Club how much (minimum 20p) you would like to contribute per goal and when no goal is conceded.
- League Ladders - Prize winners to be announced at the end of the EFL season – total cash prizes for supporters £122.
- Grand National Sweepstake – total cash prizes for supporters £80.
- Quiz Night - looking to arrange an annual event. Total cash prizes for supporters £50.
- Special Evenings with Players. Thanks to Nick Quantrill for hosting the evenings - other evenings with players are planned in the new season. The plan is to arrange further events in the new season.
- Pitch Squares - many thanks to all who have bought squares. These will appear in each home game programme next season.
- Other Ideas:
 - **Golden Goal** - Tom Rickwood suggested returning the Golden Goal. Jason Stevens-Read thought that rather than asking people at the gate, as we used to, people could contribute before the season and be allocated a time for the whole season, with an amount paid out to the correct time of the first goal or for a goalless draw for every game. All agreed this needs some shaping and further consultation.
 - **Sponsored Walks** - Tom Rickwood also suggested doing a sponsored walk from the Humber Bridge to Winterton Rangers for the away fixture which will of course not happen now unless there is a friendly or cup game – the Supporters Club was sad that the two clubs would not be facing each other in the league and wished the club every success for the coming season. Tom was also considering the distance to other local clubs for future sponsored walks.
- The Committee would always welcome more innovative ideas.

8. 2024-25 Membership Package and Renewals

- A new membership pack has been produced and includes a great range of benefits including an attractive Welcome Pack, which will be released shortly.
- Current membership is 195, the target for Supporters Club members for the new season is 250
- The current cost of a pack per member is currently circa £1.69.
- Martin Lauer very kindly agreed to fund the cover pack to maximise revenue from the 2024-25 membership to support football projects.
- The meeting thanked Martin Lauer and it was agreed to include a reference to the support given by The One Point on the cover.
- Special thanks were given to Kingston Graphics for their work in producing the cover artwork.

9. Social Media and WhatsApp

- It was stated that the club continues to use Facebook, X, and WhatsApp Platforms. Facebook and X are accessible for two-way messages, and the WhatsApp group is limited to messages being pushed out to group members centrally.
- While some felt WhatsApp was an effective method of communicating, there was concern with the tone and content of some messages, and discussion ensued regarding a need to ensure harmony across the club.
- It was noted that across the membership, the group was only being used by 60% of members and messages that had been posted were not being viewed by 40% of members.
- It was agreed to continue using WhatsApp for one-way communication only.

10. Any Other Business

FA Trophy Commemorative Celebrations - 29th March 2025 will mark the 10th anniversary of the greatest day in the club's history, the FA Trophy win against Wrexham. A special celebration is being arranged, and the Club Chairman will announce more details when they are finalised. The Supporters Club could be involved in the organisation.

Les Hare thanked the Supporters Club for contributing to football club projects during the 2023-24 season.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Committee meeting - July 2024 (date and time TBC)

Present

Mark Leighton
Anthony Wood
Jason Stevens-Read
Steve Dale (via WhatsApp)
James Chestney (via WhatsApp)
Stuart Donald (via WhatsApp)
Tom Rickwood
Julian Wild
Brian Butler
Jon Brooke
Joan Butler
Martin Lauer
Geoff Golliker
David Worrell
Les Hare
Martin Wood
Brian Sugarman

Apologies

Rod Chambers
Juliet Chambers
Wendy Leighton
Jill Thornton
Greg Thornton
Mike Birney
David Neal
James Worrell
Christine Henderson Begg
Neil Henderson Begg
Wayne Stark
John Lawson
Jeff Gill
Mike Clemson
Mark Chestney
Clive Musson
Keith Dymond
Mick Taylor
Lindi Brown
Julie Chambers
Jamie Chambers

Paul Bowes
Devon Bowes
Peter Bacon
Phil West
Alan Daniels