

# MINUTES OF THE 114<sup>TH</sup> AGM OF SEATOUN AFC HELD ON 8 FEBRUARY 2023

Minutes of the 114th A.G.M. held on Tuesday 8 February 2023. The meeting commenced at 7.40pm.

#### **Present:**

M Jones J Bishop C Tooley K Davies S Miller

S Walker P Webley G Miles B Papuni A Corbett

D van Kampen W McCourtie M McCaskey J Hill R Mein

M Lantz

## **Apologies:**

T Hills H Wignall M Kyrke-Smith M Robinson

R Telford N Ingram

#### **Obituaries:**

J Stokes – a true stalwart of the club, who is sorely missed. The AGM would like to see the club recognise Jimmy in some way, and this action is passed to the incoming Board to organise.

## **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**

The minutes of the 113th A.G.M. were read and confirmed as being a true and correct record.

**Moved** S Walker **Seconded** P Webley

## **Matters Arising From the Minutes:**

There were no matters arising.

## **Presidents Report:**

The Presidents Report was read and accepted.

#### **Chairmans Report:**

The Chairman provided a verbal update to the meeting. The Chair thanked K Davies for his efforts for the club to keep it on a solid financial footing through COVID-19 years, and thanked all club members and supporters for their continued support.

#### **Club Captain Report:**

The first team coach provided a report on behalf of the Club Captain. There was a question from the floor in regard to why there was no report from the Club Captain, who explained that time constraints and work pressures had meant this was not possible. Also that J Hill was closer to the development of the top sides and could report more accurately.

The AGM indicated that was no mention of the Masters sides and that it would be preferable to have a whole of club report, rather than just the senior men's teams.

#### Women's Report:

The report was read and accepted.

Women's football at SAFC continues to go from strength to strength. There is a new coach for the 2023 season and Bri Krekoski is doing a magnificent job for the club.

Capital Football is putting in place a revised structure for Women's football, to try to grow and improve it. This will create a large requirement for coaching staff which the club will need to consciously work towards.

## **Junior Club Report:**

The Junior Club Report was read and accepted.

There is a meeting on Saturday 11 February 2023 for junior parents to talk about the upcoming season and them taking a greater role in the organising of the junior side of the club. T Hills was commended for his sterling efforts over the last 10 years for SAFC, and for the handover material that he has provided. It was also recognised that there is a need to support coaching in the junior side of the club. This will be a focus of the season coming up.

Moved S Walker Seconded G Miles

#### **Financial Report:**

The unaudited Financial Report was tabled. K Davies gave a brief presentation of the financial position, which remains healthy at this point. The AGM requested clarity upon the Academy

income noted in the report, which is down due to not running any holiday programmes for about the last year. All of the sponsors of the club were thanked for their fantastic support of the club.

Moved S Walker Seconded J Bishop

**Election of Officers:** 

Resignations: T Hills M Kyrke-Smith W Tujuba

Patron: J Boyd

President: M Jones

Hon. Vice Presidents: M Beder G Bilby M Chadwick

H Day A Gunn J McKay

B Medhurst R Searle S Smith

S Walker N Tossman R Cashman

C Veerbeek

Club Chairman S Miller

Club Captain: D van Kampen

Secretary: No Nominations

Treasurer: K Davies

Junior Convenor: To be filled post the meeting with the junior parents

Board: S Walker G Miles H Wignall

T Ingram A Corbett J Hill

Trustees: J Boyd S Walker M Robinson

Auditor: Ben Cooksley

Life Members: J Boyd M Jones W McCourtie

R O'Brien J Stokes J Swafford

P Webley H Kelly M Johnstone

S Walker S Smith R Mein

C Tooley J Bishop

The above officers were elected into office for the 2022/23 Season

Moved G Miles Seconded J Bishop

#### **Subscriptions:**

The outgoing board did not submit a proposal for subscriptions, therefore the AGM discussed subs at the meeting.

The Chair described 3 options that were available to the club:

- 1. Do nothing and leave fees flat from the 2022 season
- 2. Increase fees in line with the increase in fees from Capital Football (5%) or even at the current rate of inflation (7.5%)
- 3. Put through a small increase (say 2%) to reflect increasing prices but lessening the burden on players and families.

The attendees agreed that, given the overall economic environment and the increased fees from Capital Football of 5%, subs should be increased for the 2023 season. However, the meeting agreed that the option of limiting the increase to 2% for the next season ensures that the financial burden upon the clubs members would not increase too significantly. The subs agreed were:

Junior Subs (\$)	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
	Season	Season	Season	Season	Season	Season
One child	145	140	130	130	130	120
Two children	225	220	210	210	210	200
Three + children	225	220	210	210	210	200
Nursery grade	80	75	70	70	70	70
Nursery grade 2+ children	140	130	120	120	120	120

Senior Subs (\$)	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
	Season	Season	Season	Season	Season	Season
Senior Teams*	4600	4500	4300	4300	4300	4100
U17 per team	2750	2700	2600	2600	2500	2500
U17 per player	185	180	170	170	160	150

<sup>\*</sup> Reduce Senior Sub to \$4400 if paid in full by 30th April 2023

Agreed: subs for the top men's and women's teams were at the discretion of the Playing Committee, which is a sub-committee of the Board.

The AGM discussed the non-playing members/associate member voluntary fee of \$20, and agreed that this should be more widely publicised and increased to \$50.

All attending were in favour of adopting the subscriptions as laid out above.

Moved J Hill Seconded D Van Kampen

#### **General Business:**

The Chair informed the AGM that the outgoing Board had nominated T Hills for life membership of the club. The AGM fully endorsed this and T Hills was duly elected as a life member of SAFC.

Moved S Miller Seconded G Miles

M McCaskey informed the AGM that player recrement in the Over 45s space was required in order to maintain the Originals. The club will support that team with a recruitment drive and advertising, and putting out a general request for new players.

D Van Kampen indicated that there may be a team (or part of a team) that may be keen to come across to SAFC. He will make contact.

C Tooley enquired whether the club should advertise more widely, maybe a letter drop to all the houses surrounding the park espousing the virtues of the club and encouraging people to come along and join as social members or sign up to play.

The AGM also discussed whether the club should provide membership cards. The meeting agreed that the club should and J Bishop will make contact with Prestige Print to try to get some made up in line with the cards that had been prepared a few years ago.

In line with this discussion, J Hill commented that the new website is up and running which is great, but the club needs to invest more time, energy and resources into increasing the online profile of the club through social media. The AGM directed the incoming Board to look at ways to achieve this.

The AGM also asked that the incoming Board re-assess the costs of having credit card and payWave facilities over the bar. The cost previously had proven to be a stumbling block but with the increased use of additional fees at the terminal for the use of these facilities, it may become more palatable for a small club such as SAFC to implement. K Davies was tasked to revisit this and present to the incoming Board.

Being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.40 pm.

First Board meeting 20 February 2023

# **Action List**

Action Number	Description	Assigned To
1	Determine a way to recognise Jimmy Stokes appropriately	Board
2	Support the Masters Over 45s Originals in their player recruitment for the upcoming season	Board
3	<ul> <li>Determine ways to increase the profile of the club:</li> <li>Letter drop in Seatoun</li> <li>Social Media</li> <li>Improved use of website</li> </ul>	Board
4	Produce membership cards for social members	J Bishop
5	Re-assess the cost benefit analysis for allowing credit cards and / or payWave usage at the bar	K Davies to present to Board