

PORTLAND UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

MINUTES OF AGM. WEDNESDAY 2nd AUGUST 2023 6:00pm CAMP & SATHERLEY STADIUM

Meeting Opened by Chair.

Committee Members Present.

Matt Lucas (Chair) Gary Bailey (Vice Chair) David Ring (Club Secretary) Alan Rodgers (Treasurer) Dave Camp (Club President) Linda McKechnie, Vic Holland, Nigel & Val, Paul Knight, Ray Scott, Nigel Dewland, Kim & Colin, Daren Whyton, Mark Carter, Mark Coleman (Minute Taker)

Three Members of the public were in attendance.

Apologies Received

Robin Satherley (Club President) Randle Gates (Welfare Officer), Dave Wilson, Tom Savage, Josh Barton,

Matters Arising from the Previous AGM.

None recorded.

Approval of the Minutes from the Previous AGM.

Colin Reynolds proposed, and the Committee unanimously agreed.

Chair's Opening Remarks

Matt opened with thanks to all the club officers and committee members who have tirelessly given their time and effort to contribute towards making Portland United FC a strong community club.

Matt remarked on the previous season, the first team with the new management had finished well and with fresh players signed, he was looking forward to the 2023/24 season.

He said the reserves and Under18s are pre-season training, with new signings announced, they are hoping to start the new season well, Matt was pleased with the progress within the football teams and the use of the Pathway format agreed by the club.

Matt finished with thanks to the members and officers, who work extremely well together, he said he personally looks forward to the new season.

Secretary's Report

Dave Ring spoke about the previous campaign acknowledging the change of first team management and the progress of the first team so far.

He noted the Reserves and the Under18s had an inconsistent season but both teams finished with better results towards the end of the campaign.

Dave also mentioned that the 2022 presentation evening was a success and was enjoyed by all.

Dave informed the meeting that the First Team, Reserves and Under18s are all now affiliated to their respective leagues and entered into their cup competitions.

Treasurer's Report

Alan Rodgers presented the accounts for year end 2023 which were handed out to all present and he explained the clubs financial position.

He said that the club's utility bills had tripled and after talking to two independent utility brokers, he said the club was best recommended to stay with the current suppliers as the rates given to the club are comparable.

All club expenditure has been inspected and certain savings made.

Alan said the clubhouse income had increased significantly due to the demanding work of Brian and his team.

It was noted that Lesley Whyton had given considerable time to the smooth running of the clubhouse and was duly thanked by all.

Alan went on to say the legacy payment and bounce back loan given to the club have been placed in a savings account and may be used for capital expenditure on the clubhouse following agreement by the full committee.

The agreed squad budgets have increased slightly due to increased travel costs and player expenses being issued.

The football club ground has now been secured; this will be registered as a charity when the formal paperwork has been given.

Alan finished with a positive view for the coming season with the club's accounts being in a healthy position with sponsorship monies forthcoming.

Approval of the Accounts Year Ending 2023.

Gary Bailey proposed the accounts which were unanimously agreed by all present

The Chair added that a vote of thanks be recorded for Alan's work compiling the club accounts.

Election of Club Officers'

The Chair asked the committee for a vote on the election of the club officers which was unopposed.

Club President David Camp
Club Chair Matt Lucas
Club Secretary Dave Ring
Club Ambassador Robin Satherley
Club Treasurer Alan Rodgers
Club Vice Chair Gary Bailey
Club Welfare Officer Randle Gates

Nigel Dewland proposed the acceptance of all the officers nominated, this was unanimously agreed by voting by the committee members present.

The Chair again thanked all the club officers for their continued demanding work.

AOB.

Two items sent to the club secretary as per the club AGM. notice.

1. Brian Critchell asked if the road leading to the club house could be illuminated for supporters who walk to the ground and a post be secured leading to the top bank.

The Chair asked the committee to approve an investigation into the cost and report back as soon as possible. The club will keep Brian informed.

2. Robin Satherley, the earlier Club Chair and now Honorary Club Ambassador asked David Ring to pass on his thanks to the committee and all officers for the running of the club and its finances.

No other matters recorded.

Chair's Closing Remarks.

Matt closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their loyalty and commitment. He announced that the Club planning application which includes a disabled lift and new clubhouse facilities may soon be decided by local council, if approved a cost for the works will be obtained and given to a full committee.

Matt gave special thanks to Paul Knight for his excellent sponsorship and continued support about the club. Paul announced that he will be asking the committee to view a short film setting up the Blues travel club, this was shown after the A.G.M. for comments.

The meeting closed at 6:45 pm followed by a full committee meeting.

Matthew Lucas (Chair)

Date: _____

Signed: _____