

# PORTLAND UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

MINUTES OF THE AGM. WEDNESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024 6:00pm  
CAMP & SATHERLEY STADIUM

## **Meeting Opened by Chair.**

### **Committee Members Present.**

Matt Lucas (Chair). Gary Bailey (Vice Chair). Dave Ring (Club Secretary). Alan Rodgers (Treasurer). Dave Camp (Club President). Dave Wilson. Linda McKechnie. Vic Holland (Commercial Manager). Nigel Hall. Val Hall. Paul Knight. Daren Whyton.

Four supporters and one employee were in attendance.

### **Apologies Received**

Robin Satherley (Club President). Mark Coleman. Tom Savage. Nigel Dewland. Ray Scott. Kim Reynolds. Colin Reynolds. Mark Carter.

### **Chair's Opening Remarks**

The Chair opened the meeting with thanks to all those in attendance and then read out a pre-prepared report explaining how proud he was to be chairperson of this great club.

He made special mention in his report of the committee members, employees and volunteers who went above-and-beyond ensuring the club continues to improve year on year.

### **Matters Arising from the Previous AGM.**

None recorded.

### **Approval of the Minutes from the Previous AGM.**

Terry Hall proposed, Gary Bailey seconded, and the Committee unanimously agreed the minutes as a true and accurate record of the previous AGM.

### **Secretary's Report**

Dave Ring read out a detailed report he prepared that made mention of the achievements all three teams and their associated managers and assistants made throughout the previous campaign. Dave also talked about the club's discipline record highlighting issues that could be improved moving forward.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Alan Rodgers presented the accounts for year ending March 2024 which were handed out to all present and he explained the club's financial position.

He said that the club's turnover had improved on the previous year, but the gross profit margin was slightly lower, mainly because we are trying to keep prices competitive.

Alan went on to say that we are continuing to spend funds on maintaining and improving the ground and pitch every year.

Alan made mention of the players expenses saying they are in line with the budgets given to the managers but have increased since covid. He explained the increase is partly because we are trying to be more competitive financially, in a league whereby other clubs have much larger budgets.

He explained that the club has bigger squads, particularly match day squads and bigger management teams, making us more professional with a physio and extra coaches. He explained that the replacement of first team kit, new training equipment and a VEO system all contributed to the increase in our costs.

Alan said that there was a small deficit last year but with reduced utility bills moving forward, we will be looking forward to making a small surplus this year.

#### **Approval of the Accounts Year Ending May 2024.**

Vic Holland proposed the accounts, seconded by Terry Hall, and unanimously agreed by the committee members.

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

#### **Election of Club Officers'**

The Chair said that he felt that Club's President and the Club's Ambassador should not be included in the annual vote of club officers but instead be voted in as life-long honorary appointments. All agreed.

David Camp (Club President) and Robin Satherley (Club Ambassador) were duly elected as life-time officers of the club.

It was also agreed that Gary Baily move to a Director of Football role and Dave Wilson will replace him as Vice Chair.

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

Club Chair Matt Lucas  
Club Vice Chair Dave Wilson  
Club Secretary Dave Ring  
Club Treasurer Alan Rodgers  
Club Welfare Officer Randle Gates

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

**AOB.**

1. Dave Tune asked if players paid their own discipline fines. Alan Rodgers said that the manager decides.
2. Peter Hoare asked when will the carpark lights be up and running. Darren Whyton said they should be up and running in the next four weeks.
3. Dave Tune asked about the stones in the car park being a trip hazard. Darren said he will investigate the issue to see how this can be resolved.
4. Dave Tune said what is going to be done with children playing football during matches and balls going onto the pitch during a match. The chair said he does not want to discourage the kids but said he would have a word with them.

No other matters recorded.

**Chair's Closing Remarks.**

Matt closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their loyalty and commitment.

He went on to say that the committee are custodians of the club, and it is imperative we all continue the magnificent work that others have given and will continue to give over many years.

The meeting closed at 6:40 pm followed by an informal meeting of the committee.

Matthew Lucas (Chair)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_