

Kirkham Junior Football Club

Minutes of Meeting Held on 28th August 2024 at 8pm

Present – JD, BS, MB, JH, AL*

Apologies – WL, KS, ZH

(*Therefore quorate under the Club's Constitution)

1: Season Readiness / Team Position

- Playing Members – We have 332 members on Love Admin.
- Team Registration - All Teams are registered.
 - Just need to ensure that U13 Whites are in the correct league (AP – AL and BS)
 - Need to update Teams and Manager on the KJFC Website (AP – JD and AL)
- Player Registration
 - All players who have provided consent, with a valid direct debit and have no monies owed to the club have been league registered.
 - We continue to chase up those outstanding (approximately 20 players)
- Safeguarding / DBS
 - We continue to monitor the DBS / Course expiry list and chase managers /coaches who have lapsed. There are concerns over a couple of volunteers who are leaving it “very close to the wire”.
 - We need to change the club verifier for DBS checks to MB.
- Equipment
 - The new online ordering system has been a success, and we have fulfilled our first orders through this method.
- Grass Pitches
 - Coronation Road
 - Significant holes have been fixed and repaired
 - Pitches marked and goalposts erected
 - We agreed to buy a set of portable 21 x 7 nets (AP – WL and KS)

- Organise a meeting with Kirkham Council to provide update and discuss ongoing arrangements (AP – JD)
 - Determine whether Kirkham Council will pay requested invoice to the club (AP – JD, WL and JH)
 - Purchase topsoil and right grade of sand for pitch repair – investigate buying lockable grit boxes to hold within (AP – WL and JD)
 - Pitch Power – We await and will chase for further information on position from Lancashire FA (AP – AL)
 - Wesham
 - Ground works over summer successful
 - Organise a meeting with Wesham Council to provide update and discuss ongoing arrangements (AP – JD)
 - Weeton
 - Pitches in good condition
 - Determine whether to buy a grass strimmer for use near the permanent goalposts with the nets (AP – WL).
 - Determine the position of our agreement with Weeton for ongoing / future use (AP – WL and JD)
 - Bank Lane
 - 11 and 9 a side pitches available now
 - 7 and 5 a side available from Mid to End September
- AFC Fylde
 - We have an open booking on Sunday Mornings for the 11 a side pitch. This will facilitate against postponements.
 - We expect that all current teams will retain the same winter training slot as last year. (We expect to start there from Monday 7 October).
 - New teams will need to be discussed and added (AP - WL)
 - We agreed that we would not pay upfront for our bookings but would ensure we pay invoices immediately.

2: New Stanno Kits

- We discussed the arrival of the new kits and how they were shaping up.
- We agreed to review position and potentially close the action for their introduction at the next meeting.

3: PDPL Special Meeting – Player Travelling Distance

- The Committee discussed the proposal and felt that the measure was excessive and not needed. There were only very limited players travelling from outside the area and we saw no real problem that was being currently caused.

4: Finances

- Current Position
 - The Club (as a snapshot) has the following monies in the bank – £43,400. This was viewed as positive for the point in the annual financial cycle.
- Honorarium
 - Discussions were held over whether the club should adopt an honorarium arrangement as for instance the Poulton League does for their Committee Members. This is to recognise their respective time, effort and dedication in the roles and to act as a small incentive for members to join or remain.
 - It was voted on and agreed that each member could claim up to £300 a year (pro-rata on when joined the committee in the financial year as necessary). This was deliberately held against the cost of one child's full yearly membership at £25 a month.
 - It will be enacted on an individual basis by the Chair and Treasurer (AP – JD and JH)

5: Other Business Raised

- Committee discussed an incident involving a coach and agreed how the matter should be redressed. (AP – JD and JH)
- Newsletter to be produced for publication in early September (AP – JD)
- We will pull out the “Yes to volunteering” list from Love Admin and approach to determine willingness to undertake certain roles / tasks. (AP – JD)
- Kingfisher has offered to host a quiz night for KJFC – we need to determine whether to pursue or not (AP – MB and ZH)
- Local Gym has offered to organise a fun run with KJFC as a beneficiary – we need to determine what's involved and whether to pursue or not (AP – MB and ZH)