



Lesmahagow  
Community Football  
Club

Annual General  
Meeting  
16/04/2023  
3.00pm - Lesmahagow  
Bowling Club

<b>Present:</b>	
John Goulding	<b>Chairperson</b>
John Grove	
Gordon Sutters	
Scott Parker	
Judith Goulding	
Jim Lorimer	
Lynn Moffat	
Stuart Clingan	
James Cranstoun	
Susan Wayt	
Matthew Wayt	
Linda Ferguson	
Michelle Wailes	
<b>Apologies:</b>	
Sandra Gardiner	
Wilson Gardiner	
Jodie Higginbotham	
Yvonne Twaddle	
Ian Twaddle	
Gillian Quigley	

	<p><b>Welcome</b> John welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted apologies.</p> <p><b>Chairperson Update</b></p> <p>John advised he would provide a brief summary of events within the club during the past 12 months since the last AGM:</p> <p>In the last year new teams have been started for the 2016 and 2017 age groups. The club now has approximately 160 registered players across all age groups which illustrates that the club is continuing to grow.</p> <p>The attendance at the AGM is low and we need to consider as a club how best to engage parents and guardians and ensure that the committee is fully represented by all ages groups.</p> <p>The club along with many other clubs are facing issues regarding facilities, both with SLLC potentially increasing pitch hires and also with the closure</p>
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of Lesmahagow Sports Facility within the High School. This affects our two new teams (2016 and 2017), however alternative arrangements are being considered with an option to be finalised.

**Bankhead Asset Transfer** - The initial stage of the process has been completed with South Lanarkshire Council. The club has been advised that the most effective way to progress is to apply for Charity status. This application will be submitted imminently.

The next stage of the process will require further public consultation with the local community (over and above the previous event held at Harris & Ollie's which had only one attendee from out with the club). Further details will be provided and made available as the process continues.

**Club Shop** – Run by VSN. Discussions have been held with Drew from VSN regarding the delays parents have experienced when ordering items from the shop. Assurances were provided that this would be addressed and that the distribution tracking system has been improved, along with issues raised with DPD which have also affected distribution of goods purchased. VSN have committed to stocking an additional £1500 of LCFC products within the store. Discussions are being held with VSN about having a 'pop-up shop' at the Lesmahagow Highland Games on 17th June to allow parents to purchase training kit on the day. Further details to be confirmed regarding this.

**Thanks** – John offered his thanks to all our team sponsors of match day strips as follows:

2007s – Cloburn Quarry  
2010s – John Campbell & Family  
2011s – TransCanada Turbines Ltd  
2012s – Route 74  
2013s – ARH  
2014s – TAI Builders

John also extended his thanks to the coaches for their dedication and work throughout the year, to Todd Lumsden the coaching co-ordinator, to Stuart Clingan for his work regarding player registrations and the other work undertaken, to John Grove the club Treasurer, to the two Club Secretaries for the year Yvonne Twaddle and Sandra Gardiner, to the committee for the work undertaken and to Michelle Wailes for reviewing the Club accounts in preparation for the AGM.

**Fees** – It was suggested that due to the current position with SLLC and the possibility of pitch fee costs increasing, no changes would be considered in respect of the player fees at this time. It was agreed that once the



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position of SLLC was confirmed the Club Committee would discuss the outcome and advise parents/guardians of any change. It was agreed that communication would be sent to all parents/guardians of the foregoing and that updates would be provided once clarity had been received. In order to minimise any increase in monthly fees additional fundraising may be required.

**Financial Report**

John Grove, club treasurer, advised the finances have been independently reviewed with no issues or discrepancies noted. John advised the outgoings consist mainly of the hire of training facilities and purchase of equipment. He acknowledged incomings from the recent bingo night, golden strike competitions and also highlighted some grants the club received. John afforded those present the opportunity to ask any questions.

No questions were asked regarding the club finances.

**Election of Office Bearers**

John opened the floor to nominations for Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer and Vice Chairperson. The following were received:

Role of Chairperson – John Goulding, nominated by Matthew Wayt and seconded by James Cranstoun

Role of Secretary – Sandra Gardiner, nominated by John Goulding and seconded by Gordon Sutters

Role of Treasurer – John Grove, nominated by Judith Goulding and seconded by Susan Wayt

Role of Vice Chairperson – Gordon Sutters, nominated by John Goulding and seconded by John Grove

No other nominations were received therefore the office bearer roles were confirmed as above.

The role of Child Protection Officers were maintained by Judith Goulding and Lynn Moffat

**Election of Committee**

John opened the floor to nominations for committee members, identifying the need for representation from all age groups. The following nominations were received:



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Age Group	Nominee	Proposed by	2nd Vote by
2017	Not possible to nominate a representative.		
2016	Not possible to nominate a representative.		
2015	Scott Parker	Jim Lorimer	Susan Wayt
2015	Jim Lorimer	James Cranstoun	Judith Goulding
2014	Not possible to nominate a representative.		
2013	Gordon Sutters	John Goulding	James Cranstoun
2012	Gillian Quigley	Gordon Sutters	Lynn Moffat
2011	James Cranstoun	John Goulding	Matthew Wayt
2010	Susan Wayt	Matthew Wayt	Judith Goulding
2007	Lynn Moffat	Judith Goulding	Susan Wayt

John & Gordon will attend training sessions for age groups without representation to encourage volunteers.

Michelle Wailes was proposed by Susan Wayt and seconded by Judith Goulding to continue as Independent Examiner of the clubs accounts. Michelle kindly accepted the role for another year.

**AOB**

John stated the club need to encourage parents and guardians to become committee members to ensure fresh ideas can be brought into the club to help us move forward.

John also reminded those in attendance of the next fundraising event, which is a Quiz Night being held at Lesmahagow Bowling Club on Saturday 13th May 2023. There are still some tickets remaining.

The date of the next committee meeting was confirmed as 03/05/2023, 7.30pm at Bertrams.

John thanked everyone for attending and brought the meeting to a close.