

CROWMARSH YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

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Crowmarsh Youth Football Tournament Meeting

Monday 12th October 2015, Comrades Club, Wallingford.

Present: Julie Norrington, Rose Owen, Mark Pike, Matt Prince, Carl Fisher, Alistair Cox, Gary Coupar, Kevin Carrigan, Adam Beasley, Nicholas Grace, Julian Hayward, Paul Whitty, Toby Ramshaw, Mark Carrigan, Alan Gregory, Paul Bennett, Andrew Littlewood, Mo Fillmore

Apologies: Steve East, Richard Eltham, Richard Mountford, Sharon Frost, Chris Norrington, Charlie Bud, Alice Bennion, Simon Hudson

Last minutes read and approved

Talk from Nigel Saverton, OFA Welfare Officer, followed by short Q&A.

Pitch sizes mentioned, in particular goal sizes, all pitches have to achieve regulation sizes published. If there is a problem with a pitch in particular, bring it up at the AGM

State of some pitches also mentioned, Nigel advised it was difficult to police as sometimes the pitches are under the care of parish council or local council and it is their decision on the frequency of cuts. Again, if there is a really bad problem mention it to the league and copy in Andy Earnshaw. This way if there is a commonality in complaints then OFA can get involved.

Youth modules – promote these within our youngsters – there is one running at the end of November.

Bullcroft: Rubbish needs uplifting – Andy and Toby have a plan. Gates – chain has now gone missing. Andy to speak to the council to get more keys cut. We will need 30. Perhaps a combination lock is the answer in the short term. We need to be able to have access to get emergency services in should we need to.

Registrations: Still trickling in. Mark Pike said he had one girl signed for the boys team. It was noted that girls can play for either girls or boys teams up to age of 16. Boys cannot play in girls team or in girls league.

Fixtures Secretary: Managers need to keep Richard up to date with amends to fixtures or postponements. No complaints so far. Flexibility of home managers much appreciated. Full time website is updated daily so best place to pick up fixtures.

Thanks were offered and it was further noted that Richard has done and is continuing to do an amazing job with the fixtures but we are all very aware that we need another fixtures secretary urgently. All Managers to approach their parents with a view to getting someone else on board as soon as possible. Outline of role attached.

Lights at Bullcroft: Andy met with an electrician. There is one potential problem, does the current installation meet with current regulations? The current lighting system is to be evaluated. There is a relatively small outlay for a survey.

If we had decent lights at the Bullcroft that investment would be recouped with the savings achieved on winter training fees on the astro. The only downside of this is that with more use the pitches might suffer.

New website: Alan has done an amazing job. Thanks offered for their hard work in this area. Alan took us through the functionality of the new website and it was decided that there will be a deadline for info to be uploaded that week of 10pm on a Monday night. Anything sent to Alan after this cut off will not be included until the following week. Complaints procedure has to be very visible.

Procurement Officer: ALL purchases have to go through Alistair Cox so that the orders can be collated and we can save on delivery costs etc. Same delivery charge for 1 item or 500. One more equipment order needs to be placed now the new season has started and Managers know what they are short of with regards balls and training equipment. Requests over to Al asap.

Winter Training: Everyone starts this week. No training during half term. Cost for WT is £20 per child this equates to £1 per week.

Team Update

Mark P – 14 registered, getting more competitive, suffering with lack of assistance from parents. Sometimes quality of pitches on away fixtures is poor.

Matt P: Good start, won 1, drawn 1, lost 1.

Fish: Good start, played 6 won 5 lost 1 and enjoying it

U10 Girls are getting better, getting hammered every week but playing well and really enjoying it.

Alistair: All fine, nothing to report.

Gary: Lots of teams have pulled out of their league so it is a bit of a farce playing the same team three weeks in a row and getting well beaten every time. Only 6 teams in the league. Team is enjoying their football though, 13 players and 2 GK.

Kevin: Started low – 11 players, gone up to 14. Boys love 11aside. Training on Bullcroft helped. Got promoted to C league, doing well and training well.

Adam: Still training together with KC then break off and do their own thing second half of session. Doing well and everyone is happy.

Paul Ba: U10 Pumas – dropped a league and have won all games. 18 registered but 4 or 5 not interested in playing on a Saturday.

Paul Ba: U8 Girls All going well, very positive.

Ron: 3 U7 teams – 11 in every team. 5 boys come to training. Split off for skills. Play mini matches at the end of training. All the children are full of confidence and can see they are improving.

Nick/Julian: U12G Good core bunch, won their first game, very exciting, getting on well and enjoying their football now have 11 or 12 players.

Peter: U13 Rooks: Good start, 11 aside, could do with a couple more players, results good.

Paul W: 18 signed up, so far so good, picked up a couple of good players, haven't lost in the league so good.

Toby: Played 2 lost 1, won 1. Lost in the cup this weekend. Will do alright this season.

Mark C: Fully loaded, lost 3 out of 4 but results don't reflect the games.

Alan: 11 registered, getting used to 7aside, some good football.

Paul Be: 12 registered, first game 9-5, second game 16-0, playing well and enjoying it.

U12: Improving all the time.

U12: 14 players registered, season going well, good results.

U7: Simon desperate for another astro slot – 2 pitches for 5 teams.

Gary going to ask at Hithercroft if they can match astro fees.

AOB:

Fines: Admin for girls.

Bizarre one with U?? ref not picking up fee then breakdown in communications. Being appealed.

Andy asked that we be really careful and try to restrict the fines as we have so many teams these will soon mount up.

Fireworks: Bucket shake as previous years on the corner by Cross Keys. Volunteers needed, please confirm with Andy.

Electric Meters: Smart meters are being installed but someone needs to be there to let them in. They will contact Julie who will in turn need volunteers to attend site with relevant keys or codes to let them in.

Christmas Do: Few pints and a curry?? Date provisionally set out at Saturday 5th December. Andy to send email out.

Next Meeting: 8pm Monday 30th November – Comrades Club