

CROWMARSH YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

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Crowmarsh Youth Football Tournament Meeting

Monday 7th September 2015, Comrades Club, Wallingford.

Present: Andrew Littlewood, Sharon Frost, Toby Ramshaw, Paul Bennett, Andy Simons, Mark Pike, Simon Sharp, Alan Gregory, Charlie Budziszewski, James McLaughlin, Julian Heywood, Nick Grace, Gary Coupar, Adam Beasley, Mark Tinsey, Richard Mountford, Richard Turl, Alistair Cox, Steve East, Paul Whitty, Paul Baroni, Kevin Carrigan, Mark Carrigan, Carl Fisher, Mo Fillmore, Julie Norrington, Rose Owen, Chris Norrington

Apologies: Alice Bennion, Matt Prince, Richard Eltham, Simon Hudson

Minutes: Last meeting minutes accepted.

Registration Secretary: Rose had registered 11 teams in her section. Any team handing in their forms late should incur a £10 fine, this was waived for a few teams late this year but going forward this fee would apply. For any new player being registered, an individual registration form should be completed and a copy of the child's birth certificate and passport sized photograph submitted. Mo looked after the registrations for the Girls and U12s and up, again a couple were late. Toby (U10 Girls) and Alice (U14 Girls) registered their own teams. Anyone playing for Crowmarsh Youth Football Club must be registered.

Fixtures Secretary: Richard advised that he was working on the fixtures and would circulate shortly. Including the Girls there are 24 teams this year.

5-a-side: 2 x U7 and 3 x U8 teams at Paddocks and St John's playing field, so there will be a lot of juggling around Saturday games. The Managers and opposition need to agree on the start times.

7-a-side: 4 teams playing at Paddocks + Crowmarsh pitch. The Girls teams, as before, will sort out their own games (with Richard seeing the details) and check the website to get opposition Manager's details.

9-a-side: x 2 pitches same as last year.

11-a-side: 8 teams - stick to same pitches as before. U16s to sort their own fixtures.

Richard was thanked for all his efforts on this enormous task.

Grants Secretary: Paul mentioned that the OFA are still offering a grant of up to £1,500 for up to 50% of a project's total cost. Last year, the white line machine and goals were obtained through this scheme. Could apply again this year if any equipment/goals are needed?

Paul also reiterated again that it was almost impossible to get funding for permanent lights in the Bullcroft as it wasn't an all weather surface. Temporary or removable lighting would be okay but it had been previously decided that these were not really practical. The other alternative would be inflatable lights and Gary Coupar mentioned that these are used in the fire service and are quick and easy to inflate and are as good as permanent lighting. A suggestion was to perhaps use Club Funds to get this lighting.

Child Welfare Officer: Mo mentioned that she had been on a couple of courses and from that, she thought it would be beneficial to spend a few minutes with each team before a training session to talk to the children and their parents about respect.

CRCs, Criminal Records Check (formerly CRB) for the Managers need to be addressed at as a lot may have lapsed. A link was sent out to all so that the online part of the process could be started (this needs to be completed by 21st September to allow Mo time to focus on the other part).

A database with all Managers qualifications, CRC status and first aid details with expiry dates will be put together. Can everyone take a screenshot of their FA Licensed Coaches Club page and send to Andrew and Sharon so that the information can be added/updated.

Mo is to contact the Oxfordshire FA and ask for someone to come and talk about child welfare at the next meeting.

Girls Development Officer: Toby will do this in conjunction with Alice. At the end of the year, around October, another Girls team will be set up (U8).

Girls can play boys football until U14, but it is better for development if they play for a Girls team.

Football kits etc: Andrew thanked Alistair for his great work and said that he had done a tremendous job in ordering the kits. The Club had been let down by Molten match balls and these were now due to be delivered on either Tuesday or Wednesday 8th/9th September. The plan is for each Manager to have 2 match balls.

Alistair had negotiated a good deal with Pendle for the kits and training balls, around 7.5% discount. The turnaround from ordering was less than a week, although all of the items arrived in 18 boxes and had to then be individually sorted by Andrew and Alistair. Next time, supply Pendle with a list of the Managers to avoid this happening again.

All first aid kits had arrived and had been distributed.

There is a small surplus stock of shorts and socks + bibs + 12 ice packs. Toby mentioned that each Manager should have at least 5 ice packs in their bags. So an order will be placed for more ice packs.

Forms for kit requirements will be sent out in early June going forward to give everyone sufficient time to list their needs.

Also for next year, it was suggested that another company(s) could be contacted to get quotes to compare with Pendle.

Paul Baroni asked what the policy on colours was, as his sponsor wanted to get the kit and ended up with amber and black. The Club colours are tangerine and black. Julie reminded everyone that the Club should place the order as VAT is not paid on children's kits and then the Club would invoice the sponsor.

Website update: Andrew thanked Addy for doing a fantastic job to get the website to where it is, but the updating of it was now proving very difficult. The good news is that Ron Harink and Alan Gregory are prepared to take on the ownership of the website and update it.

Alan mentioned that online registration and payments was something to think about for the future. Also policies could be uploaded and there could be a committee section, but no financials. An up-to-date contacts list would be uploaded from the details everyone was providing at this meeting. Also generic email addresses (for the Chairman, Secretary etc) could be set up and Andrew would send Alan the details on this.

Bullcroft Building tidyup: this needs to be tidied urgently (Wednesday 9th/Thursday 10th September were the dates agreed). Andrew will contact the Council to see if a skip can be put inside the Bullcroft, otherwise the rubbish will have to be taken away. Andrew is currently talking to the Council about the lease and long term future (10-15 years).

Paddocks: Andrew knows who owns the land and this person seems keen to discuss a one year rolling lease but Andrew is pushing for a 2-3 year rolling lease plus exclusivity. To have more chance of a longer lease, a company would need to be set up or have Trustees of the Club as the lease would need to go either in the company name or Trustees names. It also means that if someone leaves, the process doesn't have to be started again. The last lease for Paddocks was with Wallingford Sports Trust and ran out in March 2013. Andrew and Julie will speak with their accountants to find out what is involved.

Winter training: Julie mentioned that everyone had the same slots as before. There are no other slots available, if any do become available we would get first refusal.

Vice Chairman's Comments: Paul wished everyone good luck for the season.

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After some discussion due to the current amount of players in some of the teams, it was reiterated that no child would be turned away from playing football, as this is the Club policy. However, they need to be made aware that they will only be able to train with the team and not play in any matches until another coach comes forward.

Andrew will be meeting someone from Rowse Honey next week regarding sponsorship.

Winter training fee request forms are to be handed out at training sessions – a copy of the form will be emailed to all Managers. Currently the fee is £20 per player. Julie is to look at the figures to see if it is possible to reduce this fee, if we can, this needs to be mentioned on the letter.

Alice is looking for new players and would like to distribute leaflets to Wallingford School. Mo is to amend the existing leaflet, these will then be printed and distributed.

Rose mentioned that this is her 45th and last year. Everyone thanked her for her tremendous work. Another registration secretary is needed.

Andrew to speak with the Council regarding keys for the Bullcroft gates.

Everyone was in agreement to go for an Indian meal around Christmas, so Andrew will look into details/dates.

Next meeting: Committee Meeting 12th October 2015, 8.00pm Comrades Club