

Ayrshire Tigers Powerchair Football Club SCIO



Minutes of Meeting

Location:	Coylton Activity Centre, Coylton
Date:	23 rd September 2021
Time:	5pm
Attendees:	<u>Committee</u> Stuart Niven, Chair (SN), Adam McGovern, Vice-Chair (AM), Gordon Rainey, Treasurer (GR), Annmarie Robertson, Secretary (AR), James Doull, Player Rep (JD), Doreen Paterson, Parents/Guardian Rep (DP), Dee Andrew, Carer/PA Rep (DA) <u>Club Members</u> Pauline Paterson, Graham Cassidy, Scott Robb, Allan Cameron, Fiona Ferguson

AGENDA ITEMS

Actions

1. Welcome

SN opened meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cameron Torrance and Richard Toner

3. Chairman's Report

See appendix 1 (pages 1-9) for full report.

No questions were received.

4. Treasurer's Report & Consideration of the Annual Account for 2019 and 2020

See appendix (pages 10-12) for full report

No questions were received.

5. Constitution Changes

See appendix 2 – Constitution



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SN explained the following constitution changes were required as it was agreed at Committee that a trustee who is providing a specialist service like coaching which benefits the Club can be remunerated. At present our Constitution does not allow employees to be trustees.

- (a) "The members hereby approve that trustees are able to be remunerated if they are providing a specialist service which benefits the Club"
- (b) " The members hereby approve to remove Clause 13 from the Constitution"
- (c) "The members hereby approve to remove Clause 60.2 from the Constitution"
- (d) "The members hereby approve to remove Clause 71.4 from the Constitution"
- (e) "The members approve for Clause 93 to be amended to say "A charity trustee may serve as an employee (full time or part time) of the organisation; and a charity trustee may be given remuneration by the organisation if they are deemed to be providing a specialist service which benefits the organisation."

All members agreed unanimously to the proposed changes with no questions raised.

6. Review of Membership Fees

It was proposed that in place of the annual fees and weekly hall hire costs that a new monthly fee of £10 be introduced to cover club costs, i.e. hall hire, equipment replacement, etc. The new fee would take effect from October 2021.

All members agreed unanimously with the new membership fee with no questions raised. SN advised members that they will require to set up a bank standing order. The club's account details will be circulated and a mandate will be issued for completion and return.

7. Club Future

Starting from 24th September a new training session will be held every Friday night between 7.15pm to 9.15pm at the Queen Margaret's Academy. This session is for players who the coaches judge as being able to play within the Premiership and/or championship levels. This is to ensure the safety of all players due to the premiership level of competing requires the use of a sports chair that is capable of 10k.

Thursday night sessions will continue at Coylton as authorisation from South Ayrshire Council has been granted for the Club to purchase a storage container to store all Club powerchairs and other equipment on site. The Council has further agreed to install an electricity supply to the container at their own cost. This will enable chairs to be charged between sessions.

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The Thursday training session is for all players of all abilities and is specifically aimed at beginners and players not judged by the coaches to be at the required standard for the premierships.

The SPFA are starting a new development Team (non premiership) which will be held 3 weekends within each season. Details still to be finalised with the SPFA.

All players are invited to recommence friendly games with Gladiators which will be held approximately every 6 to 8 weeks. Dates to be confirmed.

Due to player shortages the Club was approached by Gladiators to have a joint premiership team to enter into the SPFA league. It was agreed that this would be looked at for next season if player numbers are low.

Premiership players are welcome to training with the Gladiators on a Monday night between 8pm to 10pm at their training venue.

AM explained to players the different pathways that are open to everyone within the club from the players who thrive for a challenge irrespective of their playing ability to players who enjoy friendly matches. AM also stated that a player must have both the ability and commitment to the Team in order for a coach to invite the player to Friday night sessions to play within the premiership.

Graham asked for confirmation that all players can still attend a Thursday night session. AM reiterated that everyone is welcome on Thursday nights with further away games being arranged if a player is interested.

8. Election of Charity Trustees

The members hereby approved that the current Trustees remain in place for another 12 months or until the next AGM. Trustees' duties to be confirmed at next committee meeting.

Any other business

There are problems with the Club chairs at present. This matter is currently being progressed.

The Club also has funds available to help a player purchase a sports chair.

Due to the increased costs to the Club all members to think of ways to raise funds.

Next Meeting

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