 **RAMSBURY FOOTBALL CLUB **

 **Annual General Meeting**

**Wednesday 3rd July @ 8pm**

**Minutes**

**Present**: Andy Knowles (Chair), Chris Roberts (Vice-Chair, CWO), Jon Symon (Secretary, CWO), Katie Smith (Treasurer), Fiona Cresswell, Steve Taylor, Rich Gillard, Rob James, Hamish Gray, Jack Paravicini, Dan Beck, Oliver Bond.

**Apologies**: Ian Cresswell, Rob Green, Rupert Harrison, James Collister, Chris Ainsworth, Sean Maye, Adam Blanchford, Geoff Pratt, Dan Creed, Georgie Littlewood, Jo Reade, Mark Bevan,

1. **Welcome and apologies, declaration of quorum (5):** Apologies were accepted and the meeting was declared quorate.

2. **Approval of the Minutes of the AGM on 28 Jun 23:** The Minutes were issued in advance of the meeting and agreed as a true and accurate record and approved.

3. **Chair’s Report (Andy Knowles)**.

As the season officially finished with another fabulous Festival of Football, and the annual maintenance of the pitches begins; there is a time for reflection and celebration as we plan ahead for the 2024/25 season which will be with us quicker than an England men’s football side trying to press forward.

It is worth celebrating some wonderful news from the season and notably the Under 14’s winning their last match and ultimately winning the league. The Under 7’s for winning both their trophy events and the Under 15’s and Men’s Senior team both earning promotions. Though, for all teams that are not mentioned, a huge congratulations to them for their dedication, commitment and representing the club so well.

A note of thanks must go to the Recreation Centre Committee, Ian and the team, for their continued support of the club. The Festival of Football, an event that will be here to stay, is an excellent format and a great way of celebrating the end of the season. Special mentions must be made for Archie Morris who was presented the Oli Kimber Cup; the Under 7’s teams for the Clive New Trophy, U14s and the Carrington Shield for Team of the Year; and Oli Bond and Rich Englefield in the U18s for being awarded the Corr Shield for Coaches of the Year. The Festival of Football was brilliantly organised as usual and the volunteers that helped on the day were superb, so thank you.

Our Sponsors, it goes without saying, remain fantastic and we owe a huge debt of gratitude to Ergo+ FM and Arthur/ Karen Carrington for their continued support as throughout the season they have committed to the club in financial terms to help support our on-going development plans. The dug-outs have been well received and used on the top pitch, benefitting teams with more player space and keeping kit dry. Coaches, Secretaries, Assistants and young and talented boys and girls who just want to be the best of their own ability and enjoy this wonderful sport, can do so with your continued help and assistance. As coaches, you create the fun and enjoyable environments that all to have fun and huge smiles and great memories. Thank you to all of you for your commitment throughout the season.

As we all know grass roots youth football is completely voluntary and sometimes things come to an end, which has meant for this coming season we have lost some teams and coaches. Please keep the message out there for volunteers as it helps us all. Ramsbury FC Committee – thank you to all of you for your time, dedication and commitment in helping run this club so well. We welcome Oli Bond to the committee, who resurrected the Under 18’s last season but wanted to stay connected to the club as they concluded their youth football journey. Therefore, my final word goes to Chris Roberts who has stepped down as Club Vice-Chair, to be replaced by Oli Bond, but will stay involved in the club as CWO and Coach of the U7s team. An ever-present figure in the club since as long as I can remember and I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for all he has done and I know you will all join me in showing Chris our appreciation for his commitment and investment in Ramsbury FC.

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| 4. **Treasurer Report (Katie Smith).** **Summary**: Net deficit for the year was £4,113.00Bank balance at 31st May was £25,813. Adjusting for amounts owing / owed and prepayments, funds available were £24,542.**Revenue**Subs revenue was £21,713.00, up 35% on the prior year.**Membership numbers** were 267 which was an increase of 37 (16%) on 2022/23. Details by teams as below:**Teams Numbers**: U6 36U7 & U8 40U9 & U10 53U11 to U13 49U14 to U17/U18 60 **Sub-total youth 217**Seniors 29Total 267All team subs for the season were collected as of 31/05/23.Profit from the cafe was £2277. Profit from the June 2023 There was an increase in spending with dug outs £5000; Borehole water tractor £2000; new windows £700.00 and £1,404.00 spent on additional pitch use for training and matches. Other expenditure was in line with expectation.Katie Smith, 31 May 2024 (Attached is a full break down of income / expenditure)  |
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| 5. **Secretary’s Report (Jon Symon).**  |
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| **FA Accreditation**. Charter Standard has been replaced by the FA Accreditation, which is the new 1, 2 or 3 star accreditation. The Secretary is the Charter Standard Coordinator and now FA Accreditation Officer and has completed all the requirements with Wilts FA regarding to enable Ramsbury FC to be 1\* Accredited. However, to remain accredited all club coaches must be Safeguarding (SG) and First Aid (FA) qualified, have an in date DBS and each team must have at least one Level 1 (Intro to Coaching) qualified coach in each team. Thus, the following needs completing: **DBS**:* + U7 - George Radulescu and Rob Freeman – need DBS then SG & FA
	+ U8 - Jon Horlick U7s – need DBS then SG & FA
	+ U8 - Sam Cave-Penney U7s – needs SG & FA
	+ U12 Blues – Mark Bevan & Ian Kelland need DBS then SG & FA
	+ U15 – Rich Gillard – DBS Renewal – 10 Aug 24
	+ U16 – James Collister – DBS Renewal – 8 Aug 24

**First Aid**: The following MUST complete the FA First Aid course:* + U12 Blues - Ian Mundy
	+ U13 - Matt Crame
	+ U15 – Paul Watkins
	+ Committee – Geoff Pratt

 **Safeguarding*** + U12 Blues - Rupert Harrison – SG Renewal – Aug 24
	+ U12 Blues - Rob Green – SG Renewal – Sep 24
	+ U15 - Adam Blanchard – SG Renewal – Sep 24
	+ U13 - Matt Crame – SG Renewal – Sep 24
	+ Club Coach – James Underwood – SG Renewal – Aug 24

**Photos**: All coaches who have not uploaded a current photo using their FA Number (FAN) onto the Whole Game System (WGS) or the FA portal prior to 1 September 2024.  |
| **The North Wilts Youth Football League (NWYFL) AGM** was attended by the Secretary. Key points were from the AGM were relayed to the AGM and all were made aware of the following: * Ramsbury FC successfully completed Wilts FA Affiliation for the 2024/25 Season with all insurance cover provided.
* Ramsbury FC have 10 youth teams entered in the following NWYFL Divisions:
	+ U7 – Mixed
	+ U8 White – Blue
	+ U8 Blue – Green
	+ U9 - Red
	+ U10 – Purple
	+ U11 – Purple
	+ U12 White – Div 2
	+ U12 Blue – Div 2
	+ U13 - Div 4
	+ U15 - Div 3
	+ U16 – Mid Wilts

**Training Schedule** – in the Clubhouse and will remain extant until new schedule is issued. Only MUGA and Aldbourne to be used unless Geoff Pratt agrees that pitches may be used. **MUGA Schedule**: TBC and will be updated in due course**Aldbourne Pitch for Training** – Can be used for RFC training. |

 **Key dates**:* **4 Jul 24:**Player Registration opens. Club Secs to complete with Team Managers / Coaches.
* **8 Aug 24**: Minimum players for each team MUST be registered.
* **TBC** - CPD Event at Foundation Park for all new Managers / Coaches. U7/U8s. More to follow.
* **31 Aug –** Cricket Club hand back Cricket Pitch to Ramsbury FC
* **31 Aug / 1 Sep –** Mark out pitches
* **1 Sep 24** - Season Starts for U12s and above.
* **8 Sep 24 -** Season starts for U11s and below.
* **9 Oct 24** – Ramsbury FC Club Meeting– time TBC
* **6 Dec 24 –** Ramsbury FC Christmas Drinks - TBC
* **31 May 25**. Season Ends.
* Registration requires an email and photo for every new player and a FA Number for a parent / guardian. **The Club Sec will liaise with all coaches / managers.**
* All players, existing or new joiners, need to complete Ramsbury FC registration forms by 1 Aug 24 latest. All subs need to be paid before this date and if not paid the player will not train or play: there is now a no pay – no play policy
* There have been some minor rule changes, which I have sent out to you already in the AGM slide pack. .

 6. **Election of Officials**. All club officials resigned their positions and the following officials were elected for the 2023-2024 Season. The results of which are as follows and were unanimously voted by all present:* **Chair**  Andy Knowles
* **Vice Chair** Oliver Bond (vice Chris Roberts)
* **Secretary** Jon Symon
* **Treasurer** Katie Smith
* **Welfare Officers** Chris Roberts, Laurie Roberts & Jon Symon
* **Equipment & Maintenance** Geoff Pratt
* **Team Strips & Clubhouse** Fi Creswell

7. **Team Officials for the 2024-2025 Season**:* **Under 6:** Jon Symon (Level 1), Chloe Martin, Monty Halliday, Rupert McSheehy
* **Under 7:** Chris Roberts (Level 1) Rob Freeman and George Radulescu
* **Under 8 Blue and White Teams**: Dan Creed (Level 1), Hamish Gray (Level 1), Sam Cave-Penney and Jon Hollick
* **Under 9:** Chris Ainsworth (Level 1), Ben Green (Level 1), Jack Paravicini, James Walton, Georgie Littlewood (Team Sec)
* **Under 10:** Ian Cresswell (Level 1), Fiona Cresswell (Team Sec), Matt Thomas.
* **Under 11:** Steve Taylor (Level 1), Fiona Cresswell (Team Sec), Pete Wheeler, Sean Maye, Will Beattie.
* **Under 12 (White):** Bash Miah (Level 1) Dougal Watts (Level 1), Jo Reade (Team Sec), Phil Oram.
* **Under 12 (Blue):** Rupert Harrison (Level 1), Rob Green, Mark Bevan (Team Sec), Ian Kelland, Ian Mundy.
* **Under 13:** Dan Beck (Level 1), Ronnie Stretch (Level 1), Matt Crame, Bryony Beck (Team Sec).
* **Under 15:** Rich Gillard (Level 1), Adam Blanchard, Paul Watkins.
* **Under 16:** Rob James (Level 1), James Collister.
* **Men’s Team:** Sean Eviil, Chris Roberts (Level 1)
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8. **AOB**:

* **Pitch Repair Update by Geoff Pratt**:

Pitch repairs started on the 16th June, where a small team of helpers did a massive job moving 3 tonnes of soil to the worst areas on the top pitch and seeding the whole pitch, would have been impossible without Rob, Rich, Adam and George.

Rob (again) thanks for the help putting soil on the 3/4pitch, and Adam and George for seeding it and fertilizing the 3/4 pitch.

Once the seed and soil was down and roped off, with the dry weather it would have been and impossible task to keep the pitches watered even with the water tractor, which is doing a great job. so thanks to the water BOYS: Adam , George , Sean, Olliie and Chris! Between us starting and putting the Water tractor away as it takes 3 hours to do one run of the pitch and needs 2 passes to cover the area.

It’s a small group of committed helpers and I must say I am disappointed that no one who will be using the 3/4 pitch has helped out! If you are using that pitch it's in your best interest to help out with the maintenance of it.

Regards to training whilst the pitches are out of bounds please use the MUGA and Aldbourne pitch and I will be taking a look at a pitch in Chilton Foliat to see if its suitable for training and possibly matches.

I will allow light training around the roped off areas on both pitches, but if I see that the wear is too high this will be stopped. I will update on when the pitches will be reopened but do not foresee this until early August and when pitches are marked out for the 24/25 season matches, the 3/4 is to be moved as far as possible towards the cricket pitch and top pitch as far as possible towards first water.

* **Strips Update by Fi Cresswell**:

Regards to kit orders for the 2024/2025 Season:

* U7 – Nothing requested – U8’s are passing their old strip to Chris directly, so they should have enough
* U8 – Order received – changing most players up to the next size (kit not returned to me – see above)
* U9 – Complete Team Strip requested – they’ve had current strip for 2 years, nothing ordered last year and still in the smallest size, so fair enough. Also have new signees. The kit they have returned, on the whole is not serviceable due to being 2 years old
* U10 – Replacing half the kits due to requiring next size up / poor condition kits – no kits ordered last year, save the odd shirt
* U11 – Several players requiring next size up and had current kit for 2 years. Also have 5 new signees. Only replaced 1 or 2 last year as poor condition/outgrown
* U12W – No order received – nothing ordered last year, so I’m expecting an order
* U12B – Only ordered a couple last year for new starters, so expecting an order
* U13 – Strip order received – nothing ordered last year, so fair enough
* U15 – No order received
* U16 – Order now received
* Seniors – No order received

I have received some kits back in from all teams and will go through these to see what can be re-used. Quite a few of the kits I’ve received are 2+ years old, so not in the best condition. Except for the U8’s kit, which is being passed to U7 – this is only 1 year old and should be fine.

9. **Date of next AGM** - Jun 2025

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 21:19 hrs

Signed………………………………………………… Date