

WARKWORTH AFC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

18th FEBRUARY 2025 – 7.00PM

Bridgehouse Lodge, Warkworth



MINUTES

1. **George Moore (President) opened the meeting at 7pm**

2. **In Attendance:**

- Present: Andrew Pook, Anthony Turner, George Moore, Gwynn Hoskins, Lucy Coory, Mark Reekie, Richard Ashton, Richard Jones, Simon Hawken.
- Apologies: Jacob Paul, Steve Bedford.

3. **Approval of prior AGM minutes**

- All those present at the prior AGM confirmed and approved the minutes were accurate with no matter arising.

4. **President's Report**

- George Moore read The Presidents Report, and a copy is attached to these minutes.

5. **Financial Report**

- Richard Jones (Treasurer) talked through the financials for the year ending 31st October 2024 which have been approved our external accountants. Noting the following headlines:
 - i. Overall, the club generated a profit of \$5.9k, this is a significant improvement on the previous year where it made a loss of \$2.6k.
 - ii. Income grew by +\$84k up to \$139.9k, this was driven by an increase in sponsorship income for both our home playing shirts and training shirts, +\$22k, Grant Funding of +\$18k, increase in registrations fees received +\$32k, this includes a slight increase in base registration fees, an increase in total registrations and the one off additional fees charged for player shorts and socks. Note: The combined cost of shorts and socks was \$35 per player, we charged players \$25 with the club covering the remaining \$10 per player.
 - iii. Expenditure grew by +\$76k up to \$134.1k, this was driven by \$54.7k spent on new home playing shirts, shorts and socks for all players, training shirts for 9th grade and up. +\$6.9k was spent on improving signage across the club. +\$.4.3k was also spent on courses to upskill our coaches, we now have 4 junior level 3 qualified coaches.
 - iv. The club spent \$22k on playing equipment, the same as the prior year, this included additional goals for junior football and adidas footballs across all age grade at the club.

- Richard stated that the accountants added a note to the accounts noting that we need to improve processes with regards to Merchandise sales and stock management. Currently not captured correctly, the club will bring in a new process for the 2025 season.
- All present agreed the financial reports to be true and correct.

6. Structure and Board Appointments

- Richard Ashton talked to the proposal for a new structure across the club which had previously been circulated to existing committee members via email, as follows:
 - i. Main Committee with designated roles of
 1. Chairperson of the committee
 2. Club Secretary
 3. Club President
 4. Treasurer
 5. Facilities/Grounds
 6. Equipment/Clubrooms
 7. Director of Football
 - ii. Football Committee to be formed with roles suggested as follows (could change):
 1. Director of Football – Oversees all football at the club
 2. Seniors Representative
 3. 5th to 8th Grade Representative
 4. Junior Representative (9th to 12th Grade)
 5. Youth Representative (13th to 17/19th Grade)
 6. College Representative
 7. Advanced / Elite Players Representative
 8. 1-2-1 Coaching
 9. Girls / Womens football
 - iii. The Chairperson of the Committee will take over responsibilities as laid out in the constitution of the president when running the committee meetings, the President remains the figure head of the club.
 - iv. Discussed that the plan could be to vote In the Director of Football role with the position to remain vacant until job description finalised, and suitable candidates are sourced. By having the role formalised, it will assist in obtaining funding for the position.
- All present agreed to implement the proposed new club structure, no nays' or conversation or questions were raised.
- Everyone present had the opportunity to put their names forward for the main committee positions and the roles were appointed as follows:
 1. Chairperson of the committee - Andrew Pook
 2. Club Secretary - Richard Ashton
 3. Club President - George Moore
 4. Treasurer - Richard Jones
 5. Facilities/Grounds - Gwynn Hoskins
 6. Equipment/Clubrooms - Lucy Coory
 7. Director of Football – Vacant

- George Moore thanked the departing committee members Jacob Paul, Simon Hawken and Stephen Bedford for their excellent service to the committee over the years. All new elected committee members expressed their gratitude for the departing committee members and stated how important each of them remains to the club, particularly in a coaching capacity, connection to Mahu College and their input into the formation of football committee will be vital.

7. General Business

- Mark Reekie raised the subject of Girls Football, and specifically the fact that Mahu College have in the region of 45 girls attending their trials in early March. Opportunity for the club to offer those that are unsuccessful at the trials and therefore not in college teams to create teams at Warkworth Football Club. The committee were highly supportive of this and will take away an action to connect the Girls Coordinator at the club with the college to discuss this further.

Meeting closed at 7.40pm