

AGM Minutes of the NWFC Management Committee

7:41pm Tuesday 5 December 2023

Waiora Hub, Alex Moore Park, Johnsonville

1. Opening of Meeting

David Rayner welcomed our Club Patron, Peter Dunne, Life members, our local MP, Greg O'Connor, senior and junior members, and club supporters. We have a quorum; the meeting can continue.

David opens the meeting.

Present

Peter Dunne – Club Patron; Greg O'Connor – Labour MP; David Rayner (Chairperson), Grant Stephen, Dave Wright, Michael Hinds, Andrea Jetly, James Malden, Ross McMillan, Rachel Woodall, David Woodall, Fraser Kirby, Warwick Smith, Grant Shields, Charmaine Jones, Yunus Musa, Gareth Elmey, Blair Kingsbury, Rachel Finlay, Karen Martin-Bond, Shona MacKay, Mandy MacKay, Steve Gilitis

2. Apologies

Hugo Barber-Dale, Gareth Winder, Charlotte Winder, Dave Wright, Ryan Faithful, Tiarne Southern

3. Confirmation of Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting.

The minutes of the AGM held on 22 November 2022 were circulated and taken as read.

No other matters were raised from the previous AGM minutes.

Motion: The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 22 November 2022 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Michael Hinds

Seconded: Fraser Kirby

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Adoption of Annual Report - Presented by Grant Stephen

Tabled - circulated to members before AGM

Grant welcomed everyone in the room.

Shona McKay got a special welcome. Shona has a great support crew with her, Mandy, Jonesy, and Grant Shields. Shona is our Life Member nomination, which will be discussed later in the meeting.

Our talent development programme collaboration with Onslow has been outstanding. We have a lot of great members here tonight who are involved in the programme. We had a successful Girls Under 14 TDP and boys TDP, where they all won their grades. The Boys made the finals in the Boys National Youth League competition.

We lost two Women's social teams over the last few years. We have started the rebuilding process. Grant specially mentioned our Women's three "blaze" team. They are lots of fun and are the future of our Club. They're a mix of very young girls who go to college. We hope that we can double or triple in the next few years. They have some very talented players, who may bring their mates along and they will be very welcome.

Our Women's top side had a very hard year. The team hung in there, and we hope we get back into the WL side this year, depending on another team not wanting to go up. The Club acknowledges the effort that was made each week. Our team are fighters, and we will keep battling. We have great Managers, Coaches, and players. The club would like to focus on the youth and see several players playing on our top sides now. It's great to see we are growing our own Talent.

Regarding off the Field, we have our usual financial challenges, which will be discussed later in the meeting. Fraser Kirby was thanked for introducing the Annual Survey. The Board got a great understanding of what our members liked and disliked. The incoming Board has lots to focus on for next season.

Grant thanked Warwick for his drive behind the Constitutional change. The Board has not gotten around to this yet, but they plan to get this underway. The Board has three years to complete this. The incoming committee needs to look at our current constitution overall and ensure it is fit for purpose, where we are today as a club, and for what action is needed.

David and Grant are stepping down from the Board. Grant is excited about the replacements coming through. Grant thanked our Volunteers for the great things they do. Grant acknowledged David Rayner and Rachel Woodall; they've been tremendous. David mentioned that Grant has given his all to the Club. He was involved in the Junior Club before becoming President. His support has always been positive. There has been a lot of progress across the Club since David and Grant have been involved. It has been a great team effort. David thanked the Volunteers for giving up their time to make a difference for the Club and the Community. It can be very challenging to get volunteers to be involved. We have great quality, support, and enthusiasm coming from our board. They can step down confidently, knowing the Club is safe.

Motion: The Annual Report (containing both the President's and Chairman's reports) should be adopted.

Moved: Michael Hinds

Seconded: Fraser Kirby

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Presentation of Treasurer's Report - Presented by David Rayner

The Annual accounts were completed by TFS (Yunus) this afternoon. David thanked Yunus for his hard work completing these in time for the AGM.

The Club budgeted for 2023 year for a \$30,000 loss. We hope to improve on that. We have recorded a loss of \$40,000. There were several factors. The biggest factor was the reduction in grant funding, about \$70,000 lower overall, a reduction in sponsorship, and lower revenue due to fewer teams. We reduced our Costings. We controlled our Playing costs. Inflation was running high due to this period. We were faced with some increased costs. The Club, combined with NZ Football and Capital Football, decided to limit the fee increases due to the affordability issues in our community. Our Club is very conscious of this. Despite the loss, our Club still remains in a good financial position.

David spoke about the 2024 Budget, which has been drafted. The Committee has more of an understanding of what is required in the Budget going forward. The Budget is standing at break even. We still need to understand some costs, but we have managed to get some details added to it, i.e. turf, coaches, and players' costs. There are still some costs that still need to go in. There are potential revenue opportunities. Proposals are being drafted but still need to be fully scoped to look at local schools. This has never really been captured before. We are looking at how we can approach Grant funding next year. We have compared North Wellington with other clubs around the region, and we are below the success rate of other clubs. We see a profit opportunity here; there is work for the incoming Committee to do.

Motion: That the 2023 financial accounts be adopted.

Moved: Michael Hinds

Seconded: Ross McMillian

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Election of Club Officers and Management Committee Members

The Chairman advised that the following members had confirmed their wish to continue with/be elected to the management committee for the coming season. He also suggested that any member present at the AGM could be nominated for any role. The following was proposed on masse:

Jonesy said a few words on behalf of Dave Wright. Shona has been involved as a Player since she was a teenager. She never missed a football season, only one season due to pregnancy, but was on the sideline supporting every time. When it comes to having her second child, she worked this around the football season, showing her dedication to the sport. Her support on and off the field has been incredible. She was on the Committee for a long time, actively involved in fundraising and social events. Shona has natural Leadership skills, is always positive, and encourages everyone, including Coaches, players, and club members. Getting teams was sometimes a struggle, but Shona always got players together. Shona is a footballing legend and an important part of the NWFC.

Shona's appointment as a Life Member has been approved by the NWFC Committee. Tonight, was a formal acknowledgement and a chance for Shona's pairs to say a few words about Shona's contribution to the Club.

Shona expressed her gratitude for the friendships she made through the years at the Club and thanked everyone.

10. General Business

Fraser said a few words about the dedication of 23 years Grant Stephens has given to NWFC. The countless hours that Grant has put into the Club was an absolute blessing. There will be massive shoes to fill, but Grant has left the Club in a good place for Fraser to continue the journey. A massive thank you from Fraser and the Committee for the time that Grant has put in was expressed.

Patron Peter Dunne noted what the club has gone through since Grant and David Rayner were involved. There were dreams that were talked about and have now become a reality. For instance, we are a united club with strong female players alongside our men's team. This happened because of David and Grant's drive, determination, and leadership. David and Grant have exemplified this over the years. This Club has done better for what they have done, their sacrifices, their vision, their prodding, and gentle pushing forward. They were faced with challenges, but they never lost their nerve or optimism and the outcomes of those challenges the Club can be greatly proud of and grateful for. David and Grant have been a powerful part of the Club's leadership for a long time. They have left a legacy; we have an exciting, strong professional club with a great future. Well done and thank you. Peter has enjoyed working alongside David and Grant and wishes them all the best for the future.

David Woodall expressed his gratitude to David Rayner, his support to Grant and the Club, and how he conducted his business within the Committee meetings. He managed to steer the club in the right direction, and David Woodall has huge shoes to fill.

David expressed his thoughts towards Grant. It was great to be part of the process of uniting the Junior with the Senior Club and the new premises alongside Grant. Grant had great stamina to keep the Club going with the challenges he faced, and I commended him on getting through these obstacles sometimes on his own and keeping the Club going when there was no Club Manager appointed at this point. He said it had been a fun challenge and a good ride with Grant.

A card of congratulations was given to Grant and David, and we all wished them well.

11. Closing of AGM

Thank you all for attending; there is no further business, so the 2023 AGM closed at 8.22 pm.

Signed:

Andrea Jetly
Secretary
NWFC Management Committee