



North Camp Football Club AGM Minutes 2021

DATE: 02/06/2021 | **TIME:** 07:30
LOCATION: The Swan, Farnborough, GU14 6TL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tom Dallison – Chairman and captain (TD)
Luke Gurney – Treasurer (LG)
Chris Pike – Secretary (CP)
Matt Butler (MB)
Josh King (JK)
Rob Rumbold (RR)
Taylor Johnson (TJ)
Ben Simpson (BS)
Matt Mynard (MM)
Tom Crook (TC)
Bogdan Chitu (BC)
Steve Schofield (SS)
Ed Simpkin (ES)
Josh Ferry-Woodard (JFW)
Craig Hughes (CH)
Dan Knight (DK)
Joe Schoenwerth (JS)

APOLOGIES

Alex Barnett
Momodou Ceesay
Nathan Davis
Peter Jarmyn
Simon Howland
James Howland
Cody Harrison
Dom Webber

AGENDA

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General thoughts on the season
Election of officers
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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

TD presented a thorough report on the season's successes and failures, featuring many UTNCs. The overall feeling was obviously positive, given the club was promoted and has reached a cup final. Special thanks were paid to the sponsors for their help securing the kit, Dan Knight for his work as manager whilst in the role, and James and Simon Howland for their help at the start of the season. Thanks were also paid to Rob Rumbold for his camerawork throughout the season, and Ben Simpson for arranging postgame Guinneses.

TREASURER'S REPORT

LG explained the club's financial position, which is a relatively strong one. Next season will bring with it more costs though, particularly whichever pitch we end up using. So while the account is healthy, we can't afford to be complacent.

Many of the topics and ways in which we will look to use the money are covered below.

LEAGUE UPDATES

The new season will start on September 5th. The date for the cup final has been whittled down to either September 5th or 12th. We have put forward the 12th as our preferred option and wait to hear back from the league.

PRESEASON

General consensus was to look to get 3-4 preseason games, which would mean looking to arrange fixtures from August 8th onwards. A midweek evening game would also be a good option.

DK proposed playing Morley Road or a similar level strength opponent.

MM said his Saturday side may also be interested.

As for training, we will look to start in early July at either the Polo Fields or King George V.

FINES

For the fines already accrued (the amount of which is yet to be tallied up), some kind of social event was proposed. Depending on the amount, it can either be added to the end of season do or be used for a separate event.

JS and **DK** suggested foot golf/pub golf.

ES suggested raising the fine for being late next season.

JS proposed the money generated in the first half of the season goes towards a Christmas party, and thereafter the end of season party.

GENERAL THOUGHTS ON THE SEASON

MM said it was better than his Saturday side.

JS said overall it was a strong squad and there were no tantrums.

JK said the early cups were a travesty but battered everyone else. Thought the team cohesion was superb.

SS said that the number of players that had bought training kit showed the team spirit and that the group will likely stick together for a number of years.

TD said on a number of occasions in previous years we'd have folded in games, but this year stuck it out and got the job done.

DK said it was important to keep working on the style of play we want and making sure that we translate everything we work on in training into the games.

MB said the team got better as the season went on, both in terms of results but also style of play.

JS pointed out that while everything is fine when we're winning, next season should provide tougher tests, so we need to make sure we're ready, both from a footballing point of view, but also mentally if we're suddenly not winning easily each week.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

There were no proposals to change any of the committee members, so all of **TD**, **LG** and **CP** will continue in their current roles.

DK said all three were very approachable, while **ES** said the three work well together.

JK said it was chalk and cheese from the previous season.

TRAINING

CP confirmed that the Wednesday 8-9pm slot at Ash Manor School has already been booked in.

ES said he would like to train for longer. It was widely agreed that arriving at 7.30 to warm up on the grass and do a couple of drills would be good, however not everyone would be able to make it on time due to work. There's also currently the option to stay later, although that can't be guaranteed next season if the pitch is hired out.

LG said if we do decide to train for 30 minutes on grass beforehand, that 7.30 would be the official start time, so late fines would apply from then (with the exception of those coming straight from work).

MB suggested sending out a plan for that evening's session in advance, so people knew what was coming. **LG/TD** countered by saying even they don't know what's coming until everyone there.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

LG gave a full explanation of the reason behind this season's fees, including the 10% discount for full payment up front.

Initially there were no objections to keeping fees the same. **MM** said whatever's best for the club.

JS enquired about making fees the same price for everyone.

JK said so long as everything is communicated, he didn't see any issues.

PITCH

CP said he'd emailed a few times about the pitch at Cody SSC but is yet to hear anything back. He will expand his search just in case that pitch doesn't work out.

DK wondered if we could find a 4G pitch and how the players would feel with that as opposed to potentially Frimley Lodge. Some players don't like the idea of a 4G pitch, although compared to some of the terrible ones at Frimley Lodge, it could be an option.

MM asked how far we'd be prepared to travel, with the answer ideally as local as possible.

TC will check with his work (Farnborough Airport) about the possibility of playing there.

MATCH DAYS

Everyone was happy with the meet times staying at 9.15, to start warming up at 9.30.

JK said that ideally one of the management should be on the bench at all times, to oversee the games and take charge of substitutions etc.

CP said that a lot of plans were sorted in the build-up to the game, and at half time, but admitted that doesn't help with in-game decisions and seeing the flow of the game.

LG said there's no bias about the committee members playing extended minutes.

This topic will be discussed at length in the coming months and will probably be a fluid situation moving forwards.

SPONSORSHIP

The club will look to extend the current sponsorship deals whilst also looking at new options.

BC has spoken to the Swan and managed to secure 25% off food and drink for all North Camp FC members, whether this is after games or during the week. Big thank you to **Bogdan** for sorting this. ***Committee to follow up on this and get written confirmation***

JS, **TC** and **TJ** will all speak to their work about potential sponsorship options.

The idea of a sponsor for the training kit was also put forward.

KIT

The Milan kit was met by a round of boos, however the idea of getting a new away kit was viewed as unnecessary/not a priority by a few members.

DK/JS said that if we do get a new kit it has to be Nike to fit with the current home kit and training gear.

LG put forward the two leading options of navy and maroon, explaining that the darker colours (therefore easier to wash/hide dirt) were a factor. Neither was met with a great deal of excitement.

General consensus seemed to be that a new away kit would be nice, but if the club's finances were tight and money could be spent elsewhere, that would be preferred.

This could depend on sponsorship, so another conversation can be had in due course.

PUB OPTIONS

DK said the choice of pub could depend on where we end up having our home pitch.

Subject to confirmation of the offer above, everyone was happy to go with the Swan from now on, although it should be noted that if we can secure Cody SSC for our home pitch, there is a small bar there that would be ideal for postgame.

SOCIAL EVENTS

BS and **ES** to continue in their roles as social secretaries.

They will look to utilise Facebook polls as well as WhatsApp to organise events.

DK suggested a variety of options – pub golf, foot golf, top golf, an actual golf day.

JK pointed out that if we can get this many people to an AGM, social events should prove successful going forwards.

LG suggested a pool/darts social at Sovereign in North Camp – **CP** to look to arrange.

ES suggested a team day out to Thorpe Park.

EXTERNAL COACH

No one was keen on this idea – preferring instead to promote one of us if necessary. **MB** has taken sessions in the past so could look to do this again. **SS** also offered to help out where necessary.

SUMMER FITNESS SESSIONS

JS suggested joining the boot camp session that takes place at King George V at a similar time to when we train.

MB offered to run a body weight session but doesn't have any equipment to do more than that.

The Strava group was also brought back into focus, as it had a strong uptake last year but hasn't seen much activity recently.

RECRUITMENT

Given how many people were at the AGM and likely to return next year, it was suggested that we don't need a big recruitment drive like in previous years.

DK pointed out that people were keener to play now than in previous seasons, so would cancel other plans to play, rather than the other way round.

SS said it was good to keep players on their toes though.

BC said to take subs into account and make sure we have enough players signed on to cover the costs of the season.

DK pointed out that certain positions in the team might be most likely to see people leaving the club, so we could look to recruit there if anywhere.

It's important to note that this season has seen a very settled team most weeks, due to COVID restrictions on people's movement. As next season comes round and people start to book holidays again, this will have an impact on player availability.

But with this in mind, **CP** pointed out that even if a few people aren't available, sometimes a squad of 13 or 14 is just as capable as a squad of 16 and can be a lot easier to manage. Don't need to be full of players every week.

WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Questions were asked about whether we needed to keep the website, as we are paying for it, but it doesn't see a lot of traffic at the moment.

DK and **TD** both said it would be good to keep it and try to use it more in the coming years, and eventually use it for everything club related, phasing out the use of the Facebook group.

JFW offered to help with the running of the site.

END OF SEASON AWARDS

On the off chance that someone had missed it, the date of Saturday 31st July was confirmed for the end of season awards do.

Some people still need to submit their votes for Players' Player and New Player.

A healthy sum of money will be behind the bar from both the club and **Dom Webber**. Thanks again go to **Dom**.

Most members confirmed their wives/girlfriends would be in attendance.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

RR proposed the idea of getting a company in to film matches, particularly the cup final. He has been in touch with a company already (www.filmmymatch.com), and the cost quoted at £180. This was met positively by the group, so it is something we'll look to pursue. **CP** will contact the league/Rectory to get their thoughts, and potentially split the cost.

After many Guinnesses and a lot of constructive chat, the meeting was brought to an end shortly after 10pm.

