



**Lawford FC**  
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## **Minutes of AGM 12.06.2018**

### **Welcome and Apologies**

**Present:** George Bibby, Richard Pilkington, Carl White, David Dines, Jim Tait, Mark Carey, Nick Anderson, Ben Seaman, Martin Joy, Andy Young, Paul Bowers, Gemma Isaacs, Dave Atton, Lloyd Bellett, Charlie Garland, Jack Cansdale, Mark Simmons, Mark Orrin, Scott Styles, Matt Neve, John Duchars

### **Apologies:**

Jayne Anderson, Jonathan Sly

### **Minutes of the previous AGM:**

Passed

### **Matters arising from these minutes:**

None

### **Chair's Report:**

See John's Report attached. John thanked Nick Anderson for really getting the online part of Lawford FC up to full steam this season with Twitter Accounts for the Club, Lads and Ladies. John also thanked Richard Pilkington for his 6 years of service. Also thanked George Bibby for checking the Match Sheets each week throughout the season. Thanked John O'Mara for his great service as the Men's Secretary. JD has had to pick up the mantle of John as Secretary but has been helped by Lloyd Bellett.

### **Secretary's Report - Juniors:**

Said that there were less fines this season than had ever been. Would like to think it was because the boys were better behaved but felt it might be due to the fact that we had no U16s or U18s this season!. Thanked committee for their support over the years but felt it was the time to stand down. Thanked John Duchars for all his help and support and reiterated how lucky the club were to have such a good and committed Chairman.

### **Treasurer's Report Juniors and Seniors:**

**See attached accounts.**

Both sets of Accounts proposed by Richard Pilkington and seconded by John Duchars.

### **Rules and/or Constitution Changes:**

JD Went through all the changes and asked if there were any questions/proposed changes or amendments. Proposed by John Duchars and Seconded by Carl White. Constitution adopted and policy changes approved by those present.

GDPR - this has now come into effect and will mean a few changes to our documentation. The premise is that people have to agree to what their personal data will be used for - Note to be sent round to all

managers.

This will be reflected in the Club Form which is completed by all at the registrations Day. Also need to put all Docs/constitutions/rules on the club website.

Various question about the U6s - they can train but cannot play matches until they are U7s. Question from the floor about Girls' football but John Duchars said that we did try to get a team together in the past but no lasting success.

Questions about Level 2 courses. Stated that we do encourage people to take relevant courses and people need to claim back if course is agreed upon.

### **Election of Officers and Committee members:**

The following were elected:

John Duchars was elected as Chairman - **Proposed by Nick Anderson/Seconded by Jim Tait**

Jim Tait was elected as Overall Club Treasurer - **Proposed by J. Duchars/Seconded by D. Atton**

Dave Atton was elected as Treasurer(S) - **Proposed by J. Duchars/Seconded by J. Tait**

**Club Secretary (S) - TBD**

Richard Pilkington was elected as Secretary (J) - **Proposed by John Duchars/Seconded by George Bibby**

Jonathan Sly was elected as CWO - **Proposed by J. Duchars/Seconded by Richard Pilkington**

Dave Meakings was elected as Facilities and Construction Officer - **Proposed by J.**

**Duchars/Seconded by Lloyd Bellett**

Carl White was elected Junior/Youth Football Development Officer - **Proposed by**

**J. Duchars/Seconded by Jim Tait**

Pitch Maintenance Co-Ordinator - Dave Atton - **Proposed by John Duchars and Seconded by Lloyd Bellett**

Junior Fixture Secretary - Jayne Anderson - **Proposed by John Duchars and Seconded by Dave Atton**

Senior Fixture Secretary - Lloyd Bellett- **Proposed by John Duchars and Seconded by Dave Atton**

**Media Officer** - Nick Anderson proposed by John Duchars and seconded by Jim Tait

John Duchars stated that really looking for a Fundraising Officer

Any outstanding/required positions to be discussed at further committee meetings.

### **VOTED IN BY SHOW OF HANDS**

Managers and Assistants for 2016/17 Season were approved en masse including Senior teams:

1st Team - Andy Young/Paul Bowers

Ladies - TBC. (Gemma to carry on for now)

Reserves - TBC

Vets - TBC

U6/ - Jack?

U7s - Mark Orrin

U9 Blues - Ben Seaman

U9 Reds - Charlie Garland

U9 Yellows - Jon Haines

U10 - David Dines/Martin Joy

U11 - David Grey/Matt Neve  
U13 - Reds- Douglas Rogers - Administration by Keirsty  
U13 - Blues - Carl White/Rob Bridle  
U14 - Matt Cossor  
U16 -Jonathan Sly - Administration by Nick Anderson

Proposed en masse and passed by Show of Hands

### **Registration, Match Fees and fines:**

**Seniors** - 1st/Reserves: was £65 - but might need to go up as need to pay for Assistants (Registration Fee plus raise money via fundraising). Andy Young thinks that if we raise fee it players might walk

**Vets** - Membership fee only (Incorporates match fee)

**Ladies** - To stay as same

All Seniors fees to be discussed and agreed upon before season start. JT needs to do a cost ratio/assessment to determine fees we can all live with - we want to keep our best players but cannot lose money. David Dines says it feeds right through the club if the Men's team are playing well. Might be useful to look at grants if we need to subsidise the senior teams to keep the best players - reflects well on the club as a whole. Most of the 1st team are local lads. Should discuss situation at next Management meeting.

Juniors to be raised from £125 to £130/year. There would be 2 x installments. The £130 made up of £65 registration fee and then £65 fee (No refund on Registration Fee). The fee includes

Winter Training at East Bergholt

Development Teams would be £65/Year.

Under 6s development Team fee - TBD

All the above dependent on normal circumstances. If mitigating/hardship occurs, then the committee would take this into account.

John Duchars stated that we are an inexpensive club compared with other clubs but our finances are very good and well managed.

JT Proposed fee and it was seconded by Carl White

### **Allowable Team expenses:**

£50 per year

### **AOB:**

1. We need to encourage people to put forward new ideas such as have been suggested - Solar Panels on the roof to reduce utility bills,
2. Would be great to be able to sort out the tennis courts so we could use them as a training area
3. David Dines expressed a concern that with extra U9 team there would be 4 teams on the 7vs7 pitch and would it be a problem? John Duchars felt there were options such as moving the 5 a side pitch. Carl White was asked if the league could only assign 2 x Up teams at home at any one time, but it was felt this was not practical as we were then reliant on the league - better to have another pitch. Carl also suggested that we could maybe use the East Bergholt pitch but it was felt the club would lose out financially as they would not come back to the club and not spend money in the Tea Bar. John Duchars said that we needed to monitor it and see how it goes.
4. Andy Young asked if the training lights will be fixed - this was confirmed as fixed.
5. Paul Bowers felt it was a bit 1 sided that Dave Atton had to do both Seniors and Juniors pitches and asked if someone from the Junior Section could also help

John Duchars thanked everyone for coming and closed meeting at 21:20