

AGM

ST ANTHONYS FOOTBALL CLUB

THURSDAY 5th JUNE, 2008

AGENDA

Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

Chairperson's Report

Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report

Motions

Presentations

Election of Committee

Open discussion (at Chairperson's discretion)

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The 2007-2008 kicked off with 13 Junior and 3 Senior teams competing in their respective leagues. In addition over 40 children were registered for the Development Squad this is testament to the growth and future development of the club.

Obviously looking after this number of players requires management and I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all managers and assistants for their dedication and valued time over the season. The Secretary will elaborate further on the continued success of our teams over this season.

With such numbers now involved in playing for the club the smooth running of the club is essential to its future development and success. A club is only as good as the people who are running it and I would like to think that the current committee who each have designated roles on the committee have done a very good job over the past year and I would like to thank each of them personally:

Derek Mulligan - Club Secretary

Jim Stafford - Club Treasurer

Dave Hunt - Club Register

Robert Jennings- Fixtures Sectary

Kevin Reynolds - Club Grounds man

Marty Hudson - Fundraising

Thecla Harding Downes - Sponsorship

Noel Morrissey - Fundraising

Elaine O'Neill - Fundraising

Mary Magee - All Weather Coordinator

Paddy Mc Glynn - CLO

John Cullen - Managers Rep

With the season well under way and Christmas fast approaching our first annual fundraiser was the Christmas Raffle. I would like to thank all those involved in the organising of the raffle which was again a huge success and thanks again to Willie Doyle of Lee's for allowing us to use the premises. A special thanks to Alison Farrell who put together the wonderful hampers Dave Hunt MC for the night who really got the crowd going and Noel Morrissey and Thecla Harding Downes for their efforts in selling tickets on the night. I would also like to thank Dave Pegman of the Motor Body Shop for his continued support in sponsoring the cost of the tickets for this draw.

Also a special thanks to Thecla Harding Downes for contacting Santa and arranging to fly him by helicopter to Finn Park for all the Academy and Under 8 teams. A big thank you to Paul Kelly Jr and pilot Johnny Nugent.

Kevin Reynolds has to be hugely thanked for the amount of work he does as grounds man and the pride he takes in keeping the place in such good order. An endorsement of the playing surfaces is the number of Final's that the Wicklow Senior and Schoolboy's leagues have held on the pitches and the recent Inter County day that the WDSL ran in Finn Park. All members in the club should therefore respect Kevin's decision's to refrain

from using the main pitches during the winter months for warm-ups and training in order to keep the pitches at the standards that Kevin has worked so hard to achieve.

We had various sponsors of Football Gear for teams this year and I would like to thank the following people:

Ray O'Neill - Charlesland Taxi's, Trevor Phillips -Tax Advisors, Noel Morrissey-Bracken Office Interiors, Tenix Ltd, Mark Mannix , National Sprinkler Ireland Ltd, The Copper Kettle.

We had some bad luck in January with the roof of the All-Weather collapsing following some bad weather. As the all-weather is one of the main sources of income for the club the decision was taken by the committee to carry out some much needed work on upgrading these facilities. We have replaced the two endings with new fence work and are in the process of finishing off the ball-barriers around the sides. We have undertaken to carry out further work on upgrading the playing surface. I would like to thank Roy Byrne for his understanding and cooperation in allowing us to replace the roof on the all-weather with the ball barriers.

Good luck usually follows Bad and we had some good news following the recent events organised by our fundraising committee. Firstly we had our Dog's race night which brought in over €2,545 well done to a simple but great idea from Marty Hudson and thanks to all those managers who sold race cards. The second event was a sponsored walk by our Development Squad and Under age teams which was also a great success organised by Noel Morrissey which brought in over €3,796. A special thanks to Bracken Interiors who sponsored the cards for this walk.

Vodafone have approached the committee with a submission to erect a 3G telephone mast in Finn Park. This proposal is in the very early stages of discussions between the Club, Wicklow County Council and Vodafone and we have commissioned a full Health & Environmental study before bringing any findings to the members of the club. When we have completed our studies we will present all findings and the proposition by Vodafone to all members at an EGM.

As no nominations were received by the Club Secretary within 14 days of the date of the AGM then it is deemed that the current committee are returned unopposed. The current committee have agreed to return en-bloc for another year.

The annual Club Barbeque will be held on Sunday 29th June and I look forward to seeing all club members and players at the presentations.