

Chair's Report February 2020

Following a productive and well attended Trustees Group meeting in January, I am pleased to announce that we have appointed three new Trustees to enable us to meet the demands required of the Club as it grows.

Stewart Ferguson, Bryan Peet and Lee Hutcheon will each bring their own personal experience and knowledge which will enhance the Trustee Group resilience and performance.

Following on from the AGM it was decided to host a Dinner/ Consultation evening at Kirriemuir Golf Club on 17 January 2020. This proved to be a success in as much it allowed the 32 attendees from the coaches, managers and support volunteers to come together for a first time and exchange views and ideas. Several valuable suggestions emanated from the event and are either being actioned or under consideration by the Trustees Group, whilst all football matters continued to be dealt with by the Football Development Group.

At the last Trustee Group meeting it was unanimously agreed to offer an extension of role of a further year to Garry Balfour, our Community Development Officer, who has already made a significant contribution in taking the Club forward. We are pleased to announce that this offer has been accepted and we look forward to further success.

We are also examining our social media strategy in order that we can report accurately and promote and publicise our work as well as being transparent and accountable. From now on the Trustee Group minutes of Meetings will be placed on the KTCFC website. This improvement programme will be led by Mike Davie and we now actively looking to identify an Assistant Web Administrator. This is perhaps an opportunity for a keen younger person who has the requisite skill set. Look out for this being advertised on our website.

Stewart Ferguson reported to the meeting that the Club have been awarded the SFA Community Level (Gold) Certificate for the next two years. This is very encouraging and provides a basis for discussion on how we approach the next level Legacy (Platinum) Award. Many thanks to Stewart for his considerable efforts in achieving this quality mark award.

Garry Balfour has continued to grow the Scott McKenna Soccer School and his first "graduates" have moved onto the 2014 team. Many thanks go to Garry's team for their efforts.

Our CDO also facilitated a coaches/ managers training session at Webster's High School earlier this month and it was particularly encouraging to see 20 of our members in attendance and have the opportunity to develop their knowledge and skills with Kevin Garrick from Dundee FC Youth Academy. It is intended to host similar Master Classes as the season progresses.

We are also hosting a Recruitment Day for girls at Webster's High School on 22 February and are hoping for a good turnout - thanks go to team members for arranging the day.

Having canvassed the views of all our coaches and managers we are considering a similar approach with our team members to ascertain their thoughts about the Club direction but more on this will follow.

Another suggestion proposed was to explore the possibility of a Community Asset Transfer for the purchase of Martin Park. This would be an enormous task and due consideration will be given before any action taken.

As I have indicated, much work needs to be done in taking the Club forwards. Some voluntary positions will be advertised soon and we hope to attract interest from our parents' group.

We may be looking for someone to administer MyClub Hub and also the Kit and Equipment role. These are roles vital to the Club and more details will be made available soon.

Further consideration is also to be given to holding a Gala Day during the summer allowing us to host our Annual Team Awards together on the same day.

Our last major issue in the planning is the holding of Football Camps during the Easter, summer and autumn school holidays and it is hoped to have these arrangements on the website Twitter and Facebook quite soon.

As can be seen from what you have read, there is a lot ongoing and more to come and we would ask that you give some consideration as to how you can help both in the short and/or longer term. If there are any questions or notes of interest please contact me via the email address below.

Many thanks,

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