WEST OF SCOTLAND FOOTBALL CLUB

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Held on Zoom on Wednesday 28th October 2020 at 7.15 pm**

PRESENT: Rose Barr (Hon Secretary), Willie Barr, Ian Busby, Gordon Cairns, John Cameron, Susan Cameron, Andrew Cooper, Colin Gemmell, Richard Godfrey, Janice Hawton, Tom Hawton, Ian McDiarmid, Colin Mair, Donald Malone (Honorary President) Chris Marriot, Gavin Moran, Chris Quinlivan, Andrew Primrose, Eric Smith, Grant Smith, Allan Snedden, Iain Stark, Iain Stewart, Neil Stobie,

# AGM Procedure.

Hon. Secretary Rose Barr welcomed everyone to the meeting – the first meeting in 155 years to be held remotely. She also advised those attending of procedures to be followed as meeting was being conducted via Zoom. Also confirmed that only full members were eligible to vote on resolutions.

# Apologies.

The Hon. Sec. read the apologies: - Ainsley McIntrye, Inez McIntyre, Sue Spence, Alex Watson.

# Deceased Members.

The Hon. Sec. made reference to members who had sadly died during the preceding year – Donald Clark, Ian Duncan, Haig Harl, Alexander Kennedy, Andrew McGregor, Brian Parkhill and John Prentice. No other deaths were advised.

# Notice of AGM.

The President, conducted the meeting and welcomed everyone to the AGM and outlined the unusual format to be adopted. He proposed that the Notice, calling the meeting, be taken as read. **Agreed.**

# Minutes of 2019 AGM

**Proposed by Iain Stark and seconded by Neil Stobie.** Approved unanimously.

1. Annual Reports - President and Playing.

#### President’s Report.

The President alluded to his report, printed in full in the AGM notice issued in April and, re-issued in October this year, and asked that all of the reports referred to – be taken as read. Copy of AGM notice/reports attached for information.

#### Senior Playing Report – Ian McDiarmid

Members were advised that the details of this report were printed in full in the AGM notice issued in April and re-issued in October this year. Copy of report attached for information.

#### Junior Playing Report – Chris Quinlivan

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### Estates Report – Donald Malone

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# e) Presentation of Trophies – not possible this year due to circumstances.

There were no questions from the floor on the foregoing reports.

 **Proposed by Gordon Cairns and Seconded by Iain Stewart,**

### 2. Annual Accounts to 31st December 2019

The President referred to the untimely death of John Prentice, Honorary Treasurer. An urgent replacement system of accounting was required and, a company called BDO, are now undertaking much of this work on behalf of the club. Consequently, the role of club treasurer is under review. Any changes to the committee structure may result in a constitutional change – in that case, this matter will be presented to members at the next AGM, for their perusal/approval.

At the request of the President, Iain Stewart referred to the printed Accounts and the report in the AGM Notice Booklet.

Iain thanked Eric Smith for his assistance and work over the past year.

The following questions/observations were raised: -

* Chris Marriot – questioned the large increase in gas and electricity costs. The President explained this related to the recent end of a 2-year fixed deal for these utilities and a huge hike in current tariffs. The increased use of the facilities has also resulted in higher usage of electricity e.g. floodlights.

The President explained that the accounts had been audited by BDO this year.

**The President asked for acceptance of the Accounts. Proposed by Chris Marriot and Seconded by Gordon Cairns. Unanimously agreed.**

### 3. Membership Report.

Willie Barr referred to his printed report published in the AGM notice - copy of report attached for information.

**Fees Motion.**

There will be no increase to the current fees for season 2020/21 in line with the published resolution.

* Senior Playing Members - £210
* Non-Playing Members - £110
* Country Members - £85
* Family Membership - £250 (2 adults & 2 children; £50 per additional child)
* Family Membership - £200 (2 adults & 1 child)
* Overseas Members - £55
* Junior Playing Members - £135 (under 16 as at 30/9/19)

**Proposed by Iain Stewart and seconded by Iain Stark.** Unanimously agreed.

**Election of Office Bearers and Committee for 2020/2021**

The following elections were made: -

Office Bearers

1. **President**  Donald Malone

Proposed and Seconded by General Committee. Elected Unopposed

Donald Malone advised on his intention to serve this year and next year to ensure continuity. He then proceeded to conduct the elections of the rest of the Office bearers and Members of the General Committee for 2020/2021.

1. **Vice Presidents** Ian McDiarmid (Senior Playing)

 Iain Stewart (Finance & Development)

 Chris Qunilivan (Junior Playing)

1. **Hon Treasurer** Subject to future discussion.
2. **Hon Secretary** Rose Barr

1. **Other Committee Members -**  Willie Barr, Eric Smith, Sue Spence, Allan Snedden and Alex Watson. Club Captain, Scott Cochran, is an ex officio member of the General Committee.

**All under (b) to (e) proposed by Grant Smith, Seconded by John Cameron.**

All above approved unanimously

Donald Malone asked if there were any more proposals for committee members from the floor – there were no proposals.

**AOCB**

**Vote of Thanks**

Neil Stobie thanked the committee for their work over the last year and especially during the current difficult circumstances. He made special mention of Ian McDiarmid who is the club’s Covid19 officer. This is a role which is crucial but extremely time consuming and onerous. The sentiment and gratitude were echoed by all attending.

Richard Godfrey asked for an update on the vandalism problem and the President provided details of current situation and what actions had been taken to deal with this ongoing problem. Allan Sneddon advised that local businesses such as Kelvin Timber and Arnold Clark have also been affected by this problem.

The President officially ended the meeting and invited those joining to stay on and have a general chat – as they might have – had we been able to meet in person.

Meeting closed at 8.05 p.m.