

Meeting of Ridware YFC on Wednesday 4th July 2018, 8pm at Abbots Bromley Village Hall.

Present:

Valerie Brown (Club President)
Lisa Harrison (Advisory)
Pam Latchford (Advisory)
George Goodwin (Club Leader)
Julia Taylor (County Organiser)
David Heminsley (County President)
Amy Latchford (member)
Will Latchford (member)
Jennie Garvey (member)
Kasey Dale (member)
Eleanor Roobottom (member)
George Roobottom (member)
Travis Buchannan (member)

Margaret Bennett (Advisory)
Graham and Rachael Roobottom (Advisory)
Julie Roobottom (Advisory)

Apologies:

Chris Eaton (member)
Lib Prince (Club Leader)
Tom Harrison (member)
Louise Smith (Advisory)
Janette Prince (Club Treasurer)
Harry Buchannan
Francesca Fowler – Walsh
Will Roobottom

Valerie opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Pam Latchford asked that the meeting note the sad and sudden passing of Henry Tomlinson's mum. Thoughts are with Henry, a valued member of the club, and his family at this very difficult time.

Apologies for Absence: As recorded above.

Record of Attendance: As recorded above.

Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes of the meeting held with members and the Club Advisory were read out and signed as a true and correct record.

Club Treasurers Report on the financial position of the club to date: The copies of the accounts, kindly provided by Janette Prince, showed the position of the club finances, as expected at the end of August 2018. It was noted that the Total Income was £2023.60 with an expenditure of £4156.31. Pam Latchford queried the over-spend on the Show Float materials, which had been set at £100, however it was noted that although £130.16 had been spent, there had also been an income of £126.60 against this. A query was also raised about the cost of the hire of the village hall, and whether this had been charged incorrectly – George Goodwin will look into this further and report back before the AGM about the hourly rate of the room, which is used on average by the club for 1.5 hours. Janette had sent over a report accompanying the accounts, which explained that there is the levy charge of £778.55 based on 23 members from the year 17/18 left to pay to SCFYFC in September 18 and that there will be no insurance costs to pay, as this is paid in arrears. The balance remaining in the Club Funds expected to be £1543.09, subject to any other costs or amounts being presented between now and end of August. The accounts will be presented to Steve Reeves for auditing and then to be formally adopted at the Club AGM in September. Thanks were expressed to Janette for presenting the accounts so clearly.

The Future of Ridware YFC: The club has held a couple of activities since the County Show, including a social with Chase YFC. The possibility to explore joining with Chase YFC was not a viable one. Discussions surrounding the future of the club ensued, with the final conclusion being that Ridware YFC should close for the foreseeable future, with the finances of the club held in trust by SCFYFC until such time that the area could be explored to re-open again. The closure of Ridware YFC was formally proposed by Jennie Garvey and seconded by Kasey Dale. There were no further proposals, objections or abstentions.

Assets belonging to the Club:

3 rafts – these will be disposed of by Val Brown as deemed unsuitable to store and unsafe to try and float!
Club White Stockjudging Coats and a bingo Machine – George Roobottom to bring to the AGM to go into storage at the YFC Centre.

Santa Sleigh, Lights and Christmas Tree – the sleigh is of sentimental value and was made and painted by Ridware YFC members. Valerie Brown is happy to store this, it is currently covered in plastic and safe.

Cookery Display Board – being stored at Pam Latchfords – happy to continue this.

Club Display Board – being stored at Cowley Hill Farm – happy to continue this.

Trophies – there are three trophies to be located as follows: Best Boy, Best Girl, Member of the Month. Katie Pollock, Jordan Brandrick to be asked about these.

It was thought that one cup was donated by Tom Farrington but unsure which one.

Graham and Rachael Roobottom though that there were further cups/awards belonging to Ridware YFC and will look into this further. Julia will also post on the Facebook page as a public post about any items or awards asking for them to be returned.

It was discussed about offering the assets of the club to other clubs for a small donation, but after giving it some thought, members decided to keep to the above and then the items are there for when the club looks to reopen in the future.

Club Jute Bags which were presented to the Club Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer by the Staffordshire YFA a few years ago – these are to be located and stored at the YFC Centre for safekeeping. Julia to contact the following and ask for them to be bought to the AGM: Louise Smith for Secretary; Janette Prince for Treasurer; George Roobottom for Chairman

Finances of Ridware YFC:

Graham Roobottom queried the current accounts – the levy bill for the year 17/18 is far higher than the membership income. Julia Taylor explained that this is due to the Club having more members during the year 16/17 and the levy bill is invoiced in arrears. He also queried why the £587.39 had been paid to charity. Val Brown was explained that this was money which was raised by the club at previous events over the years and stated as being raised for a specific charity. It was explained that as per the Charity Commission guidance, this money cannot then be used to subsidise a lack of club funds.

As per the Club Constitution, it was proposed that that the Club Finances should be held by SCFYFC in trust for 7 years and should the club not reopen after 7 years, then the finances would then be moved into SCFYFC general funds was proposed by Amy Latchford and seconded by Kasey Dale. There were no further proposals, objections or abstentions.

Date and venue for final meeting of Ridware YFC:

Wednesday 5th September 2018 at The Gun Room, Cowley Hill Farm, Hamstall Ridware, WS15 3QQ, 8pm by kind permission of Graham and Rachael Roobottom. Rachael will kindly provide some refreshments.

Any other Business:

Jennie Garvey thanked everyone for their support and help with Ridware YFC.

A note from Francesca Fowler Walsh was read out – George Roobottom was thanked for all his efforts as the Club Chairman during the last year.

Chris Eaton email was read out – apologies for not making the meeting and encouraging the remaining members to go and enjoy YFC and all it has to offer.

Dave Heminsley – thanked everyone for their help and reminded all those remaining members that YFC is a team effort and should not be left to just one or two people. In a few years time, with more experience, the members will be able to come together to try and reopen Ridware YFC all being well.

Valerie Brown thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was closed at 9.04pm

Signed _____ Dated _____