MINUTES OF MEETING

ST JAMES ATHLETIC FC

MEETING DETAILS: MONTHLY COMMITTEE

Meeting Date & Time: 8.30pm, 9th March 2017

Attendees: J Greaney (JG) - Chairman

Eddie McGrath (EMG) – Secretary Peter McElroy (PME) – Treasurer

Colin MacKay (CMK) - Committee Member

John O'Neil (JON) - Committee Member (Absent) John Hamilton (JH) - Committee Member (Absent)

Item:	Minute of Meeting:	Action By
1	New Calendar Year: Club to issue a memo to all members outlining details of the new calendar league, which starts now and will run until Dec 2017. This will mean the team members starting now will break for the summer and restart the same league in September. This will also affect the academy.	JG/PME
	A top up fee of €120.00 will apply for the second half of the season, to align the club to annual fees in line with the new calendar year of football. This fee will be collected in early May 2017. The club has already paid for registration of its members for the full calendar year.	
	Players are registered with each team for the full year. If a player wants to leave the club, a transfer form must be signed to change registration with the SDFL.	
	The club will clarify whether teams registered in a Saturday league must play in a Saturday league in September.	EMG
2	Financial forecast up to summer: Current accounts shows a projected €2k loss, excluding fundraising and sponsorship. Club membership is 173, with membership of the academy lower than other years. Refer to actions around fund raising.	
3	Current Membership: Total membership is at 172.	
4	Future of club: Club future was debated. Key to the club's long term future is increasing the participation of parents in the running of the club. It was agreed to host a monthly meeting of the committee, with at least one representative if each team year. Support of the academy is vital, to increase membership and continuity of teams. Next meeting will be the second Thursday in April, and hosted on the second Thursday of each month in the Goat Pub (for now).	
5	Fundraising: Club agreed to sell advertising space at our home grounds, for the following fees:	
	€250 for sign, €500/ year for a minimum of three (3) years. Club will approach members for advertisement. Coaches are encouraged to seek potential companies who will sponsor a sign and contribute to the funding of the club.	

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	The club would like to develop its academy, enhance its local presence at Benildus with a changing facility/ coffee outlet and repair the main pitch with some much needed maintenance (drainage repair). Also to hire a maintenance person to look after the grounds. The club agreed to host a table quiz at the Goat Pub, on Thursday 27 th April 2017. There will be a raffle draw. The club will circulate raffle tickets.	СМК
6	<u>Use of Rosemount:</u> The club has secured the use of ROSEMOUNT pitch in Dundrum from the council. The club agreed that all Sunday matches should be played at ROSEMOUNT for most of the season, to reduce the foot traffic on Benildus (currently hosting U12 x 2 teams and U13 x 3 teams). The Cub will inform the SDFL.	EMG
	The club will secure storage facilities for the netting and corner flags from the Council.	JG
7	Long term fix for main pitch: The club will approach the Benildus school and ask for a reduction in annual charges for the main pitch (€7,500) to offset costs of annual maintenance charges (€2,500). The club will also discuss with the school the long term repair of the pitch to deal with the drainage issue.	JG
8	Long term roles: The club needs a strong committee, and will look for nominations to take over key roles from September onwards. Please submit your names if you would be interested in joining our committee.	CLUB Members
9	Academy The Club agreed to appoint Barry McCabe as Academy director, and to review the timing of the academy to see if an afternoon time would be better for parents. The Club will market its academy into the local schools and offer an attractive package for new members until summer.	
10	Sponsorship The club is currently sponsored by Shanahan Engineering, for a fee of €5,000 every 2 years. This covers the cost of jerseys and club equipment. The club will investigate with other clubs the typical sponsorship fees. The club is open to a new sponsor.	
11	Goal Keeper Coaching Barry McCabe has volunteered to coach goal keepers during the weekly training sessions. Barry is a past player from St James Athletic senior team, and will attend FAI coaching courses in the coming weeks. This will be a great addition to the club training sessions.	
12	Communication Web site has not been updated since 2014. The club will contact the provider and expedite this update over the coming week. The FACEBOOK account will also be managed.	JG
12	Grants The club will approach the local council for grants, to enhance our club facilities at Benildus and maintenance of the grounds.	JON