

Youth Council Meeting – 7/3/16

Present – Toby Elgar (TJE), Adam Whyte (AW), Harry (HE), Adam Barton (AB), Jake Swan (JS), Ellis, Annie, Joe (JV), Alex (AT), Kieran

Late – Finlay (FW), Niall (NW)

Apologies – Ben McG, Charlie

Item 1 – Starter Discussion

- The group were split into two as they took part in a debate arguing FOR and AGAINST the use of technology in football
- JS – Technology allows for a fair outcome, justice in decisions, less pressure on referees and a deters bad tackles
- Ellis – But it takes time and is very costly and may encourage sendings off, making the crowd more angry
- NW – it interrupts the game making it less fluid as a game
- Annie – It wouldn't take too long as only the key decisions would be made
- Ellis – The pressure on the referee would remain the same
- NW – lower league teams would not be able to afford it

Item 2 – Updates

- AB will take over the website completely in two weeks
- TJE has resent the designs for the youth council section of the website
- The greater interaction project will be set up once again with other members of the youth council going out and doing some surveys – likely to happen at the end of April
- TJE and AB went to a managers meeting where they discussed streaming – the process whereby age groups hold trials for all of their players at that age and get put into teams based on their ability
- The streaming would, if it is approved, go ahead at the start of each season
- Five members of the youth council have been streamed already
- HE – it must have been disheartening for some players in our team to be classified as the 'third' team.
- 3 of the youth council members would prefer to be put into a team based on the other members of the side (their friends), the remaining 9 members would prefer to be put into a team based on their ability (more likely to win)
- NW – streaming may also motivate people to do better and get into the better team
- However TJE also asked the group whether they'd be happy to be streamed in their age groups right now, this wasn't popular with the group
- AB – my under 11s would definitely rather be picked in a team based on who their mates are
- The group will use their greater interaction project to gain a greater opinion across all age groups on the 'streaming' process; without explicitly mentioning streaming of the streaming process
- AB – the club need to decide now how they're going to move forward. Do they want to continue to be a friendly club who welcomes all players into a mixed ability team who may lose and win some games, or do we want to change into a club who stream and want to get the best teams and results possible?
- Ellis – if you are the managers son you wouldn't want to not be coached by your dad

- NW – players build relationships with coaches. Some people don't want to have a different coach now
- The group agreed that the streaming process wouldn't be good for over the under 10s age group

Item 3 – RESPECT Project

- Since the last meeting TJE has been in touch with Luke (Kent FA) who has sent the youth council's respect campaign to the Kent FA respect board (Natalie Curtis) – who may give some funding
- The money from Natalie Curtis would not cover the whole cost of the banners, therefore the group needed to brainstorm how to raise some funds for the remaining money
- FW – five-a-side tournament to raise funds
- JV – packing carrier bags
- AT – sell Tankerton Merchandise
- JS – I could swim the length of the English Channel at Whitstable Swimming pool
- NW – sponsored swim or run
- AB – car park or a funday stall (soak your manager)
- Kieran - crossbar challenge
- Annie – a sponsored tournament (£2 a player or £5 a team)

Item 4 – News

- Due to left overs from last week and the poor distribution the next newsletter will be for Funday
- This year each manager will get a box of newsletters for their team to take away with their trophies
- Over Easter TJE will build up the newsletter containing already received articles and new articles over the next few weeks
- The next issue is whether they could be digital
- Next season the youth council are hoping to take a different focus on how newsletters get distributed (possibly distributing to shops down certain high streets)
- TJE also sent the youth council members a link to the Football Futures programme – most members would be happy to sign up to FF next meeting
- Ellis, JV and NW would like to become involved in some sort of coaching soon at Tankerton