

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HERTFORDSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION LIMITED HELD ON 06 JUN 17 AT WELWYN SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

Apologies	Vicki Askew, Keith Hicks, Alan Willmott, Ken Coniam, Dennis Jackson Letchworth Garden City Eagles, East Herts Corinthians League, Graham Martin, Paul Henley, Bob Trevor, Tring Athletic, Janet Chapman, Mick Rampley, Wymondley Park YFC, Les Crabtree, Hitchin Town C&D, Tony Eden, Angie Searle, Ware Youth, Garston Ladies FC, Swans Markyate, AFC Hatfield, Cecilia Nwobi, Pig and Whistle, Mike Williams, Bushey Sports Club U18, Brian Barter, Standon & Puckeridge FC,
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1. Welcome by Chairman

B Curtis and welcomed everybody to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Hertfordshire Football Association, and introduced himself and those Officers representing the Association and the members of Staff who were also in attendance.

B Curtis formally welcomed Melissa Newlin to Hertfordshire FA as a full time member of Staff, after just completing her apprenticeship. He also welcomed Bert Dearman and Eric Hand after them having issues attending meetings over the past year.

V Askew our Chief Executive is unable to attend but wishes us a successful meeting.

He went on to explain that this meeting is a legal requirement due to the Association being a Limited Company

After the completion of the AGM there will be three Working Groups to discuss 11v11 Football, The Women & Girls Strategy and Volunteering and encouraged those in attendance to attend discussions with HFA Staff to discuss these topics.

2. To receive Formal Notice of Meeting

Notice of the AGM was read out by George Wells.

B Curtis asked that we take time to remember all those involved in “the football family” that we have lost over the past year, and asked those present recognise their contribution and loss by observing a minutes silence in respect.

3. To receive apologies for absence

G Wells read out a list of apologies received that is shown above.

4. To confirm the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 7th June 2016

Proposed by Dawn Button of Bury Rangers Youth
Seconded by Michelle Chandler of HGFPL

5. To receive and adopt the Annual Reports

Chairman’s Report

We are seeing major changes within the governance of The County FA and will be advertising for an “Independent Director” to increase diversity on The Board.

The Association is still in the process of looking at the possible development of the County Ground as a 3G development to form a Football Community Hub.

Chief Executive Update – No comments or questions

Competitions Report – No questions or comments

Referee Committee Report – No comments or questions

Representative Report – No comments or question

Finance Report– No comments or questions

Our Accountants, Wagstaffs are in attendance should anyone have questions on the Annual Accounts. This Financial Statement covers a 6 month period only, as the Directors have decided that it makes more sense for our finances to run season to season, rather than year to year.

As a matter of detail, Page 16 shows a considerable saving as a result of not having hard back Handbooks printed.

Under Expenditure on Page 15, concerns had been expressed over Director's salaries, however Directors do not receive salaries.

One of the requirements of the AGM is to confirm the appointment of the Auditors for the Company, and it was proposed that Wagstaffs should be appointed and this was agreed by the Meeting.

**6. To receive and adopt the Statement of Accounts for the period
1st January to 30th June 2016**

These were accepted by the Meeting.

7. Confirmation of Officer appointments for Season 2017-2018

These are shown for information as they were appointed at the last Council Meeting in accordance with our Articles. No questions or comments.

The Association now has number of additional Representatives, from various Groups within football in Hertfordshire that attend Council. This is to reflect changes required by The Football Association to have a more diverse representation in the Council.

B Curtis ran through the details of the Representative Members listed, and encouraged those organisations who have currently not put forward a Representative to do so.

The Association has been informed that sadly the Welwyn and Hatfield Sunday League has folded on 05.06.17 and will not be running next Season.

E Dowber confirmed that the League had reluctantly decided not to operate next Season as a number of Clubs have left to join other Leagues without notification but they are looking to continue the Season after next.

P Waller from Potters Bar FC asked what efforts were being made to try and ensure that Leagues continue and are involved. G Wells stated that we have spoken to half of the Leagues for league Working Group at Steps 7 or 8 to Meet on a bi-monthly basis. We will pursue them to try and encourage them to become a part of Council.

8. Amendments to the Rules of the Association

- B Curtis announced the proposed rule changes to be voted on

PA Insurance

Our Association Rule to reflect The FA requirement for all Clubs to take PA insurance despite age.

This has been agreed by majority

Changes to Rules for County Representative Teams

Release of Players

S Hedley spoke on the problems on the release of Players from Clubs to represent the County. The proposed change will make it easier for Clubs to gain a postponement of their League fixture in the event of game.

Awards

This allows the Committee flexibility in deciding the appropriate item to be awarded to Players for representing the Association

All agreed.

9. Presentations

S Hedley, Chairman of the Representative Teams' Committee, provided the meeting with a "snapshot" of Eddie Dowber's football career as he has now reached the statutory retirement age from Council.

Eddie is standing down after acting as Representative Teams' Secretary for 21 years, and he will be sorely missed by all. We hope that he will still continue to come to as many games as possible.

S Hedley then asked E King to present an engraved salver to E Dowber to recognise and thank him for his years of service to Representative Football.

10. Questions from the floor to the Chair or Chief Executive

A question was asked by a Youth Club concerning the changes in relation to PA Insurance, asking why have we changed this requirement as it a cost to Clubs.

G Wells stated that this has come from The FA and forms part of the Standard Code of Rules (SCOR) for Leagues. The FA has researched this over 5 year period, and this has been mandatory for adults. Due to recent events around safeguarding, they feel cost is worthwhile as it is something in place to help keep the children safe. We believe the cost is a small issue compared to the help.

11. Any other Business - by permission of the Chair

None raised

12. Close of Meeting

In closing B Curtis informed the Meeting that next year's AGM may change as we are making changes to our Articles.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:06

Chairman