



Minutes of the Cambridgeshire Football Association Annual General Meeting on Monday 27th June at Histon Baptist Church, 2 Poplar Road, Histon, Cambridge, CB24 9LN. Commencing at 7pm

Present:

Clubs

Barrington, Bassingbourn, Cambourne Town, Milton, Papworth

Leagues

Cambridge & District Colts League, Cambridge & District Sunday League, Cambridgeshire County League, Cambridgeshire Mini Soccer League, Cambridgeshire Women's and Girls' League

Council Members

A. Alvarez, R. Arbelaez, P. Brasher, K. Diver, A. Durman, M. Foster, J. Gee, T. George, I. Greenstock (Vice Chair), J. Hill, P. Hill (Chair), R. James, G. Jolley, I. King, M. Luffman, R. Mallett (President), B. Meldal, M. Mizon, R. Nichols, M. Pauley, R. Pawley, A. Reeves, H. Smart, M. Symonds, R. Thompson, C. Williamson, D. Woodrow

Cambs FA Staff

C. Abbott, J. Bull (Chief Executive), K. Critchley

Apologies for Absence

Clubs

Abington United, AFC Ely, Arbury Aces, Bar Hill Colts, Benwick Athletic, Cambridge City, Cambridge City Ladies and Girls, Cambridge University Press, Chatteris Fen Tigers Engineers, Cherry Hinton, Chesterton Eagles, Clavering Foxes, Comberton Crusaders, Comberton United, Coton, Cottenham United, Drayton Lions, Duxford United, Dynamo Foxton and Fowlmere, Ely City Crusaders, FC Kennett, FC Parson Drove, Fenland Police, Fordham, Foxton, Free Press Zebra, Fulbourn Institute, Gamlingay United, Guilden Morden, Haddenham Rovers Colts, Hardwick, Haslingfield Colts, Histon Hornets, Isleham United, King Bill, Leverington Sports, Leverington Sports Youth, Linton United, Litlington Athletic, Littleport Town, March Town United, Melbourn Dynamos, Milton Colts, Morden Magpies, Orwell, Over Sports, Park Ladies, Ridgeons Veterans, Sawston Lightning, Sawston Phoenix, Shelford and Stapleford Strikers, Soham Town Rangers, Swavesey Institute, Waterbeach Colts, West Wratting, Whittlesey Athletic, Whittlesford United, Wicken, Wilburton, Wisbech St Mary, Wisbech Town, Witchford 96, Witchford Colts

Council Members

R. Archibald, K. Carr, M. Foster, A. Mayes, P. Mitcham, G. Nicholls

1. Welcome, Cambridgeshire FA President R. Mallett

Cambridgeshire FA President Rex Mallett opened the meeting by saying how nice it was to be able to have the Annual General Meeting face to face after the pandemic. He went on to thank those league officials, club officials, referees and players who had continued to support the grassroots game and ensured it was able to return after the pandemic. He then thanked the council members for their continued support and work in ensuring the Association continues to support grassroots football. He asked members to observe a moments silence for those members of the football family we had lost over the past few years.

He then handed the meeting over the Chairman, Phil Hill.

Phil Hill echoed the comments of the President.

2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 17th June 2021

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting were approved as a true and correct record after a proposal by Birgit Meldal and seconded by Milton FC.

3. Chief Executives Report

The Chief Executive, Jo Bull, assisted by Football Development Manager, Katie Critchley, gave a report covering the following areas:

- Governance
- Commercial
- Equality
- Finance
- Workforce
- Long Term Goals
- Positive Environment
- Male Participation
- Female Participation
- Disability Participation
- Referee Education and Development
- Quality Grass Pitches
- Our Goals

The Chairman thanked the Chief Executive and Katie Critchley for the report.

4. Notification of Officers and Council Members

The Chairman explained that there was no need for an election of Officers and Council Members and the list had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Chief Executive introduced the new members.

After a proposal from Bassingbourn, seconded by Milton this was agreed.

5. Movement to life vice president

In Accordance with the articles of association Gary Nicholls moves from acting vice president to life vice president having served 25 years on council. This was agreed.

6. Proposed change to the Articles of Association and membership rules

There were no proposed changes to the Articles of Association or membership rules.

7. Statement of accounts for year ended 31st December

Roy James, Finance Director, presented the accounts to the meeting along with the following report:

There are no formal accounts to report as the Directors made the decision to change the year end to June. This is in line with the Football Association and most other County Associations. It is also sensible to align the accounts to the season. I expect the 18 month period Accounts to June 2022 to be filed at Companies House in the Autumn.

You will have received abbreviated Management Accounts as at the end of December 2021. These reflect another year when we have been adversely affected by COVID and turnover is down some £35000. However there was a very small profit of £2453 at this stage set against a loss of £5471 (2020) the previous year.

Since that time however we have seen a return to more normal levels of football and with reduced income we do expect to report a loss for the 18 month period to the end of June 2022. This position has been heightened by the unfortunate loss of sponsorship from our long time supporters Kershaw

Group and lower income streams as we reduced fees to clubs over the last year. At the end of May the loss was in the region of £18000 for the last 17 months. The position could have been much worse without the exceptional efforts of Joanne Bull and her team.

It is important to stress the balance sheet remains strong with good cash reserves.

Looking forward we will receive good income streams in July and August from affiliation and entry fees but it remains vital that we seek new commercial partners to sponsor our leagues and support the new 1884 Cambridgeshire FA Business Club. The Directors and staff are working tirelessly to achieve these objectives and maintain sustainable Football for all.

8. Date of next Annual General Meeting

Due to the change of the financial year the date of the next Annual General Meeting will be advised.

C. Abbott