

London FA	Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
<b>Date:</b>	23 November 2020
<b>Venue and time:</b>	Meeting held via Microsoft Teams, 18.30 – 20.30
<b>Attendees (in person)</b>	James Middlehurst (Chair); Ian Wallis (Deputy Chair), Simon Hughes (Senior Independent Director); Paul Bickerton (CEO); Michael Burke (Council Member)
<b>No. of attendees (virtual)</b>	55

Item		Action
<b>1</b>	<b>To confirm the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019 and the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2020.</b>	
1.1	The AGM was opened by the London FA Chair James Middlehurst (JM), who confirmed that notice had been sent to all members and that the required quorum for the AGM had been reached comfortably.	
1.2	A minute's silence to honour London FA colleagues who have passed away since the last annual general meeting was observed.	
1.3	The minutes of the two previous general meetings (24 June 2019 & 28 May 2020) were proposed as a true record by JM and seconded by Simon Hughes (SH) and agreed without opposition.	Carried
<b>2</b>	<b>Report on the Association's activities</b>	
2.1	JM announced that the following written reports had been circulated as papers to the members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chair's report</li> <li>- CEO Report</li> <li>- Finance Report</li> </ul>	
2.2	These reports were received by the meeting, and members were given and took the opportunity to ask questions on these reports to the Chair and the CEO.	
2.3	Members were informed that due to the previously agreed constitutional change in the date of the AGM to June and taking into consideration that the London FA financial year runs from 01 July to 30 June, annual accounts can no longer be presented at the AGM but instead a detailed financial report is provided to members for the AGM. It was reported that annual accounts are available publicly as soon as they have been approved by the London FA Board via the 'About Us' section of the website ( <a href="#">Financial Accounts - London FA</a> ).	2019-20 annual accounts to be placed on London FA website

<b>3</b>	<b>Election of the President</b>	
3.1	David Richbell was the sole candidate proposed, having been nominated by Roger Fox and Eddie Webb. There was no opposition to his re-election.	David Richbell elected
<b>4</b>	<b>Election of Auditors: Board recommend the appointment of Williams &amp; Co Chartered Accountants.</b>	
4.1	The Chair proposed the appointment of Williams & Co. This was seconded by the Deputy Chair. There was no opposition, and this re-appointment was agreed.	Williams & Co appointed
<b>5</b>	<b>Article Changes and Officer Elections</b>	
5.1	SH (Senior Independent Director) introduced this item and explained that the Board had presented to the AGM a package of proposals to amend London FA Articles for members to vote on, and that each change was to be voted on in turn. Prior to this meeting a summary paper of the changes had been provided, as well as a proxy form outlining each change and a full set of the London FA Articles with the proposed changes marked.	
5.2	SH explained that due to the remote nature of the meeting and the requirements of the current London FA Articles, votes for this item could be cast only by those present in person and those who had nominated proxies. SH explained that votes numbered 4 & 5 related to this issue by proposing to allow London FA to conduct meetings and voting remotely in future.	
5.3	SH explained votes numbered 1 & 2 and proposed these on behalf of the board - relating to the election of the President (see agenda item 3 above) and to the appointment of auditors (see agenda item 4 above). Both proposals were agreed.	Proposals 1 and 2 agreed
5.4	SH then explained vote number 3 and proposed this on behalf of the board - to allow notices to members for general and special meetings and where otherwise required by post to be sent in future electronically and on the London FA website as and when legislation permits and unless members request notices by post (Amended Art 103). This proposal was agreed.	Proposal 3 agreed
5.5	SH explained vote number 4 and proposed this on behalf of the board - to allow remote meetings for London FA general meetings and council meetings (New Arts 35A & 50A). This proposal was agreed.	Proposal 4 agreed
5.6	SH explained vote 5 and proposed this on behalf of the board - to allow remote electronic voting at London FA general and council meetings (New Arts 35A & 50A & Amended Art 57). This proposal was agreed.	Proposal 5 agreed

5.7	SH explained vote 6 and proposed this on behalf of the board - to appoint an independent panel to take part in nomination and appointment of externally recruited board members and appointed council members (Amended Arts 39 & 57 & Art 90). This proposal was agreed.	Proposal 6 agreed
5.8	SH explained vote 7 and proposed this on behalf of the board - to change roles and responsibilities of vice-presidents, end future elections of life members and create in their place up to ten new posts for life vice-presidents, and increase the rights of the London FA president, life members and FA representative (Amended Art 36 & New Art 36A, Arts 51, 52 & 53). This proposal received majority support but not the required support of more than ¾ of eligible voters as required by our Articles for amendment of the Articles and therefore was not agreed.	Proposal 7 not agreed (The majority was in favour but not by the required majority of more than ¾ of eligible voters.)
5.9	SH explained vote 8 and proposed this on behalf of the board - to make clear the required qualifications of council members and that no individual member or council member can have more than one position or more than one vote on any business or in any London FA election (amended arts 31, 43 & 49) and to provide arrangements for filling vacancies during each council term (Amended Art 50). This proposal was agreed.	Proposal 8 agreed
5.10	SH explained vote 9 and proposed this on behalf of the board - to clarify how long council members can serve (Amended Art 38). This proposal was agreed.	Proposal 9 agreed
5.11	SH explained vote 10 and proposed this on behalf of the board - to clarify powers of council to remove London FA officers (Amended Art 45). This proposal was agreed.	Proposal 10 agreed
5.12	SH explained vote 11 and proposed this on behalf of the board - to amend an Article concerning general meetings (Amended Art 12). This proposal was agreed.	Proposal 11 agreed
5.13	SH explained vote 12 and proposed this on behalf of the board – to amend Articles concerning elections & appointments to council (Arts 36, 37, 38, 39, 41, 43 & 44). This proposal was agreed.	Proposal 12 agreed
5.14	SH explained vote 13 and proposed this on behalf of the board – to amend an Article concerning council meetings (Art 47). This proposal was agreed.	Proposal 13 agreed
5.15	SH explained vote 14 and proposed this on behalf of the board – to amend Articles concerning the duties of and rules governing directors (Arts 54,57,59 & 63). This proposal was agreed.	Proposal 14 agreed

5.16	SH explained vote 15 and proposed this on behalf of the board – to amend Articles concerning terms of office of chair and directors & election of deputy chair (Arts 59, 60 & 61 & New Art 61A). This proposal was agreed.	Proposal 15 agreed
5.17	SH explained vote 16 and proposed this on behalf of the board – concerning the appointment of standing committees (Art 65). This proposal was agreed.	Proposal 16 agreed
5.19	SH explained vote 17 and proposed this on behalf of the board – concerning the removal and disqualification of directors (Arts 70 & 75). This proposal was agreed.	Proposal 17 agreed
5.20	SH explained vote 18 and proposed this on behalf of the board – concerning chairing of board meetings (Art 82). This proposal was agreed.	Proposal 18 agreed
5.21	SH noted that vote 7, whilst gaining a majority, did not meet the required majority of more than ¾ of eligible voters and so the changes proposed in this proposal were not agreed. Therefore, although the election of Vice-Presidents could proceed at this AGM, the election of the proposed new Life Vice-Presidents could not. SH informed members that those officers proposed as Life Vice-Presidents would remain as Vice-Presidents until 31 March 2021, allowing the London FA to consult with members on how to respond to the outcome of this vote.	London FA Board to review proposed changes following member feedback and to consider bringing an amended set of proposals to members in 2021
5.22	London FA then moved to the elections of officers and this was conducted by use of a virtual voting platform provided by the company Choice Voting. A Choice Voting representative was present remotely and explained the voting process to members.	
5.23	<p>The following 2 members were proposed by the London FA Council to the AGM as London FA Honorary Vice-Presidents:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ian Burke</li> <li>2. Tony Gilbey</li> </ol> <p>Both of these candidates received the support of the majority of those eligible to vote and were declared to be elected with immediate effect.</p>	Ian Burke and Tony Gilbey elected as Honorary Vice-Presidents.
5.24	The following 11 members were proposed by the London FA Council to the members as London FA Vice-Presidents (to take office from 01 April 2021) – Roger Fox; Drew Patterson; Kevin Wilmot; Atik Ahmed; Yashmin Harun; Graham Harknett; John Taylor; Ian Wallis; Alejandro Sanchez-Buitrago; Eddie Webb and Michael Burke.	

5.25	As there were only 10 Vice-President vacancies to fill, an election was required to fill the vacancies. Each candidate was given the opportunity to speak to the members for no longer than three minutes on why they should be elected Vice-President.	
5.26	<p>Following these speeches and questions, the election was conducted by Choice Voting. London FA members elected the following 10 members as London FA Vice-Presidents:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Atik Ahmed</li> <li>2. Michael Burke</li> <li>3. Alejandro Sanchez-Buitrago</li> <li>4. Ian Wallis</li> <li>5. Eddie Webb</li> <li>6. Kevin Wilmot</li> <li>7. John Taylor</li> <li>8. Roger Fox</li> <li>9. Drew Patterson</li> <li>10. Yashmin Harun</li> </ol>	
5.27	A question was asked to establish how many members had voted using the virtual platform. The CEO confirmed that 55 votes had been cast.	
5	<p><b>Any other business</b></p> <p>None.</p>	
6	<b>Chair's closing remarks.</b>	
6.1	The chair thanked all members for attending and closed the meeting.	

**List of Proxy Vote Members:**

Jase Verillo – Woolwich & Eltham Sunday Football Alliance  
Lib Di Cesare – LFA Council Member  
Chris Hiscock – Fisher FC  
Bobby Bernini – LFA Council Member  
Michael Burke – LFA Council Member  
Dave Hooker – LFA Council Member  
Kevin Wilmot – LFA Council Member  
David Wolff – LFA Council Member  
John Forbes – Southern Veterans League  
Gordon Manning – LFA Council Member  
C.Rogers - London Inter League Cup  
Tony Gilbey – LFA Council Member  
Ian Burke – LFA Council Member  
Graham Rodber - Southern Sunday Football League  
Alistair Morgan – LFA Board Member  
Evelynne Wilson - Tower Hamlets WFC  
Beth Archer – LFA Board Member  
Peter Barnes – LFA Council Member  
Eddie Webb – LFA Council Member  
Nahimul Islam - Wapping FC  
Paul Mortimer – LFA Board Member  
Roger Fox – LFA Board Member  
Yashmin Harun – LFA Board Member  
John Taylor – LFA Council Member  
Lockie Bramzell – LFA Council Member  
Keith Whittington - Barking FC  
David Lando – LFA Council Member  
Daniel Mascoll – LFA Board Member  
Graham Etchell – LFA Council Member  
Derek Harris – LFA Board Member  
Graham Harknett – LFA Council Member  
London County Saturday Youth League (G.Harknett)  
Chris Conroy – LFA Council Member  
Bernard Shannon - Dulwich Hamlet  
Alex Sanchez-Buitrago – LFA Council Member  
Louise Dorling – LFA Council Member  
Aroz Mia – LFA Council Member  
Graham Taylor – LFA Council Member  
George Dorling – LFA Council Member  
Simon Hughes – LFA Board Member  
James Middlehust – LFA Board Member  
Ian Wallis – LFA Board Member  
James Campbell – AFC Balham



Thomas Jackson – Barnes Stormers FC  
Robert McKinlay – Earlsfield FC  
Adam Greenhalgh – Kew Antigua FC  
Charlie Ryan – London Ravens FC  
Charlotte Brain – Morden Rangers FC  
Conor Winks – Painters Community FC  
Emiliano Polito – Parthenope FC  
Sue Carter – South City FC  
Lee Dema – St Matthews Project  
Rory Good – Summerstown Casuals FC  
Simon Gartshore – Westminster Wanderers FC  
Clare Barnett – Wimbledon Town FC