



London Football Association Limited	Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Date:	10 July 2023
Venue and time:	Meeting held in person at the Events Theatre, Keyworth Centre, London South Bank University, Keyworth Street, SE1 6NG 18.30 – 20.30
No. of attendees	65, to inc. staff and proxy votes (full list of attendees on page 4)

Item		Action
1	Chairs' welcome and to confirm the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 27TH June 2022	
1.1	The AGM was opened by the London Football Association Ltd Chair James Middlehurst (JM), who confirmed that notice had been sent to all members via email, circulated on London FA's social media channels and placed on the London FA website. JM confirmed 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 annual general meeting held on 21 st June 2021 were proposed as a true record and agreed unanimously.	Carried
2	Featured Presentations	
2.1	London FA welcomed Craig Beeston, Programme Manager for The Sports Governance Academy, who delivered a presentation on the recent development and changes regarding sports governance in the UK.	Slides to be circulated alongside the minutes of the meeting
2.2	Members raised several comments and queries, to include:	
2.2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What can the Sports Governance Academy offer? Craig replied that there were many free resources and tools and that membership itself was free (The Sports Governance Academy) 	
2.2.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The impact of term limits. Craig acknowledged the challenges imposed by term limits but explained it was important to push organisations to regularly refresh their member base and that staggered terms could mitigate against a knowledge and skills drain. 	
2.2.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How does football compare to other sports? Craig explained that football was in a strong position. The FA had adopted the Code of Governance in 2016 and was the first National Governing Body to cascade the governance code to its county bodies. 	
2.3	London FA then welcomed select members of London FA's Youth Council for a panel discussion.	

<p>2.4</p> <p>2.5</p>	<p>The panel members were Nayim Ahmed, London & Middlesex FA Volunteer Development Officer, and Rashan McDonald and Josh Pear, both current members of London FA’s Youth Council.</p> <p>The panel members talked passionately about their involvement in grassroots football in London and explained how they had become involved with the London FA Youth Council. They advised members on how London FA could inspire more young people to become involved in their activities and how to integrate young people into wider volunteering opportunities across the club and league network and ensure a greater youth voice into grassroots football across the capital.</p>	
<p>3</p> <p>3.1</p> <p>3.2</p> <p>3.2.1</p> <p>3.2.2</p>	<p>Specified Business: report on the Association’s activities</p> <p>JM announced that the following written reports had been circulated as papers to the members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chair’s Report - CEO Report - Finance Report <p>Members were given the opportunity to ask any questions and raised the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted in the CEO Report that a new Volunteer Officer had been appointed. The new Volunteer Officer (Nayim Ahmed) gave an overview of his role and key objectives to the members. • The Finance Report identified that the FA Grant had been reduced during the pandemic and a query was raised as to whether this grant had now been reinstated. PB replied that it hadn’t been reinstated automatically but had been held as a separate fund for County FAs to bid for. London FA had been successful with applications from this fund over the past two years. 	
<p>4</p> <p>4.1</p> <p>4.2</p> <p>4.3</p>	<p>London FA Council Review</p> <p>PB presented the recommendations from the London FA Council Review Working Group, which included resolutions proposed to the AGM by the London FA Board for Amendment of London FA Articles.</p> <p>The presentation focused on the background and context to these changes, the specific remit and make-up of the working group and each recommended change. It also highlighted the consultative nature of this work, to include a full consultation with Council in March 2023 and then two separate drop-in sessions for members over the past few weeks.</p> <p>Members were then asked to vote on the proposals, which were presented as a package of changes and therefore only required members to vote once, for the full package.</p>	<p>Slides to be circulated alongside the minutes of the meeting.</p>

4.4	<p>Resolution at Item 8: London FA Council Review recommended changes.</p> <p>For: 45 Against: 0 Abstain: 0</p> <p>Proposal carried unanimously.</p>	Carried
4.5	Following this vote, the London FA Deputy-Chair gave the Council an overview of the history and background to the London FA Life-Vice President position.	
5	Specified business: to appoint the Association's Auditors	
5.1	The Chair indicated the proposal to appoint Williams & Co as the Association's auditors. This was agreed unanimously.	Carried
6	Nomination to elect Chris Conroy as London FA Life Vice-President	
6.1	Chris Conroy was proposed as the new London FA Life Vice-President, nominated by Ian Wallis and David Wolff.	
6.2	The proposal was approved unanimously	Carried
6.3	JM placed on record his congratulations to Chris Conroy	
7	Any other business	
7.1	It was proposed that London FA write formally to Leyton Orient, one of their member clubs, to congratulate them on securing promotion to League 1.	PB to write formally to Leyton Orient with congratulations
8	FA 50 Year Award	
8.1	It was with great pleasure that JM presented the London FA Deputy Chair, Ian Wallis, with his FA 50 Year Award, to include a letter from the FA CEO Mark Bullingham, a medal and a pin badge.	
9	Chair's closing remarks.	
9.1	The Chair thanked all members for attending and closed the meeting, inviting them all to the local Rockingham Arms for summer drinks and socialising.	

List of Attendees:

- Aida Mussa, Agenda FC
- Alejandro Sanchez-Buitrago, LFA Council Member
- Alf Brown, LFA Council Member
- Anita Poulman, LFA Non-Executive Board Director
- Aroz Mia, LFA Council Member
- Atik Ahmed, LFA Council Member
- Bobby Bernini, LFA Council Member
- Chris Conroy, LFA Council Member
- Colette Elliot, Bloomsbury FC
- Craig Beeston, Sports Governance Academy
- David Fowkes, Wimbledon & District Football League
- David Lando, LFA Council Member
- Deri Asher, Highgate & Muswell Hill Youth FC
- Drew Patterson, LFA Council Member
- Duncan Hart, LFA Council Member
- Eddie Webb, LFA Council Member
- Farooq Mohammed, LFA Council Member
- Gavin Davies, Parkwood FC
- Gemma Watson, LFA Council Member
- Ian Wallis, LFA Non-Executive Board Director & Deputy Chair
- Ian Yearwood, LFA Council Member
- James Middlehurst, LFA Chair
- Jason Verillo, Woolwich & Eltham Sunday Football League
- Jennifer Athill, LFA Council Member
- Jenny Verillo, Woolwich & Eltham Sunday Football League
- Jill Berry, LFA Senior Independent Non-Executive Board Director
- Jo Hind, LFA Council Member
- John Eager, Barnet Sunday Football League
- John McCulloch, LFA Council Member
- Josh Arnold, Bloomsbury FC
- Josh Pear, London FA Youth Council
- Kevin Wilmot, LFA Council Member
- Liberatore DiCesare, LFA Council Member
- Lockie Bramzell, LFA Council Member
- Martynas Stonkus, LFA Council Member
- Maya Williamson, Bloomsbury FC
- Michael Burke, London FA Council
- Mike Stride, Techniques Football Development
- Nina Stewart, LFA Finance & Risk Non-Executive Director
- Rashan McDonald, London FA Youth Council
- Roberto Salvati, Parkwood FC
- Roland Malcolm, Continental FC
- Serdar Sari, Barnet Sunday Football League
- Serkan Poyraz, LFA Council Member
- Steve Kelly, Islington Mid-week Football League
- Tom Barnard, LFA Non-Executive Board Director
- Yashmin Harun, LFA Non-Executive Board Director & FA Representative

Proxy Votes:

- David Wolff
- Roger Fox
- Russell Howes
- Paul Mortimer
- Abu Nasir
- Jordan Sapler
- Graham Etchell
- Graham Taylor

London FA Staff Team:

- Paul Bickerton, CEO
- Neil Twitchett, Head of Football Development
- Aquila Burgess, Head of Partnerships
- Amanda Lewis, Football Development Manager
- Priti Trivedi, Head of Football Services
- Neil Fowkes, Coaching Officer,
- Deryll David, Referee Development Officer
- Josh Arnold, Referee Development Intern
- Jamaal Horne, Cup Competitions Officer
- Nayim Ahmed, Volunteer Officer

Apologies:

- Clive Coleman
- Oren Flynn
- Derwent Jaconelli
- Ian Burke
- Lester Newham
- Alan Clarke
- Yasmin Hussain
- Colin Reid
- Louise Dorling
- David Richbell