



**Minutes of the Twenty Second Annual General Meeting of
Northumberland Football Association Limited
held at Whitely Park, Whitley Road, NE12 9FA & online via Microsoft TEAMS
14th September 2021 at 19:00**

Summary of Attendance

Trustees: 7

Members of Northumberland FA Council: 11

Members entitled to vote: 10

Guests: 4

Staff: 3

Total in Attendance: 35

Present: A Rose-Cook, L Barber, H Beales, L Chandler, P Cullerton, D Booth, W Holmes, J Callaghan, S Swinyard, J McMinn, L Chappell, G Penman, A Smailes, G Smith, J Gray, D Breakwell, G Watson, C Douglas, D Tiffin, S Swinbank, P Nesbitt, A Richardson, T Campbell, DG Hewitt, K Scott, J Cummings, S Corbett, J Liddle, J Tulip, R Nixon, A Jarvis K Davidson, P Cooper, C Scott, & S Drew (Harrison Hutchinson Limited)

Presidents Opening Remarks: Derek Booth (DB) introduced himself and welcomed everyone to the meeting
Steve Ord (Chair) (SO) – recuperating and unable to attend.

Please ensure phones are off – fire alarm – fire exits etc. Those online please mute your microphone.

Notice of meeting – DB - take as being read.

Apologies: Ted Cromer / Neil Pont / Kevin Richardson / Gave Perry / Stu Pringle / Frank Scantlebury

Minutes of 20th Annual General 9th September 2020 – these have been distributed and there were no matters arising – DB to sign as a true record.

Election of president - In line with articles 34.4 election of president. The nomination was SO as president. ARC noted there was only one nomination submitted, that of SO.

Decision: SO will be re-elected for next 3 years.

Executive Officer report: Andrew Rose-Cook - copy of report given. It has been interesting year. Covid has been the biggest challenge and football was not sheltered from this. Thank you to all of volunteers for everything you've done and continue to do. I know all the different COVID regulations throughout the season didn't make it easy for anyone.

Thank you to the staff as they went through a very difficult period – reduction of funding which led to workforce review and we had to strip the staff back. They've risen to this challenge and participation levels of the game male & female increased. We've had issues with referees which is no surprise, but we are looking to improve the ones we have through mentoring and we are also looking to recruit as many as possible. We need to support the referees, especially the young ones therefore we are working on this, so we don't lose them.

There were major issues with Safeguarding provisions and we unfortunately we failed the audits. We can thankfully report we are now up to date and we passed the latest audit without the action plan – only second county in the country without an action plan which is an excellent achievement from where we were! This was down to all staff who have worked



hard, we pulled our socks up and we are now where we should be - achieving and demonstrating standards.

One of the most important things we did and are now working towards, is a full governance review. Fifty percent of the board are new which is massively important to bring a new direction to the company. I'd like to thank the new members which will better the company moving forward.

Last month, we have been working on the business strategy which has now been signed off by National Game Board (NGB) and they are very happy with this and what we are working towards for the next 3 years. The starting point was what do you want to see, and we incorporated that in the strategy. Please read the strategy and let me know if there's anything is missing.

ARC – any questions? No-one online or in the room.

Director statement of account – LC - this time last year – significant loss £100,000 loss but I'm glad to tell you we have a small surplus of £15,000 which is going on the right direction as last time we had surplus was 2016. To have football suspended was a great loss.

Our financial year is now the end of June, which was agreed last AGM, to bring us in line with the national FA so last financial year was 15 months. Core funding was cut but 12%. The forecast we had was zero, but we return a surplus of circa £7000, which is excellent.

All companies had access to furlough and grant support scheme. Therefore, with the assistance of SD – people not in the office and we were able to access extensive government support which led us to be able to retain the majority of the current staff. Cashflow now up to £260,000 and is stable.

Thank you to Steve and Andrew for all the effort. I would like to mention Harrison Hutchinson for their fantastic support. They are quality partners, and these are the sort of people we want when things go wrong.

DB – accounts signed as accepted by the meeting.

Long service awards

25 Years' Service

Trevor Campbell

Kevin Davidson

George Penman

Charlie Scott

Kelly Scott

Mike Taylor Brian Hardy will receive awards in due course.

50 years' service – John Cummings

50 years' service – Peter Cooper

AOB - One item was put forward which was amendments to resolution representatives from council serves a term of 3 years instead of 1 year. In line with the board members – Alex Smalles - this is very sensible.

Decision: Vote carried



This concludes the meeting thanks for attendance and congratulations to all long service awards.

AS – thank to you DB for taking over at short notice well done.

Meeting ended: 19:42