

SURREY COUNTY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION LIMITED

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 17th July 2014 at Leatherhead FC commencing at 7.30 pm.

Present:

County Members: Les Pharo (Chairman), Derek Alldridge MBE, Colin Barnett, Brian Brackpool, Brian Carroll, Alan Clarke, Steve Cottingham, Bryan Croucher, Bob Dick, Mike Dillon, Graham Ellis, Brian Fish, David Fuller, Richard Garner, Dermott Hennessy, Alan Higgins, Barrie Hogan, Alan Holmes, Richard Ireson, Mike Jerney, Paul Jones, Mick Lawrence, David Letley, Ray Lewis, Roy Lomax, Caroline McRoyall, Tony Newman, John Owen, Sheila Pink, Malcolm Randall, Ray Register, Mike Reilly, Vic Rolland, Derek Stovold, John Tasker, Howard Taylor, Brian Walsh, Phil Whatling, Rod Wood, John Young

Tom Holder, Kris Westbrook (Company Secretary)

County members that were present but representing other organizations are shown below.

Clubs: AFC Brooklands (Jez Taylor), Caterham Pumas, Dorking FC, Goldsworth Park Rangers FC, Sutton United FC, Tooting & Mitcham Wanderers FC, Worplesdon Rangers FC

Leagues & Competitions:

Epsom & Ewell FL, Guildford & Woking FL (Ray Cotton), Leatherhead Sunday League (Bob Woods), Morden & District Sunday FL (Jeff Martin), Southern Area Christian FL, Surrey & Hants Border League (Cyril West), Surrey Elite Intermediate FL (Gordon Worsfold), Surrey Schools FA (Richard Jones), Surrey Youth League (Pam Lomax), Surrey Primary League (Martin Read)

Apologies:

County Members: Sue Aspinwall, Lawrie Baker, Paul Blair, David Bromley, Kate Budd, Eli Karlicka-Cook, Tim Lawrence, Tony Loveridge, Bruce McLaren, Hanna Newton, Bill Savill, Colin White

Clubs: Norbiton Dragons FC

1. Welcome & apologies

The County President, Ray Lewis, welcomed those present. Caroline McRoyall read the apologies. Ray Lewis drew the meeting's attention to those members of the football family that had passed away during the previous year and he asked those present to stand as a mark of respect.

2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 4th July 2013

The omission of Steve Cottingham as present from the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 4th July 2013 was noted; the Minutes were then agreed and signed.

3. Minutes of the General Meeting held on 12th December 2013

The Minutes of the General Meeting held on 12th December 2013 were agreed and signed.

4. Presentation of Annual Report/Strategy Update

Ray Lewis called on Caroline McRoyall, Chief Executive, to give members an overview of the Annual Report and an update on the Association's Strategy 2011-15.

Caroline McRoyall gave a brief overview of the year and highlighted key points of the annual report. She then introduced Tom Holder, Football Services Manager, who gave a presentation on the Whole Game System and Anti-Discrimination Panel, then Paul Jones, County Development Manager, who updated members on the activities of the Development Team. The Surrey County FA Conference on 23rd October 2014 from 1.00pm to 6.00pm at Imber Court was noted.

A question was raised regarding costs and the loss of junior clubs and teams due to the increasing costs of pitches and referees fees; it was highlighted that Kingston District League had lost 10 clubs in the last year.

Caroline McRoyall responded that Surrey County FA are working with Local Authorities and are currently prioritising Sutton, Croydon and Merton to advise them of the benefits of sport and the resulting impact of increasing costs. Kingston has not been identified at present as a priority as they are currently completing a playing pitch strategy which we are involved with. She pointed out that Local Authorities are under pressure as their budgets are being cut by Government which has meant increased fees. Our challenge is to work with Local Authorities to identify areas where they can save costs without it impacting directly on clubs. She also highlighted the existing support from the County FA, for example the bursary for new adult clubs.

Ray Lewis thanked Caroline, Tom and Paul for their presentations.

Ray Lewis informed the meeting that he had met Jeff Davis at a Disability Panel in Wembley and advised that he would forward details of any players with a disability for consideration to play at an elite level to Jeff Davis.

The World Cup Disability Football 2015 was highlighted and Ray asked members to advise that referees were required for the Blind World Championship in May and World Cerebral Palsy Championship in August.

5. Overview of the accounts by the Finance Director in advance of the General Meeting on Thursday 4th December 2014

The President called on the County Treasurer Bob Dick to present a brief over-view of the accounts as they were at present and explained that a General Meeting would be held on 4th December 2014 to present the final accounts.

Bob Dick stated that this was his last report as Finance Director and his replacement Nick Drew will present the full accounts at the General Meeting in December. Bob reported that the Board meet monthly and regularly reviewed the accounts. This season the Association has predicted there will be an estimated deficit of £23,555 which, combined with the surplus of almost

£20,000 from the previous season, has resulted in a deficit of just under £4,000 over the two seasons. The accounts would be audited in August and placed on the website on or before 1st November 2014.

Ray Lewis thanked Bob for his report and expressed his appreciation of his work as Finance Director.

6. Appointment of the Association's Auditors

Williams & Co was duly appointed for 2014-2015.

7. Proposed changes to Articles as approved by the SCFA Management Committees

Ray Lewis advised that the information circulated contained a revision of the Articles and Rules. These had been endorsed by Management Committees but required approval at the Annual General Meeting.

Acceptance was agreed on a show of hands.

8. Announcement of the appointment of any Life Vice-Presidents, Honorary Members and Vice Presidents

Malcolm Randall was nominated as Vice President. This nomination was supported and agreed by all.

9. Notification of changes to County Cup Rules for season 2014-15

Changes to the County Cup Rules has been circulated following approval by the Operations Management Committee. Mike Jerney confirmed that revisions were minor and would be shown as separate 'Adult' and 'Youth' rules for ease of reference. All agreed approval.

10. Any other relevant business as admitted by the Chairman

We had been advised of two items from Tooting & Mitcham Wanderers FC:

10.1 Debt Recovery – Caroline McRoyall advised that under FA rules and regulations we can recoup money from individuals and would provide the club with full details of the process. A query was raised regarding the FA being treated as a debt collection agency in Civil Law. Ray Lewis agreed to raise the matter with the FA.

10.2 Promotion to the National Leagues System – A query was raised regarding Surrey County FA's policy on promotion. Ray Lewis advised that the FA Leagues Committee states that a club must be in the top 5 clubs of the league below Step 7 to be nominated under FA rules. A discussion was held around the clubs individuals' case and Mr Lewis agreed to discuss the issue separately with Tooting & Mitcham Wanderers FC.

10.3 Les Pharo took the opportunity to thank Ray Ward (Sutton United FC) as former CEO of Surrey County FA for his service to the County.

11. Closure

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm