

## **SURREY COUNTY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION LIMITED**

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2011 at Leatherhead FC commencing at 7.30 pm.

### **Present:**

**Council;** L. Pharo (Chairman), D Aldridge MBE, Mrs S Aspinwall, C Barnett, B A W Brackpool, B. Carroll, B L Cole, R M Dick, L. Edwards, G Ellis, B Fish, D Fuller, R. T. Garner, D. Hennessy, B. Hogan, A Holmes, R. Ireson, M E Jerney, M Lawrence, D Letley, R S Lewis, J Martin, B McLaren, A S W Newman, J.N. Owen, Mrs S Pink, M Randall, M. Read, W C Savill, J C Tasker, H Taylor, B. Walsh, P.D. Whatling, C J P White, R.R. Wood, J. A. Young, R.T. Ward (Secretary.),

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

Also Present: Ms K Westbrook, Company Secretary  
M.T. Wood, Referee & Competitions Manager  
Mrs. Caroline McRoyall, County Development Manager

### **Clubs:**

Camberley International FC, Chessington & Hook Utd FC, Egham Town FC, Epsom Eagles FC, Leatherhead FC, Mytchett Athletic FC, Oxshott Royals FC, Reed FC, Surbiton Churches FC,

### **Leagues & Competitions:**

Kingston & District FL, Surrey South-East Combination Intermediate FL (Gordon Worsfold), South-East Combination Junior FL (Howard Taylor), Suburban FL, Surrey County Women & Girls League (J L Sparkes), Sutton & District Veterans League (Bob Woods), Tandridge Youth FL (Alan Clarke),

### **Apologies:**

**Council:** B E Adams, J A Crook, B. Croucher, M. Dillon, B Flint, A Higgins, R Lomax, M Reilly, V M Rolland, R K Watson.

**Clubs:** Albury Seniors FC, Claygate Royals FC, Crystal Palace Ladies FC, Esher FC, Kingstonian FC, Old Boys Clapham FC, Westcott (1935) FC, Woolpack FC.

**Leagues and Competitions** Guildford & Woking Alliance FL, Surrey & Hants Border FL, Surrey Youth League

1. The County President, Mr. R S Lewis, welcomed those present and as the notice convening the meeting had been circulated it was taken as read.
2. Mr. Lewis drew the meetings attention to the circulated booklet noting those that had passed away during the previous year. He asked that we also remember Mr Barry Aplin, Chairman of Sutton United FC Limited and asked those present to stand as a mark of respect.
3. The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 5<sup>h</sup> July 2010 were agreed and signed.
4. Mr. Lewis then called on Mrs. Caroline McRoyall, County Development Manager to give members a brief appreciation and update after the third full year of the County FA Strategy. After her presentation Mr. Lewis thanked Mrs. McRoyall for her presentation and attendance.
5. **Adoption of the Annual Report**

Mr Lewis called on the County Chairman, Les Pharo to present the Annual Report. Mr Pharo drew attention to the circulated report highlighting a number of key matters to include the ongoing review of the structure of Council; the decline of adult 11 a-side football and reduced affiliation fees.

Mr. Pharo paid tribute to the many volunteers in the County noting that Mr Cyril West's 35 years of service to the Surrey & Hants Border FL had been recognized whilst awards had been made for service to Council to Mike Jerney (25 years), Richard Garner (25 years) and Archie Steer (35 years).

Council had met five times during the last 12 months and had debated issues to include the raising the age that girls can play "boys" football from U11 to U13. The Association had started the FA Quality Assurance programme which was due to be completed by the end of the year.

A number of clubs were congratulated on a successful season and these were identified in the report.

All departments in County Office had continued to work hard and tribute was paid to the work in respect of referees; the Development Group led by David Hutchinson had assisted in the promotion of a significant number of our referees being promoted to the top levels of the game. The Referees department as a whole was congratulated.

All 27 of the County Cup Finals had been played and all concerned were thanked for the enormous effort put in to ensure they ran smoothly. One could not under-estimate the work that has to be done before a ball is kicked in a final.

Mr Pharo expressed disappointment that the Respect programme appeared to be having no impact on football at the lower levels of the game.

In thanking fellow Council members and the staff in County Office Mr Pharo proposed that the Annual Report be adopted; this was carried.

- 6 The President called on the County Treasurer Mr. Dick to present an overview of the accounts as they were at present. Mr. Dick explained that an EGM would be held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2011 to present the final accounts.

Whilst very much a calculated forecast it was Mr. Dick's view that the Association would complete the 12 month period with a surplus of about £70k. Mr Dick added that the original forecast of a surplus of £8k had been influenced by unexpected income from the Football Association, controlled spending, good house-keeping and prudence. There had also been a VAT refund of £20k.

There were no questions and Mr. Lewis thanked Mr. Dick for his report.

**7. Appointment of the Association Auditors**

Williams & Co was duly appointed for 2011-2012.

**8. Changes to Rules & Articles**

These having been circulated were taken as read and agreed.

**9. Election of Officers**

These having been circulated were taken en-bloc and agreed.

**10. Election of Division Representatives**

These having been circulated were taken en-bloc and agreed.

**11. Announcement of the appointment of Life Vice-Presidents and Honorary Members**

None had been appointed.

**12 Other Business**

There was no other business

The meeting closed at 8.11pm