

SURREY COUNTY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION LIMITED

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 5th July 2012 at Leatherhead FC commencing at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Council; L. Pharo (Chairman), D Alldridge MBE, Mrs S Aspinwall, C Barnett, M Bidmead, B A W Brackpool, B. Carroll, B. Croucher, R M Dick, L. Edwards, G Ellis, B Fish, D Fuller, R. T. Garner, D. Hennessy, A Higgins, 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, V M Rolland, J C Tasker, H Taylor, B. Walsh, P.D. Whatling, C J P White, R.R. Wood JP, B Yaxley, 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
Mrs. Caroline McRoyall, County Development Manager

Clubs:

Knaphill Athletic FC, Surrey County RA, Sutton United FC,

Leagues & Competitions:

Suburban FL, Surrey South-East Combination Intermediate FL (Gordon Worsfold), Surrey County Women & Girls League (J L Sparkes), Sutton & District Veterans League (Bob Woods)

Apologies:

Council: B E Adams, A Clarke, B L Cole, R Cotton, J A Crook, M. Dillon, B Flint, Mrs P Lomax, R Lomax, M Reilly, W C Savill

Clubs: AFC Wimbledon Ladies & Girls, Kingstonian FC, Mytchett Athletic FC

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

- 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 members of the football family that had passed away during the previous year. He asked those present to stand as a mark of respect.

3. The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 4^h July 2011 were agreed and signed.
4. The Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 20th October 2011 were agreed and signed
5. Mr. Lewis called on Mrs. Caroline McRoyall, County Development Manager to give members a brief appreciation and update after the fourth full year of the County FA Strategy which had now been extended to 2015.

Mrs McRoyall took members through the strategy in detail drawing attention to many successes in terms of participation and funding

Mr Worsfold, on behalf of the League Representative Committee, thanks Mrs McRoyall for her attendance and advice at committee meetings.

Mr Brackpool stated that the presentation had been excellent.

Mr. Lewis thanked Mrs. McRoyall for her presentation.

6. **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 the Association; the proposals being placed before the meeting tonight had been the result of over 2 years discussion and debate and had been approved at the April meeting of Council.

The decline of 11 a-side football has been a continuing concern; the Board had sought to assist club finances through not increasing affiliation fees and subsidizing the surcharge to increase public liability cover from £5m to £10m.

Mr. Pharo paid tribute to the many volunteers in the County noting that Mr John Tasker's 50 plus years' service to football had been recognized by the Football Association; Mr. Alan Woodiwiss had been awarded the MBE in the New Year's Honours; other very much deserved awards had been made for service to Council, clubs and leagues and these were listed in the report.

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

The Chairman urged leagues to regularly attend the League Representative Committee meetings as attendance is vital to promote ideas and initiatives and keep abreast of changes.

Mr Pharo expressed disappointment that the Board decided to withdraw funding for the Representative teams but there had been little support from Council, players, clubs and leagues; the Officers were thanked for their hard work in keeping the teams running.

The Referees department staffed by Mark Wood and Tim Lawrence and led by Vic Rolland as committee Chairman can take a lot of satisfaction for more successes during the season including another increase in the number of active referees. Many referees have been acknowledged with long service awards and are thanked.

The County Cup Finals had presented a challenge due to the poor weather and a number of finals had to be postponed and all concerned were thanked for the enormous effort put in to ensure they ran smoothly. Several finals had been sponsored and prize money had been awarded for the first time and it was hoped that this would continue.

Mrs Fiona Cheesman, Discipline Manager and her team were thanked for facing up to the challenges following the introduction into adult football of match-based suspensions and which were to be introduced into youth football in the coming season.

Those that helped staff commissions and appeals were thanked for their high standards and professional conduct throughout the season. The Chairman added that it was pleasing to see Brian Carroll, Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee present whilst currently undergoing treatment.

At the instigation of the Football Association, a review of the workforce had been undertaken and thanks were offered to the working group of Mrs Pink and Messrs Dick, Rolland and Ward. There had been some changes to the workforce and these had been detailed in the published report. Mr Pharo drew attention to the fact that Mrs Marilyn Jeffrey had completed 25 years employment with the Association and this had been acknowledged at the County Dinner.

The football development team led by Caroline McRoyall had worked hard and the Association was proud to be the first County FA in England to receive the Equality Standard Preliminary Level award in May.

In thanking all volunteers and staff Mr Pharo proposed that the Annual Report be adopted; this was carried.

- 7 The President called on the County Treasurer Mr. Dick to present a brief overview of the accounts as they were at present. Mr. Dick explained that an EGM would be held on 13th December 2012 to present the final accounts.

Mr Dick reported that the Association had budgeted for a deficit of £17k a year ago and it was his view that the Association would complete the 12 month period with a deficit of about £14k. The accounts would be audited in August and placed on the website on or before 1st November 2012.

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

8. Appointment of the Association Auditors

Williams & Co was duly appointed for 2012-2013.

9. Changes to Rules & Articles

Mr Lewis advised that the booklet circulated contained a complete re-write of the Articles and Rules; these had been endorsed by Council in April but required approval at the Annual General Meeting.

Acceptance was proposed by Mr Bidmead, seconded by Mr Brackpool and agreed on a show of hands.

10. Election of Officers

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

Mr Ward advised that as the proposed changes to Articles had been approved, the role of Treasurer was now one of Financial Director

11. Election of Divisional Representatives

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

NB. Due to the changes to the Articles and Rules being agreed, the members were elected as "County Members", not "Divisional Members".

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

Attention was drawn to the following appointments made since the last AGM:

Mr Bryan Croucher had been appointed a Life Vice-President

Mrs Pam Lomax had been appointed an Honorary Member

13 Notification of changes to County Cup Rules for season 2012-13

These had been circulated for information. Mr Young drew attention to a minor addition in respect of repeat substitutions;

Rule 12 – Substitutes - The first bold heading to now read:-

Saturday Senior, Saturday Premier, Saturday Intermediate and U-18 Midweek Floodlit Youth Cups

13 Other Business

There was no other business

The meeting closed at 8.02pm