

# **SURREY COUNTY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION LIMITED**

Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2013 at Leatherhead FC commencing at 7.30 pm.

## **Present:**

### **County Members;**

L. Pharo (Chairman), B. Carroll, B. Croucher, R M Dick, M Dillion, L. Edwards, D Fuller, R. T. Garner, D Gill, M E Jerney, R Jones, D Letley, R S Lewis, T Loveridge, Mrs P Lomax, R Lomax, Mrs C McRoyall, A S W Newman, J.N. Owen, Mrs S Pink, H Taylor, J C Tasker, M Randall, M Reilly, V M Rolland, B. Walsh, P.D. Whatling, C J P White, R.R. Wood, J. A. Young

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

Also Present: Ms K Westbrook, Company Secretary  
Paul Jones, Acting County Development Manager  
Mark Wood, Referees & Competitions Manager  
Simon Murray, Williams & Co, Auditor

**Clubs:** AFC Brooklands (Jez Taylor), Barnes Eagles FC (Paul Mallon)  
Woking Town (Hanna Newton)

### **Leagues & Competitions:**

Tandridge Youth League (Derek Harris), Surrey Primary League (Martin Read), Morden & District League (Jeff Martin), Surrey South-East Combination Intermediate FL (Gordon Worsfold), Sutton & District Veterans League (Bob Woods), Surrey Youth League (Frank Thompson)

## **1 Apologies**

Mrs C McRoyall read through the apologies as follows; B E Adams, Mrs S Aspinwall, L Baker, C Barnett, B A W Brackpool, A Clarke, S Cottingham, G Ellis, D. Hennessy, A Higgins, A Holmes, B. Hogan, R. Ireson, G. Keable, M Lawrence, B McLaren, Mrs L West-Wigley and added that Mr W C Savill in giving his apologies thanked everyone that attended his wife's funeral and stated that over £1000 was donated to the hospice in her memory.

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 Adoption of the Accounts for the period 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2013**

Mr. Lewis welcomed Simon Murray from Williams & Co, Auditors and asked Mr R Dick to present the accounts. Mr R Dick outlined that the accounts have been available on the website since October and copies have been made available tonight. He highlighted that page 6 of the accounts shows that the SCFA now has a turnover of over £1 million and the surplus for the year was £17,953. The Board budget annually for a small surplus and monitor expenditure monthly. The two spending committees of Referees and Challenge Trophies have a set budget and this is an agenda item at each meeting.

Page 7 shows at the end of the year we had £627,381 cash in the bank, £60,000 up on last year. This is due to clubs being invoiced in September for affiliation fees the previous year, whereas this year clubs paid in advance. The creditors' amounts falling due after more than one year of £164,000 relates to the grant from the FA towards the purchase of the building in 2005 which is being amortised over the life of the property, details of which can be found on page 8.

Page 11 details the running costs of county. Misconduct for the season 12-13 is down on the previous season and may be down to Respect working. Football development income from FA grants and coaching income is spent on the development of clubs and coaches across the county. Office costs include the purchase of new carpets and decorating. Mr R Dick referred to a question received last year regarding bank charges, but despite reviewing these, the fees are still quite high as more people choose to pay via electronic systems. The final page shows a net surplus of £19,127 before corporation tax is taken out.

No questions were asked, the accounts were put to the meeting. Mr D Fuller proposed and Mr B Carroll seconded, all were in favour and the accounts were adopted.

## **3. Adoption of the Benevolent Fund Accounts for the period 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2013.**

Mr R Dick outlined that the Benevolent Fund accounts have also been available on the website since October. The current cash balance is £21,465 which is just over £1,000 less than last year, as donations from clubs etc are down compared to last year. In total £3,100 was given out in grants last year.

No questions were asked, the accounts were put to the meeting. Mr G. Worsfold proposed and Mr D Fuller seconded, all were in favour and the accounts were adopted.

Mr Lewis thanked Mr R Dick and Ms K Westbrook for compiling the accounts and Mr S. Murray for auditing the accounts.

#### **4. Any other relevant business as admitted by the Chairman**

Mr. Lewis called on Mrs C McRoyall, to give members an update of the County Strategy. Mrs C McRoyall started by highlighting to members that the full strategy report for last year had now been circulated to all County members and key partners. She informed that extra copies were available if anyone needed them and asked County Members to use the brochure to inform clubs and leagues of the work the Surrey County FA does. Mrs C McRoyall then asked Mr P Jones to update the meeting on activities that had taken place since July. Mr P Jones highlighted the various events and activities that the County has been involved in from July to December. Then Mrs C McRoyall closed by stating that this just highlights a few areas that we have been involved in and lots more takes place on a regular basis such as coaching and referee courses. Mrs C McRoyall alerted those present to additional funding available to clubs through the Football Foundation Grow the Game scheme and gave details of upcoming events.

Mr J Martin queried the timescales of the Football Foundation Grow the Game funding. Mrs C McRoyall explained that the application window is open from 6<sup>th</sup> January until mid February, which is to fit in line with when the Football Foundation panel meets so clubs will be notified of success around April ready to recruit players for a new team starting in September. The Football Foundation has listened to feedback from Counties and changed the minimum number of new teams to just one, so hopefully that will make it easier for clubs to commit to. The Development Team will be targeting organised proactive clubs that are looking to expand. Mr G Worsfold asked what our allocation was?, Mrs C McRoyall stated we had been allocated 40 applications making a total of £60,000 available for clubs in Surrey.

As there were no further questions, Mr R Lewis thanked Mrs C McRoyall and Mr P Jones for the presentation and all county staff for their hard work.

Mr R Lewis then invited Mr R Lomax to speak. Mr R Lomax thanked everyone who voted for him and Pam to win the FA National Award, he stated it has been a great experience especially the trip to Buckingham Palace and they felt very lucky to win. He especially wanted to thank Mr F Thompson, Mrs C McRoyall and Mr R Ward for nominating them and promoting the vote across the County. Mr R Lomax stated that since they started in football back in 1966 tremendous

strides have been made for example in the development of referees and the introduction of repeated subs, they are proud to be part of that journey and still attend matches on a regular basis.

Mr R Lewis thanked Pam and Roy stating the County is very proud of the work they have done and further congratulated them on receiving such a high award.

## **5 Closure**

The meeting closed at 8.00pm