

# **Surrey County Football Association Limited**

## **General Meeting**

Minutes of the General Meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at County Office commencing at 7.00pm.

### **Present**

#### **County Members:**

Peter Ashdown, Sue Aspinwall, Colin Barnett, Bryan Croucher, Nick Drew, Gordon Harrison, Dermot Hennessy, Barrie Hogan, Mike Jerney, Michael Lawrence, Dave Letley, Ray Lewis, Pam Lomax, Roy Lomax, Anthony Loveridge, Bruce McLaren, Tony Newman, Les Pharo, Sheila Pink, Brian Reader, Vic Rolland, Bill Savill, John Wallis, Brian Walsh, Rod Wood

Anne-Marie Cliffe, Andrew Dickinson, Ashley Gumbrell, Nicola Novell, Tamsyn Woodman

#### **Clubs:**

Brockham Badgers, Lingfield

#### **Leagues & Competitions:**

Morden & District Sunday League (Jeff Martin), Surrey County Intermediate League Western (Derek Stovold), Surrey Elite League, Surrey Youth League (Pam Lomax)

### **Apologies**

#### **County Members:**

Derek Alldridge MBE, Lawrie Baker, Brian Carroll, Alan Clarke, Brian Fish, Richard Garner, Richard Ireson, Graham Keable, Victor Olisa, John Tasker, Jez Taylor, John Waddelow, Bob Woods, John Young

Emma Barnes, Bob Dick, Mike Gilham, Tim Lawrence

#### **Clubs:**

Ash United, Battersea Ironsides, Bourne Blades, Byfleet Village, Chiddingfold, Crystal Palace FC Women, Egham Town, Epsom & Ewell, Mitcham Park, Molesey Juniors, Parkside United, Reigate Knights, Shooting Staines, Virginia Water, Woking Cougars, Woking Town

#### **Leagues:**

Redhill & District Sunday League, Surrey & Hants Border League

## **1. Apologies**

The County President, Ray Lewis, chaired the meeting, introduced himself and welcomed those present. Ray read the apologies as above.

## **2. To receive and consider the accounts for the year ended 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019 and the reports of the charity trustees and auditors**

Surrey FA is in a strong financial position, delivering a surplus of £32,000 in 2018/19 (after adjusting for the receipt of multi-year funding, funds set aside into the Sinking Fund and Depreciation).

The surplus was primarily driven by compensation received from Mole Valley District Council, following delays in the building work at Meadowbank, and an unexpected reimbursement from Coachwise for over-charges on coaching course materials.

The Association has cash reserves of approximately £500,000, representing four months of operating costs, which is within the guidelines set by The FA on the recommended cash reserves County FAs should hold at any one time.

A query was raised regarding the reason for the increase of £20,000 in income from discipline costs and fees. This was due to the volume of transactions and the fact that income for 2018 was lower than other years.

The rise in pitch hire income is due to the hiring of the facilities and this has been retained by Surrey FA.

The benevolent fund has increased from £9,000 to £10,000 and details will be published shortly; those attending the meeting were encouraged to make claims when required.

Ray proposed that the Accounts be approved and all agreed.

## **3. Strategy Update Presentation 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019**

Andrew Dickinson highlighted successes such as the Presentation Evening, Dana Cup, Women's Flexi League, Black History Month in October and Surrey Schools FA competition.

He presented key figures and the position in which Surrey FA will be at the end of the strategy period. Participation figures were outlined for male, female, disability and futsal. Data for FA Charter Standard clubs and youth teams with qualified coaches was also detailed.

Meadowbank usage has increased this year particularly on Fridays and Sundays with over 4,485 unique users and the total number of visitors over 20,000. There have been a number of international visitors and the Korean FA will visit again in the near future.

Staffing changes which have taken place since the AGM earlier in the year were outlined along with new County Members.

Andrew also highlighted the Stonewall Rainbow Laces Campaign, Kick It Out and Mental Health awareness week, along with upcoming events.

Referring to marketing, there have been a number of new sponsors, BBC Radio Surrey appearances have continued, and competitions have taken place such as Charter Standard club of the month. The total digital reach is now 27,000.

The recent youth violence network event along with club safeguarding visits and DBS integration were also noted.

A question was raised regarding whether or not The FA will be supporting Surrey FA during the appointment of the Referee Development Officer. The meeting was advised that Surrey FA have been supported by Referee Development at The FA who have been consulted during the appointment process, but The FA will not be on interview panel.

It was raised from the floor that not all social media was good publicity and warned others at the meeting to be careful with the usage.

Tamsyn Woodman introduced herself and presented an overview of Football Development's achievements along with the plans for the season. Figures for women, girls, adult and youth male were outlined along with details of futsal tournaments and leagues. Details were given of the figures for disability football for 2019/2020, the number of teams and sessions by disability type, and key initiatives.

Reference was made to the key successes this season to date and upcoming initiatives for coach education, as well as the increase in refereeing courses, new venues and plans for the future, and pitch improvement figures and investment in major projects.

Bruce McLaren praised Football for All adding that it was a great event to participate in as a referee.

Ashley Gumbrell introduced himself and outlined details of his new role. He indicated that the Respect Campaign has led to positive respect currently standing at 89.2% with the target being 88%. Referring to the monthly Respect Awards and Kitlocker, The FA have provided a kickstarter innovation fund of £5,000 to support the Respect programme.

Ashley gave an overview of the silent weekend for U12s and below, and the free coach CPD; he thanked those who completed player feedback forms and showed results of the survey indicating feedback from coaches and parents.

Figures for discipline investigations from 1<sup>st</sup> July to date were outlined and Ashley advised that where cases were not proven feedback would be given. He advised that player registration and e-mail addresses will become compulsory and highlighted the benefits of using Matchday & PayPal.

Ray thanked those who had made presentations as well as the team at Surrey FA.

**4. Any other relevant business as admitted by the Chair**

There was no other business, so Ray thanked all present for attending.

Ray highlighted the State of Play survey that will be carried out next May and the target is for 6,500 to 7,000 surveys to be completed; details will be circulated in January / February 2020.

**5. Closure**

The meeting closed at 7.53pm.