



FOR WILTSHIRE

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Wiltshire County Football Association Limited, held via Microsoft Teams webinar on Thursday 1st July 2021 at 19:00.

Present: Mr Clive Archer (Chairman of the Association) presided over the meeting. In attendance was Mr Richard Gardiner (President) and Mr Oliver Selfe (Chief Executive Officer). There were 25 members present.

21/01 Chairman's Address: The Chairman thanked everyone for attending tonight. He reflected on the last 12 months which have been incredibly difficult with the pandemic. The Chairman asked the members to observe a one-minute silence to honour the members that had sadly died during the season.

21/02 Apologies for Absence: The Chairman reported that he had received apologies from 6 Council Members.

21/03 Welcome by the President: Mr Richard Gardiner opened the evening. He reflected on an interrupted season and added his congratulations to all the clubs who have managed to keep going through these very difficult times. Richard Gardiner proposed his successor as President. Historically the next longest serving life vice president takes the role. This therefore make Paul Fox eligible for President which he has duly accepted. Richard provided an introduction to Paul Fox who was unable to attend the meeting.

C Archer asked for ratification from attendees that Paul Fox is elected as president for the new season 2021/22.

C Archer thanked Richard Gardiner for everything he has done for the association over many years of service.

20/04 To pass minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting of the Wiltshire County FA Ltd: The minutes of the 2020 meeting were agreed.

20/05 To receive Directors Report and Accounts: The accounts have been prepared by Ross Brooke Accountants for the year ending 30th June 2020. There were no questions on the accounts and all present voted in favour to approve the accounts.

The CEO provided a presentation on the new Wiltshire FA Strategy. A copy of the strategy has been uploaded to the website. The strategy update tonight replaces the traditional AGM Directors report.

The CEO explained the new strategy will operate from 2021-2024. It has been shaped by the Board, staff and Council, using feedback from members. The strategy was presented to The FA at a select panel on the 21st June. The strategy passed FA ratification with no recommendations and glowing praise.

A copy of the strategy presentation is available with these minutes.

20/06 Announcement of Council Representatives 2020-21:

C Archer explained the new Articles of the Association state that Council members can fulfil a term of three x three years. The proposal is to start the term from the AGM in July 2020, when the new articles were adopted. This means all Council members are on the same starting point.

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In addition, we propose to keep the same people on the Council for the forthcoming season 2021/22 and season 2022/23, which then means term one of three is complete.

With agreement from the leagues, The Chairman confirmed that due to Covid-19, the Council representatives will remain the same for season 2021-22.

Life Vice Presidents

Mr Malcolm Baldwin
Mr Tony Davies
Mr Paul Fox
Mr Richard Gardiner
Mr Dennis Kilford
Mr Colin Newbury
Mr Adrian Riddiford
Mr Keith Cooper
Mr Ian Hibbard
Mr Dave Phillips

League Representatives

Mr Clive Archer (Chairman)	Swindon & District Sunday League
Mr Craig Gorton	North Wilts Youth League
Mr Colin Kennerson	Trowbridge & District League
Mr Ian Lycett	Women's & Girls League
Mrs Tina McCosh	Mid Wilts Youth League
Mr Richard Nelson	Salisbury & District League
Mr Peter Lowe	Chippenham & District League
Mr Colin Tewkesbury	Swindon & District Saturday League
Mr Robert Cook	Wiltshire Senior League

Geographical Representatives

Mark Eburne	North Wiltshire
Vacant	Central Wiltshire
Vacant	South Wiltshire

Appointment and nomination of Representatives:

Mr Tony Williams	Wiltshire Schools FA
Cptn Nicholas Edwards	Forces
Mr Ian Hailstone	Wiltshire Referees Association
Mr Simon Hooper	Senior Referees
Vacant	Small Sided Football
Vacant	Youth Council
Vacant	Youth Council
Mr Kevin Turner	Wiltshire Walking Football League
Vacant	Ability Counts Representative

There are 6 current vacancies on Council and the Chairman requested if anyone is interested in the vacancies please do contact the County FA.

20/07 FA Representative Introduction

C Archer spent a few minutes recognising the services of Richard Gardiner, who is stepping down as President and FA Representative this evening.

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A recruitment process took place to find the new FA Representative. This was a formal interview process with a panel containing the Chairman, Outgoing President and CEO.

Terry McCosh was successful and will become the next FA Representative.

20/08 Appointment of accountants

C Archer explained that the Board would like to move our accountancy from Ross Brooke based in Swindon, to Charlton Baker who are based locally in Devizes. This is a move decided upon due to location and ease of services moving forward.

The members voted, with all in favour.

20/09 Presentation to Honorary Members: The Chairman recognised the following Honorary Members.

Mrs Doreen Rugg – FA 50 years' service award with the Chippenham and District Sunday Football League

Mrs Beverley Maul – FA 50 years' service award for her services to women's football in Wiltshire.

Mr Richard Gardiner – Recognition for outstanding contribution to Wiltshire FA and football across the County.

20/10 Place of the Next Annual General Meeting: The next Annual General Meeting will be scheduled for Green Lane Devizes on the 23rd June 2022 at 7pm.

20/11 Any Other Business: There was no further business

20/12 The Chairman closed the annual general meeting and thanked everyone for attending. The meeting closed at 8.00pm

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Wiltshire Football Benevolent Fund held on 1st July 2021

Ian Hibbard welcomed everyone to the 2020/21 AGM.

Ian Hibbard reported the recent death of one of the Club Trustees, Ken Clarke, and on behalf of the members sent condolences to his wife and family.

The minutes from last year's AGM was approved

Ian Hibbard provided an overview of Fund's purpose which is to consider applications from any member of a Wiltshire FA affiliated club who suffers proven financial hardship as a result of injury sustained in an organised activity. It could mean someone who is struggling to pay their mortgage/rent and possible eviction, or who find themselves becoming reliant on food banks to sustain their family.

The fund is a registered charity to whom Ian has to make an annual financial return and may be required to prove that we have acted in accordance with their regulations and our own constitution.

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There are six Trustees: three elected by member clubs (last year John Gingell, John Haigh, and Ken Clarke) plus three appointed by Wiltshire FA (Keith Cooper, Tina McCosh, and Ian Hibbard).

At the start of the year there was £6084.33 in the bank account and the account finished with £6123.33 after £39 was received in donations from clubs. This small amount is our only source of income and comes from clubs adding a little bit extra to their annual affiliations fees which have not been required from the majority due to the impact of Covid.

The committee met just once during the year as recently as last Monday when an award was made to a player who suffered serious Achilles damage during a club training session which has prevented him from working as a plumber. This amount will not show until next year's accounts when the cheque clears.

Moving forward to next year, John Gingell has agreed to stand again on behalf of the clubs, and we await confirmation from John Haigh. A replacement will be required for Ken Clarke.

The County FA has appointed their three representatives. All who served last year (Keith Cooper, Tina McCosh and Ian Hibbard). The Council Members present endorsed this.

The meeting concluded 8.10pm

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