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## **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Wiltshire County Football Association Limited, held via Microsoft Teams webinar on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2020 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 42 members present. In addition, 8 members had sent their apologies due to inability to access digital technology. These members votes have been considered, as part of the meeting.

**20/01 Apologies for Absence:** The Chairman reported that he had received apologies from 8 Council Members.

The Chairman asked the members to observe a one minute silence to honour the members that had sadly passed away during the season.

**20/02 Welcome by the President:** Mr Richard Gardiner opened the evening. He reflected on an unprecedented season of interruption, however there have been some significant success and the President highlighted some of the positive achievements. The President gave thanks to Mark Young for his work on the new facility at Green Lane Playing Fields.

**20/03 Appointment of Scrutineers:** Emma Cottier-Small was on the call to act as Scrutineer via chat function.

**20/04 To pass minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting of the Wiltshire County FA Ltd:** The minutes of the 2019 meeting were agreed.

**20/05 To receive Directors Report and Accounts:** An AGM pack was distributed to all members prior to the AGM (This has been made available online) and this contained an update from the Chairman, CEO and Finance Director. J Dennis the Finance Director provided a summary of the County finances heading into the new season and talked about the challenges the company will face as a result of Covid-19. The accounts have been prepared by Ross Brooke Accountants for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019. There were no questions on the accounts or the Directors Report. All voted in favour to approve the report and accounts

The CEO provided a presentation on the new County HQ at Green Lane. He also highlighted the challenges faced by the company over the last 6 months, as we manage the Covid-19 pandemic and impact on grassroots football. The CEO provided an overview of the company priorities for the next 12 months.

### **20/06 New Articles of the Association**

The Chairman introduced the new Articles of the Association, which were approved by WCFA Council on the 4<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

O Selfe provided an overview of the rationale for amending the articles and how this supports the Wiltshire FAs aim to achieve The FA Code of Governance. An overview of The FA Code of Governance was provided to members.

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The members voted to adopt the new Articles and the Association. All in favour and none against. The Articles were therefore passed.

**20/07 Announcement of Council Representatives 2020-21:** With agreement from the leagues, The Chairman confirmed that due to Covid-19, the Council representatives will remain the same for season 2020-21, with the exception of one new Council member Peter Lowe, who will represent the Chippenham and District League.

*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
Vacant	South Wilts Youth League
Mr Richard Nelson	Salisbury & District League
Mr Peter Lowe	Chippenham & District League
Mr Colin Tewkesbury	Swindon & District Saturday League
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
Vacant	Senior Referees
Vacant	Small Sided Football
Peter Beasley	Youth Council
Ella Broad	Youth Council

The Chairman asked the Council for permission to include two new Representative positions for season 2020-21.

1. Walking Football Representative
2. Ability Counts Representative

The members voted and all were in favour of the two new positions and retaining the representatives, as outlined above.

There are 5 current vacancies on Council and the Chairman requested if anyone is interested in the vacancies please do contact the County FA.

Mr Terry McCosh put himself forward for the Walking Football Representative. This was agreed by the members and will now be voted in at the first meeting of the Council, following the AGM.

**20/08 Appointment of Accountants to prepare Accounts:** The Chairman proposed to continue utilising Ross Brooke Ltd.

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All voted in favour to approve Ross Brooke as the accountants for season 2020/21.

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

Brain Asher – Salisbury and District League

Mike Sear – Salisbury and District League

Richard Gardiner – WCFA President

Paul Fox – WCFA Life Vice President

**20/10 Place of the Next Annual General Meeting:** The next Annual General Meeting will be scheduled for Green Lane Devizes. A date and time still needs to be set and will be communicated in due course.

**20/11 Any Other Business:** Members engaged in a short Q&A with the Chairman and CEO.

**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 9th July 2020**

The annual general meeting of the Wiltshire Football Benevolent Fund took place immediately following the Wiltshire County FA annual general meeting and members remained for the meeting.

Mr Ian Hibbard (Secretary) chaired the meeting.

20/01 - The purpose of the fund, which is a registered charity, is to assist any member of a Wilts FA affiliated club who has suffered proven financial hardship whilst taking part in an officially organised football activity. Examples of such hardship would be an inability to pay the rent or mortgage, or meet other essential household commitments, particularly if there are dependants who rely on the individual's normal income.

20/02 - The Fund is administered in accordance with its own Rules, and those of the Charity Commission, by six Trustees; three elected annually by the clubs, and three appointed annually by the Wiltshire County FA.

20/03 - In the season just completed the clubs were represented by John Gingell, Ken Clarke & John Haigh, and the WCFA by Keith Cooper, Christina McCosh & Ian Hibbard.

20/04 - The bank balance at the start of the year was £6023.33 and at the end £6084.33 after taking income as donations from clubs into account.

20/05 - John Gingell, Ken Clarke & John Haigh indicated their willingness to represent the clubs again next season and all were duly elected after no objections.

20/06 - The WCFA Council re-appointed Keith Cooper, Christina McCosh & Ian Hibbard to represent them again next season.

20/07 - Ian Hibbard concluded the business of the Benevolent Fund's 2019/20 AGM and thanked members for their attendance.

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