



MINUTES OF THE 25th ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13th NOVEMBER 2024
AT THE COUNTY GROUND, THURSTON ROAD, LEYLAND PR25 2LF

Meeting began: 19:02

There were **21** Full Members present and entitled to vote.

Opening Words: Mr David Flory, Chair of Lancashire FA Board of Directors, provided opening words of welcome and introduced the presenters.

MINUTES

1 To approve the Minutes of the 24th Annual General Meeting held on 13th November 2023

The Minutes of the meeting held on 13th November 2023 were approved as a true record.

Proposer	John Brown (West Lancashire League)
Seconder	David McNamara (Blackburn Sunday League)

2 To receive from the Directors a full statement of account to 30th June 2024

On behalf of the Directors, Ms Katelyn Duton, Senior Statutory Auditor from the Association's Auditors, Sedulo Audit Limited, provided an overview of the audit process and confirmed that there were no issues, and a 'clean' audit report had been issued, and provided an overview of the Associations Accounts for 1st July 2023 – 30th June 2024, highlighting key figures and messages. Mrs Jane Wareing, the Association's Head of Finance, responded to questions raised by the membership ahead of the AGM on Discipline income, Affiliation and Creditor information. An additional question was raised on the topic of Other Income.

3 To receive from the Directors the Annual Report for the 2023-24 Season and Forward View

4 Questions Received from the Membership

Items 3 and 4 were dealt with together. On behalf of the Directors, the Chief Executive, Mr Simon Gerrard, presented the Annual Report, outlining the key performance of the Association during the 2023-24 Season, provided an overview of the outlook for the 2024-28 strategy period and responded to questions raised by the membership ahead of the AGM. These included Membership, Community Engagement, Reconnecting with Volunteers, Customer Excellence, Referees, Safeguarding, Finance, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion and eSports.

The Chief Executive, Mr Simon Gerrard, together with Mr Jacob Lehane, Referee Development Officer, then responded to additional questions raised by the Membership on the topic of Referees.

5 To re-appoint the Auditors

It was agreed by the members present that Sedulo Audit Limited be re-appointed as the Association Auditors.

Thanks were given to Sedulo Audit Limited for all their work over the year.

Proposer	John Brown (West Lancashire League)
Seconder	Chris Whalley (ELFA)

6 To re-appoint member-nominated Director Craig Howard for his third and final term and note the terms of all independently appointed Directors

It was agreed by the members present that Craig Howard be re-appointed as member-nominated Director for his third and final term.

Thanks were given to Craig Howard for his contributions over his previous two terms.

Proposer	John Brown (West Lancashire League)
Seconder	Barbara Knagg (Furness Premier League)

The following terms were noted for the independently appointed Directors:

- Arshia Hashmi (Vice Chair/SID) - 5th September 2026 [Expiry of 3-year term 3 (of 3)]
- David Flory (Chair/FA Rep) - 30th June 2025 [Expiry of 3-year term 1 (of max 4)]
- Jackie Day- Garner - 11th May 2026 [Expiry of 3-year term 2 (of 3)]
- Mark Wild - 11th May 2026 [Expiry of 3-year term 2 (of 3)]
- Paul Newman - 20th June 2027 [Expiry of 3-year term 2 (of 3)]
- Priya Kohli - 20th June 2027 [Expiry of 3-year term 2 (of 3)]
- Rachel Brown-Finnis - 8th Sept 2027 [Expiry of 3-year term 1 (of 3)]
- Steve Daley - 18th Aug 2027 [Expiry of 3-year term 1 (of 3)]
- Stewart Kellett - 11th May 2026 [Expiry of 3-year term 2 (of 3)]

7 Any Other Business (submitted to the CEO 48 hours prior to the meeting)

None received prior to, or during, the meeting.

Closing Remarks

The Chair provided closing remarks and thanks were given to:

- Simon Gerrard (CEO) for his very comprehensive overview of both the previous season and forward view for the coming strategy period.
- All the Lancashire Football Association Staff for their incredibly hard work within the busy and dynamic working environment at the Association.
- The Directors for their vast contributions to the governance of the Association.
- Sedulo Audit Limited for their work with us over the last three years.
- The Members of the Association present, as well as those unable to join. It was reiterated that the Game is dependent on the pleasure, excitement and fun that football participation brings to our community, and thanks are given for the hard work of all Members, Volunteers, Clubs and Leagues without whom football would not be possible.

Meeting Ended: 20:34