



Surrey County Football Association Limited

Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 24th July 2023 commencing at 7.00pm.

Present

County Members:

Sue Aspinwall, Soye Briggs, Brian Carroll, Bryan Croucher, Gulam Damji, Nick Drew, Dermot Hennessy, Barrie Hogan, Richard Ireson, Graham Keable, Michael Lawrence, David Letley, Ray Lewis, Lizzie Liebenhals, Roy Lomax, Tony Loveridge, Tony Newman, Victor Olisa, Sheila Pink, Yvonne Rees, Vic Rolland, Derek Stovold, John Wallis, Alex Warner, John Young

Staff:

Emma Barnes, Bob Dick, Andrew Dickinson, Dominic Fairhurst, Richard Garland, Sally Lockyer, Josh Symmonds

Clubs:

AFC Walcountians Youth, AFC Whyteleafe Youth, Barnes Eagles, Brockham Badgers, Byfleet Village, Camberley Town, Camberley Town Youth, CBSC Chelsea Foundation, Cheam Sports Youth, Chertsey Town Juniors, Copthorne Youth, Cranleigh, Crawley AFC, Crystal Palace Women, Dorking Cobras, Dundonald United, Epsom Casuals, Gatwick Warriors, Godalming Town, Guildford City Boys and Girls, Holland Sports, Junior Elite, Kingstonian, Kingswood T, Manorcroft United, Meadow Sports, Merstham, Molesey Juniors, My Team Paid, Old Coulsdon Colts, Old Rutlishians Youth, Onslow, Ottershaw, Redhill, Reigate Women, Sutton United Colts, Tattenham, Virginia Water Youth, Wandgas Youth

Leagues & Competitions:

Surrey County Women & Girls, Surrey Youth League

Apologies

County Members:

Peter Ashdown, Colin Barnett, Alan Clarke, Emma Clarke, Josie Jones, Tony Loveridge, Bruce McLaren, Brian Reader, Mike Sillett, Jez Taylor, John Waddelow

Clubs:

Mitcham Park

1. Apologies

The Chair of the Board of Trustees, Alex Warner, introduced himself, welcomed those present and drew the meeting's attention to those members of the football family that had passed away during the last 12 months.

Alex then read the apologies for the meeting.

2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 8th August 2022 were agreed and signed.

3. Minutes of the General Meeting held on 30th January 2023 were agreed and signed.

4. Presentation of Annual Report / Strategy Update

Alex handed over to Sally Lockyer, Chief Executive Officer, to give members an overview of the Annual Report and Strategy Update July 2022 – June 2023.

Sally highlighted Surrey FA's governance; we were the third county to achieve the Governance Code and the first county to achieve the Intermediate Equality Standard. Stressing the importance of safeguarding, Sally reported that Surrey FA were highly commended after an external review. Sally highlighted the referee awards evening, CPD events for coaches and the work of the Youth Forum. Sally then outlined Surrey FA's 10-year strategy.

Emma Barnes, Head of Football Development, outlined participation figures compared with our targets. Emma also referred to England Accreditation and Football Foundation investment, as well as referee and CPD courses, and highlighted some of the projects from the Football Development team.

Richard Garland, Discipline Case Officer, then outlined the figures for discipline investigations for the last three seasons, along with the reasons for the increase in cases and revenue figures. Richard thanked the volunteers involved with the running of the County Cup finals and indicated that affiliations are now being completed using the County Portal.

Josh Symmonds, Head of Marketing & Partnerships, outlined the role of the marketing team and how our website is used to access resources. Referring to social media, we are now the highest followed County FA and have content on TikTok, Surrey FA TV and podcasts. Josh then gave details for our partnerships.

Andrew Dickinson, Head of Operations & Deputy CEO, highlighted Surrey FA's exemplary governance along with safeguarding initiatives and the work relating to Equality, Diversity & Inclusion. The usage of Meadowbank was detailed as well as staff changes during the year.

5. Overview of the accounts by the Finance Director

The Finance Director, Nick Drew, presented a brief overview of the accounts, which will be finalised for the next General Meeting. Our core funding still originates from the FA, and the amount they receive from broadcasting and sponsorship details. We hope that discipline income will decrease in future years and aim to better exploit the commercial assets of the county to bring in additional funding, so that we can grow the County's operations and replicate what has been achieved at Meadowbank in other areas.

The financial year closed at the end of June with our audit being in August and September. The annual report will be produced and published on our website in advance of the next General Meeting.

6. Appointment of the Association's Auditors

TC Group (Taylorcocks) was duly appointed for 2023-2024.

7. Announcement of the appointment of any Life Vice-Presidents, Honorary Members and Vice-Presidents

No appointments were made.

8. Appointment of Trustees in accordance with Article 27

No appointments were made.

9. Notification of changes to County Cup Rules for season 2023-2024

No changes were made.

10. Notification of changes to Articles of Association as approved by the Board

No changes were made.

11. Any other relevant business as admitted by the Chair

Alex Warner advised that Ray Lewis has been Surrey FA's President since 2010 and his term of office has expired. The plan is that Ray will become a Patron of Surrey FA and Nick Drew will be appointed President. Nick will take on this role once a replacement for the Finance Director role is selected.

In addition, Victor Olisa, our Board Safeguarding Champion, is stepping down from this role and Alex thanked Victor for his commitment over the past few years. Yvonne Rees, who is currently a Senior Independent Director, will be taking on this role.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 8.07pm.