



Surrey County Football Association Limited

General Meeting

Minutes of the online General Meeting held on Monday 15th January 2024 commencing at 7.00pm.

Present

County Members:

Sarah Adams, Soye Briggs, Megan Casse, Alan Clarke, Emma Clarke, Gordon Harrison, Richard Ireson, Graham Keable, Michael Lawrence, Ray Lewis, Yvonne Rees, Vic Rolland, Derek Stovold, John Wallis, John Young

Staff:

Emma Barnes, Anne-Marie Cliffe, Bob Dick, Andrew Dickinson, Richard Garland, Sally Lockyer, David Miller, Nicola Novell, Kirk Ritchie

Clubs:

A.F.C. Whyteleafe Youth, Banstead Village, Camberley Town Youth, Carshalton Athletic, Chertsey Town Juniors, Epsom Casuals, Frimley Green Boys & Girls, Goldsworth Park Rangers Youth, Holland Sports, Junior Elite, Kingstone Elite, Kingstonian, Kingswood T, K.L. Athletic, Leatherhead FC, Lewisham United, Meadow Sports, Molesey Juniors, Mytchett Athletic, Norbury Green, Old Coulsdon Colts, Ottershaw, Parkside, Raynes Park Vale Youth, , Royal Standard, Sutton Common Rovers Colts, Timoth F.C. '71, Woking Cougars, Woking FC, Woking Town

Leagues & Competitions:

Surrey County Women & Girls

Apologies

County Members:

Sue Aspinwall, Brian Carroll, Nick Drew, Barrie Hogan, Alan Holmes, Mike Jermey, Lizzie Liebenhals, Pam Lomax, Roy Lomax Tony Loveridge, John Waddelow, Bob Woods

Clubs:

Mitcham Park

1. Apologies

The Surrey FA Interim Chair, Soye Briggs, welcomed those present, outlined the agenda and then read the apologies as above.

2. To receive and consider the accounts for the year ended 1st July 2022 to 30th June 2023 and the reports of the charity trustees and auditors

Nicola Novell, Head of Finance, presented an overview of the financial results for 2022/23. Nicola highlighted the changes to the Board and the auditor's independent report.

Soye proposed that the Accounts be approved and all agreed.

3. Surrey FA 2030 Strategy Update Presentation

Sally Lockyer delivered a strategy overview for the last six months, highlighting the continuing unprecedented levels of discipline cases and poor behaviour across the game nationally.

Surrey FA are the only County FA with a 10-year strategy and were the first county FA to achieve Intermediate Equality Standard in 2019 and will re-submit Intermediate Equality in the Spring. We remain one of three county FA's that have reached Intermediate standard which sits alongside compliance with the FA Code of Governance.

We aim to continue building on our brand partnerships. In recognition of our work, SFA were nominated for three awards and won two at the County FA Recognition Awards at Wembley. SFA were the only county to win two awards.

Soye Briggs has been appointed IAG Chair and we are currently recruiting for the Board.

- Emma Barnes, Head of Football Development, outlined the increased participation across all areas in the county, the CFA Recognition Awards, and the Football Delivery Fund that provides funding for innovative projects such as Ready Set Glow and Time Out (for young carers). Emma also mentioned England Accreditation, previously known as Charter Standard, Facilities, CPD events and Referees.

David Miller, Head of Governance & Discipline, reported on the number of discipline cases for the season so far and the increase of 70% on this time last season, highlighting measures put in place to alleviate these issues. Finally, David highlighted the County Cup dates along with contingency dates for 2024 as these are subject to change.

As a result of David's presentation, there was a discussion regarding discipline issues, referees and spectators, and proposed solutions.

Kirk Ritchie introduced himself as the new Head of Marketing & Partnerships and outlined his background. Kirk detailed the aim of the marketing team and the increase in our social media audience over the last six months, as well as the plans to develop our partnerships along with future events and projects.

Andrew Dickinson, Head of Operations, provided details for our Code of Governance, Safeguarding 365 and Intermediate Equality Standard. He outlined various aspects of Safeguarding as well as Equality, Diversity and Inclusion and the usage for Meadowbank Football Stadium. Lastly, Andrew detailed the staff changes for the organisation.

4. Announcement of the appointment of any Life Vice-Presidents, Vice-Presidents and Honorary Members – if appropriate

There were no appointments.

5. Any other relevant business as admitted by the Interim Chair

There was no other business.

6. Closure

Soye thanked those at the meeting for their time, as well as the Surrey FA team and volunteers for their support and contribution.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.