

119th Annual General Meeting 22nd May 2014 at Aldershot Town FC

MINUTES OF THE 119th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ALDERSHOT DIVISIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

HELD ON THURSDAY 22nd May 2014 AT 20.00, ALDERSHOT TOWN FC, ALDERSHOT

Those present and submitted apologies are as per the Attendance List

1. Chair's Remarks

The Chair welcomed everyone to the 119th AGM of the Association, noting an intention to keep the meeting brief as the meeting date clashes with an election evening.

He began by thanking each of his fellow officers for their help during the year and continued by thanking Aldershot Town for their consistent support during the season, including use of their venue both for meetings and for hosting a number of Finals in the Cup competitions

2. The Minutes of the 117th Annual General Meeting

The Chair presented the Minutes of the previous AGM and there were no matters arising

3. Adoption of the Minutes of the 117th Annual General Meeting

The Chair asked that the Minutes be adopted as a true record; this was proposed by John Foggo, seconded by Gemma Shepherd and approved by all present.

4. General Secretary's Report

The General Secretary, Mr Phil Blakey, presented his report as circulated.

PB also thanked fellow officers and Aldershot Town and congratulated each of the clubs who had won the cup competitions. He noted that the playing surface at Aldershot was good for football, even at this late stage of the season; also, the final of the Mark Coombes trophy had raised a good amount for Asthma UK through 50/50 draws and collections on the day

Further, in relation to football matters, PB confirmed that the pilot scheme for 'rolling substitutes', (in use for all competitions except the Saturday Senior Cup), was to be extended for another year. The Chair invited any questions but none were received.

5. Treasurers Report

The Treasurer, Eddie Spraggett, presented the accounts as circulated.

Sandrock FC asked a question about the higher level of deficit in the 2014 accounts compared with 2013. The Chair replied that the deficit had been part of a deliberate policy to repay accumulated funds back to clubs, which had led, for example, to prize money being



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paid to club quarter finalists in Cup competitions. This practice would be amended now that the surplus had been drawn back down.

There were no further questions and Colin Chandler proposed acceptance of the accounts. This was seconded by Rushmoor and the accounts were duly approved by all present

6. Election of the Officers of the Council

The President, Thura TK Win, took the chair to oversee the election of Officers to the Council.

He thanked the Chair and the officers for all their hard work during the year. The list of the officers up for re-election was read out it was noted that they were standing unopposed. Mr Win proposed that the positions be elected 'en-bloc' which was approved by all present.

President Mr Thura KT Win, JP
Chairman Mr John Marchment
Deputy Chairman Mr Gary Jacobs
Hon. General Secretary Mr Phil Blakey
Minutes Secretary Mr Paul Roberts

Thes nominations were proposed by Geoff Bedford, seconded by A Barnes, and endorsed by all present. Mr Win therefore declared that all the Officers were elected as nominated and passed the chair of the meeting back. The Chair, on behalf of the Officers, thanked the meeting for the group re-election and for support in doing ADFA business during the year

7. Appointment of Accounts Verifier

The Chairman recommended that the services of DGS Associates as Accounts Verifier be retained for another season. This was proposed by Phil Rush, seconded by Nigel Welch and approved by all present.

8. Rule Amendments

The General Secretary explained that the rule changes as circulated were mainly intended to tidy up the rules for Cup Competitions. He advised clubs in particular to check player eligibility, so as to prevent challenges which may lead to exclusion from the Competition

Acceptance of the changes was proposed by Chawton Athletic, seconded by Camberley Cougars and approved by all present

9. Meritorious Service to Football Awards

The Chair paid tribute everyone involved in promoting football at local level and encouraged everyone to consider individuals whose contribution could be recognised in this way.



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He presented an award to the people on the following list, all of whom belong to the NEHYL and have each given more that 20 years service to football clubs in a variety of roles.

- Royston Brookes; Mychett Athletic*
- Mark Kelly; Alton United FC*
- Nasos Stefanopoulos; Loddon Sports FC*
- Gavin Browne; Manor Colts FC
- John Priddle; Manor Colts FC

10. Attendants Roll Call

The Roll Call was carried out by Deputy Chairman Gary Jacobs.

11. Any Other Previously Notified Business

- Chair reminded clubs to return affiliation forms / Cup Competition entries promptly
- Mr Steve Yeomans drew attention to a couple of Hants FA initatives
- 1. Return to Football, (details on their site, timed to coincide the World Cup)
- 2. Amnesty on late disciplinary fines
- Mr Paul Roberts encourage anyone connected with football clubs and with an interest in the game to consider taking up refereeing, due to a local shortage. Adult only courses are being arranged for September and clubs were encouraged to promote the idea.

The Chair advised that next season's AGM will be on Thursday 14th May 2015.

Finally, the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and wished everyone a safe journey home and a good break before the start of next season.

Meeting Closed at 20:29 Hours

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^{*}Awards on the night accepted by Geoff Bedford