

124<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at Aldershot Town FC

# MINUTES OF THE 124th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ALDERSHOT DIVISIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION HELD ON THURSDAY 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019 AT 8pm, ALDERSHOT TOWN FC, ALDERSHOT

Those present and submitted apologies are as per the Attendance List

# 1. <u>Chairman's Remarks</u>

The Chairman, Mike Gardner (MG), opened the meeting welcoming everyone to the 124<sup>th</sup> AGM of the Association. MG explained the format of the meeting and reminded all present what the ADFA's purpose is and how it is linked to Hampshire FA.

MG specifically informed the room that the ADFA, like other county bodies, was concerned at the decline of 11 a side adult football on Saturday and Sundays and was working with the leagues and HFA to see how this situation can be turned around.

The Chairman thanked all club representatives for their commitment during the season reminding them all their important contribution to football in the area.

MG thanked his fellow officers for their help during the year, namely Martin Castle (General Secretary), Thura Win (President), John Marchment (Deputy Chairman), Steve Yeomans (Treasurer), and Adrian Brimicombe (Minutes Secretary) singling SY out for his role as Cup Chairman, and to Aldershot Town FC for making their facilities available to the Association for meetings and cup finals.

As the Minutes Secretary was absent, Martin Castle was Minutes Secretary for the evening.

## 2. <u>The Minutes of the 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting</u>

The Chairman presented the Minutes of the previous AGM and there were no matters arising. All AGM minutes can be viewed on the website, <u>www.aldershotfa.com</u>

## 3. Adoption of the Minutes of the 123rd Annual General Meeting

The Chairman asked that the 123<sup>rd</sup> meeting minutes be adopted as a true record; this was proposed by Richard Whittington, seconded by Alan Rosekilly and approved by all present.

## 4. General Secretary's Report

The General Secretary, Martin Castle (MC), presented a verbal report, giving his thanks to his fellow officers for their support. MC gave particular thanks to Phil Blakey for his work on rules. MC also congratulated each of the clubs who had won the ADFA cup competitions and recorded the following final results:

Saturday Senior Cup:	Camberley Town 4 Knaphill 1.
Intermediate Invitation (Mark Coombs):	Liphook United Res 2 Yateley United 1.
Saturday Junior Cup:	Ropley 2 Yateley United A 2 (Ropley 4-3 on pens).
Sunday Senior Cup:	Lightwater Sunday 4 Fernhill 0.
Eric Holbrook Cup:	Hawley Res 5 Hawley Bridge Memorial 2.



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MC recorded his thanks to Steve Yeomans and the Cup Committee for their hard work in ensuring the competitions were completed efficiently and professionally.

MC once again reminded all clubs that as they are affiliated to HFA they automatically affiliate to their local Divisional FA (herein ADFA), meaning that all are obliged to attend the AGM.

MC commended all involved for their hard work and dedication and encouraged any officers at clubs to consider getting involved with the ADFA as new members are always welcome.

MC wished all clubs and Leagues good luck for season 2019-20

### 5. Treasurers Report

Treasurer, Steve Yeomans (SY), presented the accounts as circulated at the door upon arrival. There were no questions from members. Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Nigel Welch, seconded by Malcolm Upward, and duly approved by those present.

#### 6. Appointment of Accounts Verifier

The Chairman announced that the Association would like to retain the services of S7 Consultancy as the Accounts Verifier for the forthcoming season. Proposed by Richard Whittington, seconded by Luke Mullen Hartley Wintney FC and agreed by all present.

## 7. Election of the Officers of the Council

The President, Thura TK Win (TW), oversaw the election of Officers to the Council. The current officers were prepared to continue and stood unopposed for re-election en-bloc:

President	Mr Thura KT Win, JP
Chairman	Mr Mike Gardner
Deputy Chairman	Mr John Marchment
Hon. General Secretary	Mr Martin Castle
Treasurer	Mr Steve Yeomans
Minutes Secretary	Mr Adrian Brimicombe

Proposed by Clive Spooner, Mytchett Athletic FC and seconded by Wayne Dickson, Alton FC. The proposal was accepted by all present. TW thanked the floor for their support declaring that all Officers were elected as nominated. The Chairman, on behalf of the Officers, thanked the meeting for the group re-election and for support in doing ADFA business during the year.

## 8. <u>Rule Amendments</u>

TW deputising for Phil Blakey. advised that there were no mandatory changes to the Standard Code of Rules for Divisional Associations. Proposed by Ian Shearer, Sandrock Vets, seconded by Alan Rosekilly, and agreed by all present.

#### 9. Meritorious Service to Football Awards

The Deputy Chairman John Marchment (JM) paid tribute to everyone involved in promoting football at local level and encouraged all present to consider individuals from their clubs or local knowledge, whose contribution should be recognised formally.



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On behalf of the ADFA, JM presented awards to two local stalwarts who had each given 20 years service to local football:

Jim McKell of Alton Town FC Garry Ward of Farnborough FC

# 10. Overview from HFA of Club Survey

Pedro Viveiros from HFA presented the results from the online survey carried out by HFA with ADFA member clubs about the challenges local football faces.

He went on to further explain the types of support available from HFA and ADFA to address these, including the Playon scheme on the HFA website <u>www.playon.hampshirefa.com</u>

### 11. Attendants Roll Call

The roll call was carried out by MC. Clubs not represented to be fined £20 in line with Rule 13 of the association.

### 12. Benevolent Officers Report

John Marchment reminded and advised all present the existence and purpose of the ADFA Benevolent Fund and its relevance to players and referees.

### 13. Any Other Business

There was a question from the room about the possibility of a Ladies Cup competition, SY on behalf of the Cups Committee replied saying it would be possible if enough teams participated and that it was financially viable. ATFC said their pitch could be used FOC if it took place. A question regarding Senior Cup referee fees is to be discussed at a cup committee meeting.

#### 14. Chairman's Closing Remarks

The Chairman confirmed to the room that 2019-20 was the Association's 125<sup>th</sup> year and as such some special events would be taking place. Specifically asking if anyone had any memorabilia that could be loaned to ADFA for a special display.

MG also informed about the representative matches planned at end of next season

The Chairman advised that next season's AGM will be on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2020.

There being no other notified business, MG thanked everyone for their attendance and wished them every success for the following season.

Meeting Closed at 8.45pm

Mr Mike Gardner, Chairman