



**MINUTES OF THE 128<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF THE ALDERSHOT DIVISIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION  
HELD ON 18<sup>th</sup> MAY 2023 AT ALDERSHOT TOWN FC.**

**1. Chairman's Remarks**

The Chairman, Mike Gardner (MG), opened the meeting welcoming everyone to the 128<sup>th</sup> AGM of the Association. He discussed the past season and explained the purpose of the ADFA bringing all aspects of football together under one roof from the NEHYL to Walking Football, all in one room, four times a year. He extended his thanks to fellow Officers and Council Members and all Club, League representatives and volunteers for their valuable contribution to football in the area.

**2. The Minutes of the 127<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**

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

**3. Adoption of the Minutes of the 127<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**

The Chairman asked that the 127<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes be adopted as a true record; this was proposed by Richard Whittington, seconded by Phil Rush and approved by all present.

**4. General Secretary's Report**

The General Secretary, Martin Castle (MC), gave thanks for the support of his fellow Officers and gave a brief verbal report. MC gave particular thanks to Phil Blakey for his valuable work on the rules. MC wished all clubs and Leagues good luck for season 2023-24. He reminded everyone that there were cup application packs available at the end of the meeting but these would also be available on our website from Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May.

**ADFA Invitation Cup Report**

Competitions Secretary, Richard Whittington (RW) thanked all the participating clubs and colleagues for delivering five cup competitions. The finals were very well supported and were outstanding this season. A total of 85 clubs took part and 80 matches were played. It was very tight at the end with some of the fixtures played days before the final. He was pleased to add that, as a result of the 50/50 ticket draw, Asthma UK and the Phillis Tuckwell Hospice will receive generous donations.

**5. Treasurers Report**

Treasurer, Phil Blakey (PB), presented the accounts as circulated. There were no questions from members. PB explained that 'Computer Expenses' related to website hosting and media activities. Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Mark Culverhouse, seconded by Suzanne Swan, and duly approved by those present.

**6. Election of the Officers of the Council**

The President, Thura TK Win (TW), oversaw the election of Officers to the Council. The officers listed below were prepared to stand and as they were unopposed for election were voted en-bloc:

<b>President</b>	<b>Mr Thura KT Win, JP</b>
<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Mr Mike Gardner</b>
<b>Deputy Chairman</b>	<b>Mr Graham Brookland</b>
<b>Hon. General Secretary</b>	<b>Mr Martin Castle</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Mr John Marchment</b>
<b>Minutes Secretary</b>	<b>Mrs Suzanne Swan</b>
<b>Competitions Secretary</b>	<b>Mr Richard Whittington</b>



TW stated as there was no opposition to the proposed officers and declared 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.

#### **7. Appointment of Accounts Verifiers**

The Chairman announced that the Association would like to retain the services of Spring Financial Services as the Accounts Verifier for the forthcoming season. Proposed by Mark Culverhouse, seconded by Phil Rush and agreed by all present.

#### **8. Rule Amendments**

Phil Blakey advised that there was one rule change and this was for the Saturday Senior Cup only. Presently, 3 from 5 substitutes can be used. The proposal was to change this to, 5 from 5 substitutes as experienced in their own league competitions. Proposed by George Robins (Bordon & Whitehill FC), seconded by Steve Yeomans and agreed by all present.

#### **9. Meritorious Service to Football Awards**

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

The following individuals were awarded for 20 years service on the night:

- Steve Cottingham
- Steve Hull
- Thura TK Win

Rev Mike Pusey was presented his on Good Friday prior to the Yeovil Town match and due to his holiday, Nigel Welch will be presented his by Chairman Mike Gardner at the NEHYL Dinner.

#### **11. Benevolent Officers Report**

John Marchment reminded and advised all present the existence and purpose of the Hampshire Benevolent Fund and its relevance to Players and Referees. He reported that he has handled 3 cases this season

#### **12. Any Other Business**

There were no questions from those present.

#### **14. Chairman's Closing Remarks**

The Chairman mentioned to all attending to not forget to sign the register on leaving to avoid the possibility of a £20 fine. He also advised that next season's AGM will be on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024.

There being no other notified business, MG thanked everyone for their attendance.

Meeting Closed at 8.40pm

**Mr Mike Gardner, Chairman**