



MINUTES OF THE 130th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ALDERSHOT DIVISIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

HELD ON THURSDAY 22nd May 2025

AT 8pm, ALDERSHOT TOWN FC, ALDERSHOT

1. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman, Mike Gardner (MG), opened the meeting welcoming everyone to the 130th AGM of the Association. MG Congratulated Aldershot on their recent Cup win, and explained the links between ADFA and HFA and how clubs are affiliated, and they both help the development of local football, local communities and organising cup competitions. 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 Thura Win for his hard work as President as he was stepping down after 29 years with ADFA in various roles.

MG thanked his fellow officers for their help during his time as Chairman as this was his last year in the position.

2. The Minutes of the 129th Annual General Meeting

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

3. Adoption of the Minutes of the 129th Annual General Meeting

The Chairman asked that the 129th meeting minutes be adopted as a true record; this was proposed by Mark Culverhouse, seconded by Phil Rush 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 during his time as secretary as this was also his last year in the Role. He also reported that there had been no issues from clubs or leagues so his work was made easier this year.

MC then passed the meeting over to Richard Wittington Cup Competition Secretary for his report

5. Cup Competitions Report

First of all, a big thank you to all the Clubs who entered our five competitions this season and to you the Secretaries and Managers for your assistance and in some cases your countless emails and messages!! I would as always also like to thank my colleagues for their support and assistance. This season we have had more queries and appeals than ever so their support has been invaluable. On that note can I just say to you managers and secretaries that our Cup Rules are on our ADFA Website please read them as they are there for your guidance and protection.

The following is a report of those competitions.



Saturday Senior Cup

This season we had 18 teams enter and the final was held on the 6th May and was contested by Hartley Wintney and Tadley Calleva. Both sides reached the final on penalties after tough semi-final matches and it looked for most of the final that penalties would once again be required but just before the final whistle Hartley Wintney scored a winner for a 1 nil victory in front of an excellent crowd.

Saturday Intermediate Cup – Mark Coombs

Coincidentally we also had 18 entries in this competition and the final was contested between Whitehill & Bordon and Rushmoor Community. This game did require penalties after a 2-2 draw and Whitehill held their nerve to win the shootout 4-3.

Saturday Junior

11 Clubs entered this Cup and Farnborough North End Athletic last season's winners defended their title against a well-dressed Bramley U23's in this year's final and it was Athletic who secured the win with a 4-1 victory. However, it was Bramley who won this year's best turned-out team in their white shirts, dark trousers and red ties. I don't do red but they did look smart, well done it is appreciated.

Senior Invitation Sunday

Shire United defended their title in this Cup and they were too strong this season for their opponents Wheatsheaf FC running out 5-1 winners in a very entertaining game. 9 clubs entered this competition.

Eric Holbrook Junior Invitation

A fantastic 26 Clubs entered this Cup and Woking Vets made their annual appearance in the finals when they faced Wheatsheaf 2nds. What a day they had!! However, despite a tight game the tie ended 2-2 and once more penalties were required. Unfortunately for the Vets they couldn't retain their Cup losing 3-2 in the shootout.

Congratulations to all the winners and again I thank the players, officials and supporters for making it a successful season. Oh yes don't forget the Rule Book!!!

Richard Whittington

Cup Competition Secretary 20/05/25

6. Treasurers Report

Treasurer, John Marchment (JM), presented the accounts as circulated at the door upon arrival.

There were no questions from members. Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Richard Whittington, seconded by Elayne Duddridge, and duly approved by those present.

7. Appointment of Accounts Verifier

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



8. 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 Mike Gardner
Chairman	Mr Graham Brookland
Deputy Chairman	Ms Elayne Duddridge
Hon. General Secretary	Mr Steve Clout
Treasurer	Mr John Marchment
Minutes Secretary	Mr Chris Douglass
Cup Comp Secretary	Mr Richard Whittington

Proposed by Phil Blakey and seconded by Caroline Bone 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.

Thura Passed over the chain of office to Mike.

Mike then made presentations to Thura Win for his 29 years' service with ADFA

Mike also made a presentation to Martin Castle for his 10 years' service with ADFA

9. Rule Amendments

There were no rule amendments for the coming season

10. Meritorious Service to Football Awards

Treasurer 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.

On behalf of the ADFA, awards were presented to the following, who had each given 20 years' service to local football:

Mark Endacott (Cove FC) – will be presented at the club

Sue Barnes (NEHYL) – will be presented at the NEHYL dinner

Nicky Staskiewicz (Badshot Lea Youth/NEHYL)

Ian Warner (Hook Youth/NEHYL)

Stuart McKay (Mytchett Athletic/NEHYL)

John Leppard (Aldershot Town FC)

Ian Morsman (Aldershot Town FC)

Richard Whittington (ADFA)

11. 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 and reported that he had dealt with several cases in the past season.

13. Any Other Business

There were no questions from the room.



14. Chairman's Closing Remarks

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