



# CAMBRIDGESHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION LIMITED



Minutes of the **Annual General Meeting** of the **Association**  
held in the **Wolfson Hall, Churchill College**, Storey's Way, Cambridge  
on **Monday, 20 June 2011**

## 1 **Welcome to the Meeting by the President of the Association, Donald A. Page**

The President welcomed all present to the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Cambridgeshire Football Association Limited. On behalf of the members he conveyed grateful thanks to the Officers, Council Members, District Representatives, affiliated Leagues, Headquarters' staff and all those involved in the seven days a week running of the Association, particularly those who volunteer their services for grassroots football.

This year's theme is 'comings and goings':

- Comings - on behalf of all members a warm welcome to the new CEO, Chris Pringle at his first AGM
- Goings - Alan Day and Richard Nichols
- A further loss was the death of Council Member Barry Brewer in July 2010
- Alan Elbow and Mark Trimmer – the Manager & Assistant Manager of the County Representative U18 team – have also retired from their roles.

## **Opening of the Meeting by the Chairman of Council, J.W. (Bill) Coad**

The Chairman thanked the President for his opening address and for the contribution he continues to make with such enthusiasm and pride.

The Chairman paid tribute to two very valuable and active members of Council whose contribution has been lost since the last AGM. Firstly Barry Brewer – Acting Vice-President, Chairman of the County Match Committee & Chairman of the Cambridge & District Colts League lost his battle against cancer in July 2010. Secondly, Alan Day, Vice Chairman, Finance Director and Council Member for 27 years who, following a serious health scare, resigned from all offices and Committees in May 2011. Alan remains a Council Member due to his Life Vice-Presidency, which enables him to maintain an interest in the Association. His contribution over so many years, particularly in finance, cannot be overstated.

Following the retirement of the former Deputy Chief Executive and County Referees' Secretary, Richard Nichols, the Chairman placed on record the Association's appreciation of his exemplary service during the past 11 years.

## 2 **Apologies for Absence:**

### ***Members of Council:***

Peter Betson, Marco Cafferelli, Martin Holmes, Rex Mallett, Phil Mitcham, Lisa Riddle, Marcus Symons, Gerald Whitfield & Russell Wright

### ***Clubs:***

Bar Hill, Bar Hill Sports & Social Club, Cambridge Cosmos, Castle Camps, Chatteris Fen Tigers, Cherry Hinton Lions, Cherry Hinton Sunday, Dullingham, Eversden Gunners, Leverington Sports, Littleport Town, Lode, Orwell, The Plough & Wisbech Town

## 3 **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting – 14 June 2010**

The Minutes, which had been circulated, were received and confirmed as a true record of the Meeting.

## 4 **The Chief Executive's Report for Season 2010/11**

The Report, which had been previously circulated, was received.

The Chairman thanked the Chief Executive for the considerable effort and research required to produce such a comprehensive and readable report.

The Chief Executive described a very enjoyable first season and is looking to bring to the role fuller participation from Clubs to gather views for the future direction of the County FA to work together for the future of football in the County.

## 5 **Notification of Officers and Appointment of District Council Members for Season 2011/12**

The following were to be noted:

### ***Life Vice- Presidents:***

**Malcolm Mizon**, having served on Council for 25 years, becomes a Life Vice-President

### ***Acting Vice-Presidents:***

**Peter Betson**, having served on Council for 15 years, becomes an Acting Vice-President

**District 2 – South Cambridgeshire:**

A vacancy had arisen due to Peter Betson qualifying to become an Acting Vice-President.

The vacancy has been filled following the election process set out in the Company's Articles of Association, and the successful candidate is **Trevor George**. He is to serve for the remaining 2 years of a 3 year term.

All other District Representatives commence the second year of a 3 year term.

**Council Members representing Affiliated Leagues:**

The Fenland Leagues' representative has been notified as **Graham Sharman** of Whittlesey. He replaces Terry Major and is to serve for the remaining 2 years of a 3 year term.

All other League Representatives commence the second year of a 3 year term.

**Cambridgeshire County Referees' Association representative:**

**Ian Pascu**, who replaces Chris Abbott

**6 Proposed Articles and Rule Changes**

There were no proposed Rule Changes.

Changes to the Company's Articles of Association were presented by Philip Hill, Chairman of the Rules' Revision Committee:

**Articles of Association**

Deletions:

- Article 2 *delete* Deputy Chief Executive
- Article 34 *delete* Deputy Chief Executive
- Article 74 *delete* Deputy Chief Executive

Amendments:

Article 2 *amend* ' Chief Executive' In accordance with Article 73 amend to 74

*It was agreed to adopt the revised Memorandum and Articles of Association.*

**7 Statement of Accounts for the Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> January 2011**

The Accounts, which had been circulated to all the Clubs, were presented by Bill Coad, Chairman of the Association.

After explanation of the Company's Income, Expenditure and Balance Sheet, the Accounts were adopted by those present.

**8 Presentations and Special Awards**

a) **The Cambridge News Respect and Fair Play Awards:**

The Chairman thanked the Cambridge News for their continuing sponsorship of these important Awards.

The awards to Clubs were introduced by the Disciplinary Manager, Roger Pawley, and presented by the Sports Editor of the Cambridge News, Paul Stimpson:

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| 1st Prize | £150 and a memento | <b>Haslingfield FC</b>          | Cambs County BIS League             |
| 2nd Prize | £100               | <b>Over Crusaders FC</b>        | V B Trophies Sunday Football League |
| 3rd Prize | £50                | <b>Great Shelford Ladies FC</b> | Eastern Region Women's League       |

The award to Great Shelford Ladies was the first such award to a women's team in the Association's history.

b) The following **Clubs with Nil Disciplinary Offences** (and who have played 20 or more 11 -v- 11 competitive matches) were announced by Chris Pringle, Chief Executive and presented by the Disciplinary Manager, Roger Pawley:

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| <i>Youth Clubs:</i> | <b>Bassingbourn Youth</b>        | <b>Haddenham Rovers Colts</b> |
|                     | <b>Bottisham</b>                 | <b>Histon Hornets Girls</b>   |
|                     | <b>Caldecote</b>                 | <b>March Soccer School</b>    |
|                     | <b>Cambridge Celts</b>           | <b>Mepal Sports Junior</b>    |
|                     | <b>Cambridge Diamonds</b>        | <b>Outwell Swifts Youth</b>   |
|                     | <b>Castle Camps Youth</b>        | <b>Sawston United Girls</b>   |
|                     | <b>Comberton Crusaders Girls</b> | <b>Thorney Colts</b>          |
|                     | <b>Fenland Rovers Youth</b>      | <b>Walpole Warriors</b>       |
|                     | <b>Fulbourn Institute Girls</b>  | <b>Wasps Junior</b>           |
|                     | <b>Gamlingay United Colts</b>    | <b>Waterbeach Girls</b>       |

*Adult Clubs:* **The Green Man** **Zebra**

All Clubs in attendance were presented with Umbro match balls.

c) **Long Service Award to Referees who have completed 20 year's service:**

The awards were introduced by Colin Hills, Referees' Development Manager and were presented by Philip Hill, Chairman of the Referees' Committee to:

**Russell Griggs** (*absent – presentation to be made at a future referees' meeting*)  
**Michael Webb**

d) **The Tony Sumner Award to the Level 7 Referee who obtained the highest average Club Marks during the season for a minimum of 20 adult games:**

Philip Hill, Chairman of the Referees' Committee introduced this award, which was presented by Colin Hills, Referees' Development Manager, to:

**David Burch**  
– who had refereed 35 matches with an average of 82.29% from Club marks, an excellent season's performance from a referee at Level 7

e) **The Mick North Team or Club of the Season Award:**

The Chief Executive, Chris Pringle reported on those clubs in strong contention:

- o Wisbech Town (4<sup>th</sup> place in Ridgeons Premier, League Cup Winners, Reserves won William Coad Cup)
- o Wisbech St Mary (2 teams were Champions of Cambs. County Kershaw Senior "B" & BIS 5D , U16s won Pye Cup)
- o Cambridge University Press (4<sup>th</sup> in Ridgeons Division 1, Reserves Champions of Cambs. County 1A)
- o Orwell (winners of Cambs. County BIS 4A and John Ablett Cup)

However, the winning club were champions of Cambs. County Kershaw Senior "A", winners of the William Cockell Cup & the Reserve team promoted from Cambs. County BIS 4A. The award was presented by the Chairman, Bill Coad to:

**Linton Granta FC**

f) **Presentations made to Officers who have served for 20 years on the Cambridgeshire Football Association Council:**

The Chairman, Bill Coad, announced the recipient:

**Phil Mitcham** (*absent – presentation to be made at a future suitable occasion*)

g) **To Club and League Representatives who have completed at least 20 Years' Service:**

The Chief Executive, Chris Pringle, introduced the recipients with a brief history of their achievements and the Awards were presented by the Chairman, Bill Coad to:

<b>Peter Chelton</b>	Thorney FC - Secretary
<b>Jonathan Griggs</b>	Whittlesford United FC - Secretary
<b>Stewart Wakefield</b>	Whittlesford United FC - Treasurer

h) **The Groundsman of the Year Awards:**

The Chief Executive, Chris Pringle, introduced the awards which are open to all clubs at Step 7 or below – the winners go forward for consideration for a national award.

2 grounds were given commendation by the judging panel of Council Members Sid Hendry and Arthur Reeves:

- o **Seamus Fagan** – Great Shelford Recreation Ground
- o **Ken Watters** – Steeple Morden Recreation Ground

The County's winner was:

**Chris Wilson** of Girton Recreation Ground, nominated by Girton United FC

The Clubs present were presented with a memento from the Cambridgeshire Football Association by Council Member Sid Hendry.

i) **The Club Secretary of the Year – 2010/11**

The Chief Executive, Chris Pringle, introduced the award listing the contenders, who had each given their clubs many years of service, including:

- o Richard Challis - Bassingbourn FC
- o Kevin Casbon - Doddington United FC
- o Steve Woodward - Barrington FC

This season's winner has made a significant contribution to local football, carrying out a wide variety of roles over the years in the club including her current role of Club Secretary. The Chief Executive presented the award to

**Glenda Mee** – Girton United FC

j) **The Terry Willson Memorial Trophy**

The Referees' Development Manager, Colin Hills, reminded those present about Terry Willson, who passed away in 2004, and confirmed that the Association and the Cambridge branch of the Referees' Association give this Award annually to a person who has made the most contribution to the development of referees in the County.

**Alastair Rayner** (*absent – presentation to be made at a future Referees' meeting*)

**9 General Business & Any Other Business**

There were no general business notices and no notice had been received of any other business prior to the Meeting.

Question received from the floor:

Steve Woodward of Barrington asked what parameters were used when inviting teams into the Cambs. County League.

Response from the Chief Executive – a letter regarding this had already been received from Barrington and the League's Management Committee is to respond. However, in line with national activity the County is looking to increase the number of teams playing football, working to raise the game's standards and trying to ensure that the quality within the County's League is as high as possible, with consideration of facilities, distance and related cost factors. Other Leagues in the country enjoy cross county border participation. The roles between the Cambridgeshire County and League are defined and distinguished and the League takes great effort to ensure that their decisions are sensible and embrace the quality factors to create a strong League.

**10 Date and Venue of the next AGM**

The date is Monday, 18 June 2012 provisionally booked at Churchill College, Cambridge.

**Closing of the Meeting**

The Chairman, in closing the Meeting, thanked all those for their attendance, attention and participation, and for all that they do for football in Cambridgeshire.

A short film was shown about The FA National Game Strategy

**C Pringle**

Chief Executive & Company Secretary