

16th Annual General Meeting

Surrey County Women's & Girls' League

held at Imber Court Sports Club, Ember Lane, East Molesey, KT8 0BT
on Wednesday 7th June 2017

MINUTES

Jason Free chaired the meeting in FT's absence and welcomed everyone present. JF officially opened the meeting and introduced Members of the Committee on the top table. He asked everyone to ensure the Addendum had been collected.

1. Clubs / County / League Officials Present

Officials present were:-

Colin Barnett	-	Vice Chairman
David Lomax	-	Treasurer
Karen Bailey	-	General Secretary
Alex Wiggins	-	Registration Secretary
Jason Free	-	League Welfare Officer
Paul Williams	-	Fixture Secretary
Amanda Pullinger	-	Fixture Secretary
Will Cooper	-	Fixture Secretary
Jon Burr	-	Football Development Officer

Clubs represented at the meeting were:-

Abbey Rangers FC	Epsom & Ewell Colts FC	Monotype FC
AFC Brooklands	Fleet Spurs Youth FC	Motspur Park FC
AFC Wimbledon	Goldsworth Park Rangers FC	Oxshott Royals FC
Ascot United FC	Guildford Saints FC	Richmond Park FC
Ashted FC	Halliford Colts FC	Rocks Lane FC
Barnes Eagles FC	Hampton & Richmond Borough Youth FC	Rushmoor Community FC
Beacon Hill Juniors FC	Haslemere Town YFC	Rushmoor Saints FC
Beecholme Belles FC	Horley Town FC	Ruts Youth FC
Camberley Town Youth FC	Horsley FC	South Park Girls FC
Carshalton Athletic Girls FC	Kempton Girls FC	Sutton United Juniors FC
Caterham Pumas FC	Kew Association Youth FC	Teddington Athletic FC
Claygate Royals FC	Kew Park Rangers FC	Walton & Hersham Juniors FC
Cobham Village Club Girls FC	Maidenhead Boys & Girls FC	Walton Casuals Juniors FC
Colne Valley Girls FC	Meadow Sports FC	Whitton Wanderers FC
Croydon Borough Girls FC	Metropolitan Police Girls FC	Woking Cougars FC
Crystal Palace Ladies FC	Milford Pumas Girls FC	
Denham United Ladies FC	Molesey Juniors FC	

2. **Apologies**

Frank Thompson (Chairman), Martin Burke (Fixture Secretary), Vicki Lowndes (Fixture Secretary), Alan Wiggins (Referees Secretary), David Fox (Fixture Secretary)

3. **Acceptance of Minutes** of 15th AGM held 8th June 2016

Proposed John Ivers, AFC Wimbledon

Seconded Frank Scanella, Walton Casuals FC

Unanimously accepted; no objections; no abstentions; vote carried.

4. **Matters Arising**

None.

5. **Chairman's Report (read by Jason Free in Frank Thompson's absence)**

Dear All,

Firstly please accept my apologies for not being present tonight. As many of you will know, I have relocated to Devon and sadly it was not possible to make the AGM.

The 2016/17 season was another good one for the League which continues to grow from strength to strength. The competition was excellent in most of the Divisions and the Cups were also keenly contested with some fantastic Cup Finals. Another stand-out feature was the growth of Development Football which has seen a huge increase over the last 5 years particularly at entry level, U8 & U9.

On a negative note, it seems that the Ladies Division may not go ahead as a competitive League next season which is a shame. Jon Burr and Karen have, I know, tried hard with this but ultimately the lack of numbers has killed it. I have to say that I feel that a lack of support from the FA in general and the County FAs that allowed the Greater London League, South East Counties League and associates to dominate the adult female arena has definitely not helped. Their ambition to create a pyramid system to mirror men's football is naive and seems to have forgotten that grass roots local Clubs are the lifeblood of a successful League. That, with the FA's refusal to accept a flexible format of adult female football, does sadly mean we may never manage to resurrect the Ladies Division. That said, I believe that Jon Burr has some plans to play some friendly flexible football that will allow teams to play locally and still enjoy the game.

The League's success is testimony to the hard work of so many of you: the Club Secretaries, the Welfare Officers, Managers, Coaches etc. It is truly amazing what you do and everyone involved is very grateful for your time and efforts. This is especially true of Karen & your Committee. I know at first hand the effort they put in on your behalf and they deserve the highest praise.

This will be my last Report as Chairman of the League. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in the Chair. I took on the role to support Karen in a difficult time following John Sparkes' illness and it has gone really quickly. My main focus was to address the one Division per age group system and help build more structured groups that gives more teams a better competition. To a large extent that has been a success although the disparity in ability levels still poses challenges. My other aim was to encourage the growth of entry level football for girls and build on the fun and development ethos. The introduction of 4v4 and 5v5 has assisted this and I am pleased to say that numbers have grown fantastically.

I hand over to probably the most two passionate people I have ever known in female football. Jason Free and Paul Williams are very experienced in all aspects of football and I am sure will lead the League to even greater things.

I will remain to support you as League Welfare Officer and in any other way I can help. Thank you for your support as Chair over the last five years and I wish you all every success for the future.

Best Regards, FT

6. **Treasurer's Report**

Copies of Annual Balance Sheets & Statements of Account were circulated to all members present.

Proposed John Ivers, AFC Wimbledon
Seconded Nick Weston-Jones, Hampton & Richmond Borough Youth FC
Unanimously accepted; no objections; no abstentions; vote carried.

7. **Acceptance of Clubs**

A list of the Clubs recommended for acceptance into the League was circulated to all members present. There were also further Clubs listed on the Addendum & KB asked members to add Redhill Youth FC who applied late today.

Proposed Al Gardiner, Rushmoor Community FC
Seconded Anita Mortimer, Sutton United FC
Unanimously accepted; no objections; no abstentions; vote carried.

8. **Election of Officers**

JF was proposed as Chairman:-

Proposed Karen Bailey, General Secretary
Seconded Mark Dodson, Camberley Town FC
Unanimously accepted; no objections; no abstentions; vote carried.

JF thanked everyone present for voting him in as Chairman of SCWGL and stated:-

I am going to work in conjunction this season with Paul Williams, Vice Chairman, to ensure this role is carried out to the best of our ability and, along with the other Committee Members, to ensure that we continue to run the League in the most effective way possible. I hope that over the coming 12 months we can ensure that all the girls who play for the different Clubs can continue to play football each week.

OFFICE	CURRENTLY HELD	PROPOSED
PRESIDENT	JOHN SPARKES	JOHN SPARKES
LIFE VICE PRESIDENT		COLIN BARNETT
VICE PRESIDENTS	KIERON COTTER DAVID WORKMAN	KIERON COTTER DAVID WORKMAN
CHAIRMAN	FRANK THOMPSON	JASON FREE

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VICE CHAIRMAN	COLIN BARNETT	PAUL WILLIAMS
GENERAL SECRETARY	KAREN BAILEY	KAREN BAILEY
TREASURER	DAVID LOMAX	DAVID LOMAX
REGISTRATION SECRETARY	ALEX WIGGINS	ALEX WIGGINS
DISCIPLINARY SECRETARY	FRANK THOMPSON	FRANK THOMPSON
REFEREES SECRETARY	ALAN WIGGINS	ALAN WIGGINS
LEAGUE WELFARE OFFICER	JASON FREE	FRANK THOMPSON
FIXTURE SECRETARIES	KAREN BAILEY MARTIN BURKE WILL COOPER DAVE FOX VICKI LOWNDES AMANDA PULLINGER PAUL WILLIAMS	KAREN BAILEY MARTIN BURKE WILL COOPER DAVE FOX VICKI LOWNDES AMANDA PULLINGER PAUL WILLIAMS
FINES CO-ORDINATOR	SARAH THOMPSON	KAREN BAILEY
MINUTES SECRETARY	KAREN BAILEY	KAREN BAILEY
CHALLENGE CUP SECRETARY	BOB MARCHANT	BOB MARCHANT
SCFA REPRESENTATIVE	JASON FREE	COLIN BARNETT
FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER (GIRLS)	JON BURR	JON BURR
FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER (LADIES)	EMMA BARNES	JON BURR
HON LEAGUE AUDITOR	COLIN FORD FCCA <small>NB AUDITOR IS NOT A LEAGUE OFFICER</small>	COLIN FORD FCCA <small>NB AUDITOR IS NOT A LEAGUE OFFICER</small>

Proposed Sarah Shea, Maidenhead Boys & Girls FC

Seconded John French, Caterham Pumas FC

Unanimously accepted; no objections; no abstentions; vote carried.

9. Acceptance of League Rules of which Notice has been given

- Proposed League Rules were circulated to members.
- The Rules were voted en bloc.

Proposed Matthew Morey, Teddington Athletic FC

Seconded Ben Smythe, South Park FC

Unanimously accepted; no objections; no abstentions; vote carried.

10. Set Date for Commencement & Conclusion of Playing Season

The playing season will begin on 10th September 2017 and end on 13th May 2018.

Proposed : Kevin Clifford, Ascot United FC

Seconded : Ben Smythe, South Park FC

Unanimously accepted; no objections; no abstentions; vote carried.

Meeting Closed at 8.00pm

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Wednesday 6th June 2018