



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
THURSDAY 27 JUNE 2024
HAMWORTHY RECREATION CLUB, CANFORD MAGNA
7.30PM**

Steve Pike welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting, held 29 June 2023, were received and confirmed as a true record.
2. The annual report, balance sheet and statement of accounts were received and adopted.
3. The Constitution of the Competition for the ensuing Season was received and adopted.
4. Malcolm Maidment was elected as the new Chairman, other Officers of the Competition and the Management Committee members were elected en bloc.
5. Barker-Fox Associates were appointed as account verifiers.
6. Alterations to the rules were received and adopted.
7. The date for the commencement of the Playing Season was provisionally fixed for Saturday 7 September.
8. The date for the end of the Playing Season was provisionally fixed for 18 May 2024.

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There was none specific to the AGM.

Meeting Closed

The following items were brought to the attention of clubs:

- That the League was looking at options, eg an earlier start to the season, to alleviate game backlogs due to adverse weather.
- Paul Gibbons advised of changes to the rules and introduction of fines for sin bin offences.
- Clubs were advised that they could start registering players on the portal from 4 July.
- Clubs were reminded that if the league could not allocate a referee the club was expected to provide one of their own.
- If a referee failed to turn up clubs were advised to inform Jon Fancy (DFL) and Alex James (DCFA)
- Clubs were reminded over the use/misuse of Social Media and informed that two incidents this season had resulted in large fines for the clubs involved.
- A pilot scheme to restrict communication with the referee from the captains only may be rolled out to all leagues.
- It is now mandatory for club coaches and manager to undertake the online Welfare training
- The League agreed to raise the issue of playing across divisions/leagues with the FA.

Each team was supplied with two footballs and new clubs to the League also received a first aid kit.

Fair Play Awards of £50 Sports Direct vouchers were presented to the top three in each Saturday Adults division and the top team in each of the U18 divisions, the Veterans and the Womens leagues. Parley and Weymouth Sports were not present to collect their voucher and, therefore, forfeited their award.

Before the meeting came to an end, Geoff Pike was presented with a tankard as a thank you for his service to the League and grassroots football and also flowers for his wife.

Clubs were thanked for their attendance and wished good luck for the coming season.