



**Annual General Meeting (AGM)
Eastbourne Borough Walking Football Club
25th November 2021 12-30pm
Langney Sports Club Bar**

Minutes

Present: David Atkins, Bob Bagley, Roger Barnett, John Bartlett, Terry Bellamy, Steve Benterman, David Blackburn, David Blackledge, Mike Bridger, Stuart Callf, Thomas Chapman, Tony Cleaton, Andrew Dixon, Richard Dodman, Ken Eason, Gary Farthing, Roy Fouracres, Michael Gonnella, Judith Hawes, Carl Hodgkinson, Ahmed Lalmahomed, John Langton, Cole Memzy, Kim Monroe, Chris Mottershead, Ian Nisbet, Tom O'connell, Michael Richardson, Terry Stubbings, Paul Sutton, Alan Walmsley, Les Ward

1. **Apologies:** Received from Brian LeGrove, Jesse Birdsall, Phil Cousens, Maurice Lawlor, Gordon Harrison, Antonio Forte and Chris Smith.
2. **Minutes of last AGM 9th January 2020:** APPROVED with the following corrections to Item 9 (Committee election) – Brian LeGrove was elected as Social Secretary and Roy Fouracres as Club Captain.
3. **Matters arising:** None
4. **Reports:**
 - a. Chair's report – APPROVED without comment.
 - b. Secretary's report - APPROVED without comment.
 - c. Club Captain report - APPROVED without comment.
 - d. Acting Treasurer's report – APPROVED subject to the clarification that the Metro bank account has been dormant rather than “frozen”.
 - e. Social secretary's report - APPROVED without comment.
 - f. Press and PR report - APPROVED without comment.
5. **Election of committee and non-committee posts:** All nominees were ELECTED unanimously.

Nominations

Position	Nomination	Proposed	Seconded
Chair	Terry Bellamy	Roy Fouracres	Paul Sutton
Secretary	David Blackledge	David Blackburn	Roy Fouracres
Treasurer	Ian Nisbet	Andy Dixon	Steve Benterman
Club Captain	Roy Fouracres	David Blackledge	Brian LeGrove
Press & PR Officer	Terry Stubbings	David Blackledge	Brian LeGrove
Social secretary	Mike Richardson	Steve Benterman	David Blackledge
Membership secretary*	Paul Sutton	David Blackledge	Brain LeGrove
Vice club Captain*	Andy Dixon	Terry Bellamy	Stuart Callf

*Non-Committee positions

6. Resolutions: None received

7. Items for Discussion:

- a. Selecting teams for tours and tournaments – A proposal from Ken Eason that the method of selecting teams for tours and tournaments (either a First Team and Second Team decided by the Committee or teams selected individually by the captains) should be decided by those members wishing to take part was APPROVED.
- B. Organisation of Tuesday and Thursday sessions - Roy Fouracres introduced a number of options for reorganizing the regular sessions including organizing coaching and practice sessions for the League Squad, offering sessions in the cage for those not wishing to take part in the games on the main pitch and inviting Lawn Court to take part in some sessions. It was AGREED THAT THIS SHOULD BE LOOKED AT BY THE COMMITTEE.
- c. Referee Coordinator - Dave Blackburn introduced a proposal from the Committee that Phil Cousens should be recognized as the club's official Referee Coordinator. This was AGREED.

8. Any other business:

- a. Foreign Tournaments – David Blackledge said that interest in next year's French tournament in May had been limited and he needed to know soon if other members were interested. He also said that he expects a tournament to be organized in Portugal in October 2022.
- b. Bank surplus - John Langton and others proposed that surplus funds in the bank account should be used for purposes such as donating to the Food Bank, supporting members going on tours, paying for a box at some Eastbourne Borough first team games, and paying for changing rooms, showers and refreshments when teams visit for league or cup matches. This was APPROVED.
- c. Gary Farthing asked if there were any intentions to limit the number of members. It was AGREED THAT THE COMMITTEE SHOULD LOOK INTO THIS AND POSSIBLY LIMIT THE NUMBER OF

PLAYERS IN A SESSION TO 42 (6 TEAMS OF 7) ON THE MAIN PITCH PLUS OTHERS IN THE CAGE.

- d. Kim Monroe asked for a number of ideas to be considered – encouraging more people to become referees by offering a free playing session once a month, introducing a Code of Conduct for members, suspension of any player who has been red-carded and not allowing children to play (also considering insurance implications). It was AGREED THAT THE COMMITTEE WOULD LOOK AT THESE IDEAS.
- e. Members gave a Vote of thanks to the Committee for their work.
- f. Chris Mottershead bade farewell to the club as he is moving to the Cotswolds.
- g. Terry Bellamy thanked David Blackburn for his work as Chairman.

9. **Date and time of next AGM:** 24th November 2022