



Annual General Meeting 2021

14th July 2021, via Zoom

1. THOSE ATTENDING

Chairman – Tony Shearman
Treasurer – Enrico Sorbello
IT & Communications – Ross Taylor
IT & Communications – Nick Madly
Minutes Secretary – Jo Pitt
U8 Hares – Gary Porter
U8 Hounds – Mike Smith
U8 Foleys – Jonathan Baxandall
U9 Foleys – Ian Smith
U9 Griffins – Chris Rowse
U9 hares – Ali Emany
U9 Swans – Simon Jones
U10 Foleys – Jon Harding
U10 Hares – Shaun Copeman
U10 Swans – Gordon Clark
U10 Hounds – Dharmesh Bathia
U11 Foleys – Alexander Rawlinson
U11 Griffins / IT & Communications – Chris Napper
U11 Hounds – Simon Worriss and James Lay
Under 11 Colts Rupert Brewer
U12 Foleys – Tony Houghton
U12 Griffins – Jason Dale
U13 Griffins / Welfare Officer – Kev Warner
U14 Hares – Val Wotton
U15 Colts / Secretary – Mike Cross
U16 Foleys – Mark Hays
U16 Griffins – Val Wotton
U16 Swans – Mitch Sutherland
U17 Colts – Patrick Willard
U17 Hounds – Jane Walker
U17 Hares – Phil Murrin
U18 Swans – Simon Hope
Ladies - Tara Sparrow
Mens – Mark Ford
Vets - Chris Price
Equipment manager - Eammon Mullins
Club Coach & Platform Sports Coaching – Nick Ford (apologises)

2: MINUTES OF 2020 AGM

They are approved and accepted as complete.

3: CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (Tony Shearman)

This year has been challenging with COVID measures and the stop and start season Disappointing that there were no promotions, relegations or cup finals with the disruption, but we look forward to next season.

U16 Griffins and Ladies team did have some success with a play off final win and a tournament victory.

Looking ahead we have 51 or 52 teams for next season – a club record even after losing some teams Through age- group amalgamation, defection and becoming too old.

New teams created are:

- 4 development girls teams coming out of the Wildcats programme which will continue to be coached by Platform Sports Coaching but play matches in the SCWGL.
- 5 new teams created from Saturday soccer Club: 1 at u7, 2 at u8 and 2 at U9.
- 1 new men's reserves team

Claygate Royals becomes an England Accredited Club (formerly Charter Standard) next season but Tony has concerns on the star grading they intend to introduce.

Club Registration fee levels will be kept at last years amounts again split into two instalments.

Managers will soon receive an equipment request form to be returned by 31 July 2021. Equipment will be distributed at the end of August.

Training venues will go straight to winter venues and no training will be allowed on Claygate Rec. Prior to this Long Ditton and West End are available ahead of those winter venue slots.

Team Contact sheets will be sent out soon, and the information must be completed for every team to be passed to Kevin Warner to set up the club payment system.

E mail protocol please use an e mail that you can access at the weekend as the initial club contact is through e mail.

The club has invested in defibrillators - 5 main venues have them with emergency plans available on the web site – please download and be aware. Live defibrillator training sessions will be held in Claygate soon and every team should send at least one representative. Mike Smith to speak to Tony regarding defibrillator location app.

New trophy cabinet in the new club house - if you have a trophy that you want to be put in there, please contact Tony.

4: SECRETARY'S REPORT (Mike Cross)

New League player registration system on WGS / Club Portal discussion of the process. The SPL are familiar with the process as they used it last season but now all leagues must use it.

When Mike Cross is confident that it is working, he will provide instruction and he will clarify the administration and role access.

Every parent will have to create an account and when they receive approval, they can then join the player.

Managers need to get this actioned – last year many photos were rejected.

For all leagues 12 September 2021 will be the start of the season.

Pitch layout is being worked on to fit all new teams.

Pitches marked the first weekend of September and Claygate cannot host anything before this date.

There will be a downloadable venue guide and a template which managers can use for visiting teams.

Any issues on match day need to go via Mike Cross rather than teams contacting the leagues direct.

5: DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES (Nick Ford)

Club Coach and Platform Sports Coaching Director, Nick Ford, sent his apologies following the birth of his son, Finlay, recently. Tony Shearman summarised:

The Saturday Soccer Club and Wildcats development programmes continue to be a huge success with 9 new teams created for the new season.

The club has now also be given an official FA Franchise Wildcats recreational programme for girls only aged 13-18.

The annual Summer Soccer School continues to be very popular and will take place this year 26th July – 6th Aug.

6: MENS 1st TEAM (Mark Ford / Nick Ford)

The team have appointed new manager Luke Ponting

First team will return to Division 2 of the Surrey South Eastern Intermediate league after playing in the Middlesex league last season.

The new Mens Reserve team will play in Division 6.

The outgoing U18 players invited to attend men's for training session Mark Ford will send an e mail to Simon Hope to forward to his team.

7: LADIES TEAM (Tara Sparrow)

Ladies have done well this past half season- finished middle table and won a end of season tournament.

The team are Training at Long Ditton rec throughout the Summer.

16 ladies confirmed and aiming at 9 a side. Rather than 7v7.

Discussion needed on registration fees and on training opportunities with the younger girls team coached by Mark Ford.

8: VETS TEAMS (Chris Price)

Vets will field 3 teams again next season.

The Hares reached a semi-final and showed strength of the club with good run across the short season and good club atmosphere.

Hounds had a difficult season but hope for more success next year.

Tertia are looking to build on momentum and looking to grow the squad.

Chris Price remains the contact for all 3 teams.

The Club purchased 3 defibrillators for these teams which was welcome by the teams. The total cost was £2700 with Vets contributing £1350 with the club loaning the remainder for 6 months.

9: IT & COMMUNICATIONS REPORT (Chris Napper / Nick Madley / Ross Taylor)

Website payment system going live soon.

Dynamic venue guides available for next season.

Manager's areas to be created before season starts.

Player recruitment request forms go to Tony Shearman so all new players must register centrally through the website. Any teams contacted by players direct should send them to the site.

Managers to get all results in via Vidiprinter before 6pm on Sunday to be included in the classified results.

Ross Taylor reported On social media - new club house, recruitment, platform coaching and sponsors.

Reaching over 1K but need new content so please forward to Ross Taylor.

Ross Taylor and Eamonn Mullins taking forward conversations on creation of a disability teams.

10: WELFARE / CERTIFICATIONS (Kevin Warner)

First aid course now online and takes around 2 hours.

A few managers have first aid expiring and will need to renew.

Online Playmaker course is the prerequisite to level 1 and is good for anyone even those not wanting to take level 1.

The Level 1 Coaching course is also online now.

11: TREASURER'S REPORT (Enrico Sorbello)

Financial reports were distributed prior to meeting.

Request was made that referees fees should be submitted every month not at the end of the season.

No questions were forthcoming.

Mark Ford nominates that the accounts are correct seconded by Kevin Warner.

12: AWARDS (Tony Shearman)

The decision had been made that there would be no annual awards this year due to the disrupted season.

Tony thanked all those managers / coaches that are leaving the club:

Jason Dale – U12 Griffins (10 years)

Jason Grant – U16 Griffins (10 years)

Simon Hope, Dave Catanach and Paul Barlow - U18 Swans (10 years)

Jerry Denham and Lee Burn- U15 Eagles

Phil Austin - U17 Colts

All will receive a personalised commemorative club paperweight.

13: Election of CLUB COMMITTEE (Tony Shearman)

Secretary Mike Cross nominated by Simon Hope seconded by Mark Ford.

Welfare Officer Kevin Warner nominated by Mark Ford seconded by Simon Jones.

Treasurer Enrico Sorbello nominated by Chris Napper seconded by Mark Ford.

Chairman Tony Shearman nominated by Phil Murrin Seconded by Ross Taylor

All were duly re-elected unopposed.

14: ANY OTHER BUSINESS/ QUESTIONS

Congratulations to Nick Ford and Clare on the birth of Finley.

No change in kit or sponsors for next season although we are awaiting confirmation from The Hare & Hounds.

Ian Smith – asked about a short-sleeved version. And Tony said they were available from MG Sportswear but they must be worn with the same colour base layer.

Discussion needed on publicity regarding the new girl's Wild Cats recreational programme.

Ends