



# Annual General Meeting 2022

At The Hare & Hounds, Claygate, Mon 11th July.

## 1: THOSE ATTENDING & APOLOGIES

### Attending

Eamonn Mullins, Cath Wotton, Val Wotton, James Foley, Nick Ford, Ian Smith, Chris Rayner, Rachael Foley, Nick Bryan, Gavin Foreman, Mark Hays, Dave Fleming, Conor Maguire, Mitch Sutherland, David Dowling, James Atherton, Chris Price, Michael Payten, P Camp, Simon Miles, Ian Hamilton, Garry Porter, Matt Girling, Tim Carswell, Chris Rowse, James Melville, Geoff Cushing (1966 Founders), Micky Stow (1966 Founders), Mark Ford, Alex Smith, Jon Harding, James Lay, Mike Ampleford, Joe Zerafa, Ross Taylor, Neil Oates, Kevin Warner, Max Fouracre, Michael Smith, Simon Warris.

### Apologies

Mike Cross, Enrico Sorbello, Steve McMurray, Chris Napper

## 2: MINUTES OF 2021 AGM

- Agreed

## 3: CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (Tony Shearman)

- Not going to talk about the proposed constitution change regarding Director of Football will hold another meeting regarding the role following clarification.
- No major issues this season compared to the disruption of the last two campaigns due to Covid 19 and weather and a lot of teams had finished fixtures by Mid-march
- Only two pieces of silver wear
  - Under 13 griffins promoted
  - Ladies team won the league
- Lost several teams and personnel – 3 under 18 teams, several other teams including the Ladies and potentially Mens.
- Next season fielding 9 girls' teams – this is 20 % of the teams in the club – great success and result of the development and investment in girls.

- Lost Game Larder as a sponsor as they have a change of ownership therefore looking for new sponsors
- Financial report surplus of £25K at the end of May – registration level fees going to be reduced
- The payment needs to be made by 30th September
  - Under 7 and 8 £140
  - Under 9 and 10 £150
  - Under 11 12 £160
  - Others £170
  - All girls teams will pay £120
- Lower fees for teams that have come through Platform as the slot and training is paid for by Platform because they are coached in a Platform training spot.
- Bursaries' will be on offer to reflect the cost of living crisis – Managers please make sure people are aware of this and applications will be considered by the committee in confidence.
- Membership cards will hopefully be digital
- Training venue schedule has been sent out and no one has come back with issues – any problems drop Tony an e mail
- Equipment request form will be sent out shortly – recognised poor quality of footballs last year and poor winter coats.
- Meeting voted on the kit only 5 voted for a change of kit – change of kit has long lead in time. This will be looked at again in due course.
- Accepted suggestion to extend the face book page which does football boots to include second hand kits
- Significant discussion on relationship between Platform Sport and Claygate Royals key points noted :
  - partnership and supportive relationship – PSC run development programme, Club Presentation Day and summer Soccer school.
  - PSC also Sponsor the club to the value of £2.5K
  - Provide coaching support where parents want to engage them not a requirement
  - Platform run their own development centre which are not part of Claygate Royals
  - Need for clearer understanding of the pathway through the club – lack of clarity around roles and responsibilities and selection.
  - Tony and Nick Ford to produce a document to show pathway clearly so this can be communicated to parents

#### Discussion on recruitment Policy key messages noted

- Only players that attend the Saturday soccer club can join a Claygate team up to U10.
- There are waiting lists for every age group for people wanting to join. Team
- Tony managers the Recruitment list and notifies relevant teams.
- If approached directly please get parents to fill in the player recruitment form on the web site which comes to Tony.

#### Discussion on social media key messages noted

- No point in advertising as Claygate have a waiting list but we can advertise for them to go to Saturday soccer Club and other development programmes.

- Should be noted that social media is not just about advertising perhaps need to have more engagement in the local community – Platform doing social media well so what can Claygate Royals learn?
- Good to have a monthly newsletter- Club Committee happy for this to happen but managers must send in the stories.
- Welcome volunteers to support increased social media and will circulate around to all the managers all the links for social media for Claygate
- Request to investigate having a WhatsApp group for managers Tony to speak to Chris Napper

#### **4: SECRETARY'S REPORT (Mike Cross absent so delivered by Kevin Warner)**

- Club portal registration straight forward for current players
- Details how this works will be sent out shortly by Mike Cross
- Little change but no longer using Lower Green pitches and considering Old Tiffs
- Access to the pavilion at West End so Claygate can now get our own equipment
- West End and Claygate Rec – need help to put up the respect barrier and corner posts. These are paid roles so please share with your wider group and anyone interested drop Tony an email.
- Looking to do a referee course in September will be run in Claygate – look out for details.

#### **5: DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES (Nick Ford)**

- Covered under earlier discussion

#### **6: VETS TEAMS (Chris Price)**

- From 16 players three years ago now have 80 and looking to create a Super Vets team next season

Hares Summary:

The Hares added a couple of new players - stable squad with one or two new players from a decent 20-21 campaign started the season with high hopes.

We were quickly brought back to reality by a serious knee injury to the previous player of the year before a ball was kicked, and a defeat by old Tiffs in the first game didn't bring much joy.

However, after those mishaps we got into our stride and went on an unbeaten run up to February that saw us win 9 games in a row and playing some really good stuff.

A stuttering draw vs local rivals MMB followed by back-to-back games (and defeats!) by the exceptional Ascot was a good reminder that we are playing in the right division. However, we finished the season strongly to finish in 3rd place in Division 1 - our highest ever position.

The squad has gelled brilliantly, with a good playing style and a great camaraderie, with a fair wind we have high hopes to further improve next season.

Hounds Summary:

Hounds – first half season difficult but finished well

Tertia Summary:

I feel we had a great first full season with Tertia. Two draws against Old Meads and two very convincing victories against Old Tiffs, along with victories elsewhere, saw us have a head first season in the London and Surrey Vets league. Agonisingly, we missed out on winning the league by just one goal. We always try to play attacking football and that saw us score over 80 goals with our two strikers hitting 20 plus each. We have built up a very strong squad and there is an extremely strong bond between us all, similar to that in the Hares. This is attracting other players to the club as well and several new members came along during the season (and after). All in all I think it was a very successful season and we are hoping to build on that for the season that's coming up

#### **7: IT & COMMUNICATIONS REPORT (Chris Napper / Nick Madley / Ross Taylor)**

- 8000 visitors to the web site
- Payment subscription window about to open
- Vets would like access to update their own page on the web site agreed - any team can have a page if they keep it up to date
- There must be guidance – Kath Wotton will work with Tony and Kevin on this
- Ross Taylor covered Social Media already but needs content and will circulate how teams can do this.

#### **8: WELFARE / CERTIFICATIONS (Kevin Warner)**

- Each team should have a level 1 coach in place – these are online courses and club pay for this
- Every Coach or Parent Helper must have DBS check and now do a safeguarding course – Kevin will be in touch about this if you have gaps
- Kevin can see this on the system as these are FA compliance requirements
- Please let Kevin know of changes rather than expect to be chased up.

#### **9: TREASURER'S REPORT (Enrico Sorbello)**

- Enrico Sorbello not present but submitted the annual finance report which accompanied the agenda
- No questions raised
- Accounts passed

## **10: AWARDS (Tony Shearman)**

- Founders cup, presented by 1966 team members Geoff Cushing and Micky Stow, goes to Harry Cross and Oscar Madley for setting up and closing down Claygate Rec each Sunday as well as either playing in a match or refereeing other matches
- Club Man of the Year – Eamon Mullins for his sterling work as Equipment Manager
- Manager / Team of the Year – Tara Sparrow/ Ladies.
- Tony Shearman also presented CRFC paperweights to a number of people leaving the club this year including the management personnel of U18 Hares, U18 Hounds and U18 Colts.

## **11: ELECTION OF CLUB COMMITTEE (Tony Shearman)**

The following people stood for re-election:

- Tony Shearman – Chairman
- Mike Cross – Secretary
- Kevin Warner – Welfare Officer

Election of Chairman Tony Shearman

- Nomination Kat Wotton
- Chris Rowse seconded

Election of Vice Chair Michael Smith

- Nomination Garry Porter
- Ian Smith seconded

Election of Club secretary Mike Cross

- Nomination Simon Warriss
- Seconder Tim Carswell

Election of Welfare Officer Kevin Warner

- Nomination Garry Porter
- Seconder Johnny Harding

Election of Treasurer -Enrico Sorbello

- Nomination Joe Zerafa
- Seconder Chris Price

## **12: ANY OTHER BUSINESS/ QUESTIONS**

None