MINUTES OF THE 131st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ALDERSHOT DIVISIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

HELD ON THURSDAY 21st May 2026

AT 8pm, ALDERSHOT TOWN FC, ALDERSHOT

1. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman, Graham Brookland (GB), opened the meeting welcoming everyone to the 131st AGM of the Association. GB Congratulated Yateley on their recent success, and explained the links between ADFA and HFA and how clubs are affiliated, and they both help the development of local football, local communities and organising cup competitions
The Chairman thanked all club representatives for their commitment during the season reminding them all their important contribution to football in the area.
The Chairman also introduced the members of the Council and conveyed the apologies of Steve Clout the General Secretary.

GB thanked his fellow officers for their help during his time as Chairman as he was stepping down from the position at the end of the meeting.

2. The Minutes of the 130th Annual General Meeting

The Chairman presented the Minutes of the previous AGM and there were no matters arising. All AGM minutes can be viewed on the website, www.aldershotfa.com

3. Adoption of the Minutes of the 130th Annual General Meeting

The Chairman asked that the 130th meeting minutes be adopted as a true record; this was proposed by Mark Culverhouse, seconded by Phil Rush and approved by all present.

4. General Secretary's Report

In the absence of The General Secretary, GB presented a verbal report, giving his thanks to his fellow officers for their support during his time as secretary and advising there was little to report.

GB then passed the meeting over to Richard Whittington Cup Competition Secretary for his report

5. Cup Competitions Report

This season the wet weather proved to be a challenge. A total of 75 clubs entered the 5 competitions. Regrettably we had 3 red cards in the finals, one kit clash and some behavioural issues with club officials.

Saturday Senior Cup

This season we had 16 teams enter and the final was held on the 5th May and was contested by Westfield and Yateley United. In a hard-fought contest, Westfield were the winners by a single goal.

Saturday Intermediate Cup – Mark Coombs
We had 12 entries in this competition, and the final was contested between Whitehill & Bordon and Binfield Reserves. For the second season in a row Whitehill & Bordon were triumphant by 2-1

Saturday Junior
22 Clubs entered this Cup, and the final was a re-run of the 2025 final and although it was a closer contest FNE were triumphant again 1-0.

Senior Invitation Sunday
Shire United defended their title in this Cup for the 3rd year running out 5-1 winners against Trades in a very entertaining game. 8 clubs entered this competition.

Eric Holbrook Junior Invitation
17 Clubs entered this Cup and the final was contested between Miners Arms and Binfield Vets with the latter successful by 4-1.
Congratulations to all the winners and again I thank the players, officials and supporters for making it a successful season. Oh yes don't forget the Rule Book!!!
Richard Whittington Cup Competition Secretary 21/05/26.

6. Treasurers Report
Treasurer, John Marchment (JM), presented the accounts as circulated at the door upon arrival.
There were no questions from members. Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Richard Whittington, seconded by Mark O'Grady, and duly approved by those present.

7. Appointment of Accounts Verifier
The Chairman announced that the Association would like to retain the services of the Accounts Verifier for the forthcoming season. Proposed by Phil Blakey, seconded by Jeff Wheeler and agreed by all present.

8. Election of the Officers of the Council
The President, Mike Gardner (MG), oversaw the election of Officers to the Council.
The current officers were prepared to continue and stood unopposed for re-election en-bloc:

President	**Mr Mike Gardner**
Chairman / Acting	**Mr Mike Gardner**
Deputy Chairman	**Mr Elayne Duddridge**
Hon. General Secretary	**Mr Steve Clout**
Treasurer	**Mr John Marchment**
Minutes Secretary	**Mr Chris Douglass**
Cup Comp Secretary	**Mr Richard Whittington**

Proposed by Thua TK Win and seconded by Jeff Wheeler the proposal was accepted by all present. MG thanked the floor for their support declaring that all Officers were elected as nominated. The Chairman, on behalf of the Officers, thanked the meeting for the group re-election and for support in doing ADFA business during the year.

9. Rule Amendments

Jason Giddings went through the various rule amendments in great detail. These were proposed by Mark Culverhouse and seconded by Phil Rush.

10. Meritorious Service to Football Awards

Treasurer John Marchment (JM) paid tribute to everyone involved in promoting football at local level and encouraged all present to consider individuals from their clubs or local knowledge, whose contribution should be recognised formally.
There were no ADFA awards this season. There were four nominations for the FA award which recognises 50 years' service

John Foggo
Geoff Bedford
David Bland
Tony Cherry

11. Benevolent Officers Report

John Marchment outlined the rules and aims of the Benevolent Fund and its relevance to players and referees.

13. Any Other Business

It was agreed that prior notice should be given of the rule changes in future and that an AGM pack should be sent out in advance of the AGM. Phil Blakely to liaise with SC.

14. Chairman's Closing Remarks

There being no other notified business, GB thanked everyone for their attendance and wished them every success for the following season.

Meeting Closed at 8.35pm

Mr Graham Brookland, Chairman