

## **MINUTES**

### **ANGUILLA FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Annual General meeting of the Anguilla Football Association was held on Saturday, 31st October 2021 via the zoom platform.

The session commenced with its official formalities at 9:08 am

9:08 AM	National Song	(Musical)
9:11 AM	FIFA Anthem	(Musical)
9:13 AM	Invocation	Mr Bernard Wattley
9:15 AM	Welcome	Ms Marslyn Richardson
9:17 AM	Formal Opening Declaration	Mr Girdon Connor
9:18 AM	Preparation of Business Section of the Meeting	
9:18 AM	AGM Business Session commenced	

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The General Secretary, Ms Marslyn Richardson called the meeting to order at 9:18 am, and extended a warm welcome to all present on behalf of the President, and the Executive Members.

#### **2. ROLL CALL**

Attackers FC	Salsa Ballers FC
De Youngsters FC	Shining Stars FC
Diamond FC	Spartans FC
Gazelles FC	Super Stars FC
Kicks United FC	Roaring Lions FC
Lil Soldiers FC	

The General Secretary announced that ten of the eleven registered clubs were present (Lil Soldiers FC arrived by agenda item number 3).

The General Secretary then advised the President that the Annual General Meeting was in compliance with the Statutes of the Anguilla Football Association.

### **3. DECLARATION THAT THE AGM HAS BEEN CONVENED AND COMPOSED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION**

The General Secretary invited the President to declare the Annual General Meeting (AGM) open.

The AGM was then declared open by the President, who thanked all clubs and officials for their attendance.

### **4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

A motion for the approval of the agenda was moved by Gazelles FC and seconded by Lil Soldiers FC.

### **5. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS**

The President welcomed all members, his executive team, the Auditor, Mrs Lou-Ann Philips-Henry of Cardinal Advisory Services and the Lawyer, Ms Tara Carter of Carter & Associates. Mr Connor in his President's Address informed the meeting on growth, progress and development that occurred within the association over the preceding year to include funding to clubs under the AFA covid relief package and club subvention, the construction of the generator house, the launch of the grassroots program, the hiring of two international coaches, computer distribution within the Anguillian community, and the developments in media and marketing. President Connor also spoke on his vision, ideas and dreams to advance football forward by the year 2023 which were inclusive of successful national teams, international representation of players, developments in the structure, good governance and facility development.

President Connor also made a presentation to the members on an upcoming capacity building venture that the association will undertake under its Club Assistance Program (CAP), where assistance would be offered under equipment, operations and capital funding. Further information was provided as follows: Equipment – each club will receive equipment comprising of 50 balls, 50 cones, 30 bibs and uniforms every two years commencing March 1<sup>st</sup> of the following year. Operations – each club will receive US\$5000 per year, with an additional US\$5,000 on proof of adherence to the ten articles that will be outlined in the

constitution, comprising of the clubs revising their constitutions, club development plan, club festivals, coach education, workshop attendance, active youth and team structures, structured women's programs, referee development, club licensing and registration, and a designated CAP coordinator. Capital Funding - which clubs can use for tents, lights, computers, restrooms, storage and fencing.

## **6. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO CHECK THE MINUTES**

Shining Stars FC and Diamond FC were appointed to check the official minutes.

## **7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PRECEDING ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The minutes for the 2020 Annual General meeting were distributed to the member clubs with the formal convocation. There being no questions or comments presented, hence the minutes were approved on a motion moved by Salsa Ballers FC and seconded by Kicks United FC.

## **8. MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES**

There were no matters arising out of the minutes.

## **9. SUMMARY OF THE AFA ACTIVITY REPORT**

Mr Colin Johnson, the Technical Director presented the Activity Report which was previously distributed to the club members with the formal convocation. He reported that the year 2020 was an extremely challenging year for football in Anguilla, but based on the resiliency of the players, football continued to be played in spite of the insurmountable odds. Mr Johnson highlighted the number of tournaments that were played within the year to include the Primary School League, Interhouse Junior and Senior Girls and Boys League, the AFL Senior Male League and the Sunset Homes Female League. Noting that the creativity and the vision of the FA enabled football to be played during the height of the covid pandemic, led to FIFA rewarding the FA with gifts which were shared amongst the clubs and within the national programs. Mr Johnson closed by mentioning the expansion to the technical department, to include the addition of Mr Nigel Linton as the Coach Educator, stating that by creating better coaches, it is anticipated that it will result in better players and overall improved performance.

## **10. ADMISSION OF MEMBERSHIP**

The General Secretary advised the meeting that the Executive Members have received and recommended the admission of Docs United FC and Uprising FC into the AFA's membership. She further provided an overview of the basis that each club was recommended:

### Docs United FC

Docs United was being recommended based on the fact that they met all the requirements in accordance with the constitution; they have formed part of the league for the past fifteen years; they showed continued growth, having won the knockout championship in 2020 and there were no disciplinary issues against them.

Thereafter, a motion was brought before council for its approval or non-approval of Docs United FA into the membership by a show of hands using the raise hand feature on the platform. Approval was unanimous granted by all eleven (11) member clubs.

### Uprising FC

Uprising FC was being recommended based on the fact that they met all the requirements in accordance with the constitution; they have formed part of the league for the past seven years; they are active in their community, having formed an academy and there are no disciplinary issues against them.

Thereafter, a motion was brought before council for its approval or non-approval of Uprising FA into the membership by a show of hands using the raise hand feature on the platform. Approval was unanimous granted by all eleven (11) clubs.

## **11. PRESENTATION OF THE 2020 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND BALANCE SHEET**

The audited financial statement and balance sheet for 2020 were presented by the Auditor, Mrs Lou-Ann Phillips-Henry of Cardinal Advisory Services. The Auditor declared that a substantive testing approach was carried out in the compilation of the financial statements of the Association which comprised of the statement of financial position as at December 31<sup>st</sup> 2020, the statements of comprehensive income, changes in reserves and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes comprising significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Further that in their opinion, the financial statement represented fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Association as at December 31<sup>st</sup> 2020, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended, in

accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards for small and medium-sized entities.

The auditor also drew attention to the surplus fund of US\$1,596,262 for the year ended December 31<sup>st</sup> 2020, and an asset increase of US\$1,592,926.

After the presentation of the audit, the following questions were posed to the Auditor by Superstars FC:

Superstars FC inquired on:

- what the receivables figure on page 12 represented? The Auditor responded that it was an amount outstanding by one of the member clubs at the close of the period.

-what was the reason that page 14 was missing from the audited financial statement? It was advised that it was an oversight. The auditor thereafter advised that the page comprised of notes to the accounts payable, leases and capital reserve and further advised that the page would be forward to the FA.

Thereafter a motion was moved to accept the accounts as read by Gazelles FC and seconded by Superstars FC.

## **12. PRESENTATION OF THE 2021 BUDGET**

The 2022 budget was presented by the President. The President give a brief overview on the funds that were available to the AFA outside of the normal operating and support funds to be received from FIFA which comprised of US\$1.2M under FIFA forward 1.0, US\$117K under nations league and US\$200k under one One Concacaf, plus US\$2.0M under FIFA Forward 2.0.

He then went on to give a breakdown on the sum of funds that were anticipated to be received from FIFA, broken down as below:

Operating funds	\$ 500,000.00
Travel	\$ 200,000.00
Activities under	\$ 350,000.00
TOTAL	US\$1,050,000.00

The President further provided a detailed explanation on each line item on the budget to include a 2021 verses 2022 comparison, outlining targeted increases over the 2021 budget, and giving reason for the targeted increases.

The budget was thereafter approved on a motion moved by Gazelles FC and seconded by Kicks United FC.

### **13. PRESENTATION OF PROJECTS**

Executive Member Mr Javille Brooks provided a summary of the projects that would be undertaken in the coming year stating that they would be brought back to congress for approval once the aggregate cost for each was obtained. These projects included the turf field, renovation to the stadium and the extension of the dormitory building.

### **14. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS**

The General Secretary, informed congress that Cardinal Advisory Services, under the directorship of Mrs Lou-Ann Phillips-Henry was being presented for re-appointment as Auditor, and the approval, non-approval of the re-appointment of Cardinal Advisory Services was being sought by congress.

The motion for the re-appointment of Cardinal Advisory Services was moved by Lymers FC, seconded by De youngsters FC and unanimously approved by congress.

### **15. SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION OF A MEMBER**

No members were presented for suspension or expulsion.

### **16. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 am.

**Recorded By:**



Marslyn Richardson  
**GENERAL SECRETARY**

**Approved By:**



Girdon Connor  
**PRESIDENT**