

Shareholders or members, but it's still a vote

WORRIED Wanderers shareholders will not lose their voting rights, despite plans to change their status to members, the Bucks Free Press can reveal this week.

The shake-up proposals which were announced at the club's annual general meeting last week, where Ivor Beeks was re-elected unopposed as chairman, are being pursued after the club took legal advice on the situation.

An extraordinary general meeting with the club's 480 shareholders will now be called to discuss the proposals.

Under the club's unique current constitution each shareholder holds one £1 share and is entitled to one vote. The club's current set-up limits the number of shareholders to 500.

● John Gregory will warn his side that their FA Cup first round tie at home to Isthmian Premier League strugglers Basingstoke Town on November 15 is a potential banana skin.

Gregory said: "This is not a bye to the second round, it is a banana skin."

The match pits Gregory against one of his former teammates. Ernie Howe, who played alongside Gregory at QPR in 1981 is now in charge of the Hampshire club and there is another twist because Gregory's mum, Jean, lives in Basingstoke.

● Gregory, who is still awaiting sentencing from the FA after his outburst at referee Steve Bennett after the Preston game, is calling for the introduction of video

evidence to help referees.

He believes referees should be able to call for an instant action replay if they are in any doubt over a decision.

He said: "Refs need help because they are not up to it. I've seen so many bad decisions. Video evidence has got to come in."

Meanwhile Gregory is set for another clash with officials after accepting an invitation to a referees dinner.

He said: "I'm going to go and talk to a few of them and tell them what I think."

But he insists he is fair in his criticism.

He said: "I gave the referee we had against Walsall one out of ten and we won 4-2 and I thought the referee we had when we lost at

Gillingham was the best one we've had."

● The youth team lost 4-2 against Oxford last weekend.

● Gregory caught up with two of his old clubs last Sunday. He was at Loftus Road at lunchtime watching QPR beat Manchester City and then dashed across London to see Aston Villa draw 0-0 at Arsenal in the afternoon.

● There is still time to make a bid to play at Adams Park and boost Dave Carroll's testimonial fund at the same time. Director Alan Parry is considering bids of £100 plus from fans wanting to play in a celebrity curtain raiser against a side including John Gregory and Richard Hill, before Carroll's testimonial against Leicester at Adams Park on November 12.