

## Trust Board Meeting Minutes – Part A

19:30 – 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2015, St James Park –Courtney Room

### Trustees Present:

Laurence Overend (LO), Peter Holding (PH), Neil Le Milliere (NLM), Elaine Davis (ED), John Kanefsky (JK), Pete Martin (PM), Linden Bray (LB)

### Officers Present:

Andy Beer (AB), Nick Hawker (NH), Alice Cooke (AC)

### Guests:

Les Miller

#### A/01 Apologies

Martin Weiler, Paul Farley, David Hitt, Richard Clutterbuck

#### A/02 Approval of Minutes from the 27<sup>th</sup> April 2015

(Subject to amendment of A/05 (iii) – add reference to David Treharne also attending Supporters Direct summit)

##### Acceptance of Minutes

**Proposed by:** Neil Le Milliere

**Seconded by:** Elaine Davis

**Carried**

#### A/03 Actions Arising

None.

#### A/04 Reports from Sub-Board & Working Groups

##### i. Finance & Governance

###### a. Update on submitted paper

None.

###### b. Working Group Budgets

PH presented a budget in relation to the TB and its working groups. Each working group had been allocated £1k of expenditure though this excluded the newly formed PR and Communications Group. NH suggested that this should be added and that the £500 'media' budget be incorporated into it.

The amount of money passed to the Club was discussed, specifically the possibility of reducing this. ED asked why this would be so and LO added that any proposed reduction should go to the members. NLM added that the current amount had never been voted upon. It was agreed that this matter would become an agenda item for the next meeting.

###### c. Recruitment of Finance Officer

PH informed that there had been only 1 applicant for the vacant role of Finance Officer. He told the meeting that Mike Braund did not want to do reconciliations. It was his view that we may need to pay somebody to do this. LO agreed. The consensus among the TB is that somebody should be sought.

LO asked if we could establish what both the applicant and Mike were prepared to do.

##### ii. Trust Ownership & Membership

###### a. Update on submitted paper

None.

###### b. Fund Raising

ED explained how efforts were being made to improve the 'experience' of using the Centre Spot. NLM suggested that something should be put on for St Georges Day.

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### c. **Food Bank**

None.

### iii. **Community**

Both Paul Farley and Martin Weiler were absent from the meeting and so there was no update.

### iv. **PR & Communications**

AC and AB explained that they were currently looking to provide specific e-mail addresses for Trustees and officers. Les Miller explained how this could be done. There was no conclusion to the debate and the TB awaits further information.

AB explained that the group were hoping to use different software to handle Trust newsletters. This was however, still in the planning.

< Les Miller left the meeting at 20:47 >

### A/05 Any Other Business

#### i. **Trustee Rotational Ruling**

LO sought views around the meeting on the state of the rule changes agreed at the last AGM. To resolve the current conflict of maximum -term and forced retirements he asked each Trustee and officer to express a preference on the following:

- a. To do nothing;
- b. To remove or increase the 6 year rule; or
- c. Return the issue to the members at the AGM (with a possible solution).

Whilst no vote took place it was clear that a small majority preferred option b. The matter was deferred until the return of several absent Trustees.

Both ED and PM said that they would like an SGM (to be held immediately prior to the AGM) to help resolve this.

NLM explained that previously, when this kind of problem had occurred, the rules had been temporarily amended to make appropriate allowance.

#### ii. **2015/16 Fixtures – Implications for TB Rotas, trust Stall, etc.**

JK asked is various TB rotas could be created to cover an entire season. ED said that she would attempt to do this.

#### iii. **Trust Election Policy**

The 'Election Policy' as proposed by NH would be, subject to two alterations, approved for submission to the AGM for adoption. The alterations were both in respect to candidate submissions. The word 'may' to be replaced by 'should' in reference to the provision of a photograph and that all candidate statements would be reformatted into a common style.

#### iv. **Date of AGM**

The date of the Trust Annual General Meeting was set at 24<sup>th</sup> October – coinciding with the home match against Notts County.

#### v. **Supporters Sponsored Game**

The home game on 28<sup>th</sup> December was selected as the 'supporters sponsored' game.

#### vi. **Director of the Day**

It was agreed that this would commence from the first League Two game v. Yeovil Town, and not the pre-season friendlies.

**The meeting closed at 21:27**

**Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2015 – 18:30.