

Trust Board Meeting Minutes – Part A

20:15 – 28th January 2016, St James Park – Tribute Room

Trustees Present:

Laurence Overend (LO), Martin Weiler (MW), Elaine Davis (ED), Paul Farley (PF), Richard Clutterbuck (RC), Peter Martin (PM), John Kanefsky (JK), Paul West (PW)

Officers Present:

Nick Hawker (NH), Andy Beer (AB)

Guests:

Clive Matthews; Rod Lethbridge

LO reported that he and NH had attended a meeting of Yeovil Town supporters, where it had been unanimously agreed that they would form a Trust. The Board congratulated the Yeovil supporters on the formation of their Trust.

A/01 Apologies

Apologies were received from –Alice Cooke & Neil Le Milliere

A/02 Minutes of last meeting – 26th November 2015

Proposed: Peter Martin

Seconded: Martin Weiler

Carried

A/03 Matters arising from minutes

- i. **Paul Farley to retrieve confidential Trust papers from Richard Knight**
PF confirmed he was pursuing the papers.
- ii. **Paul West to provide WEB site with biography**
Completed
- iii. **Laurence Overend to meet with Alice Cooke, Andy Beer and Peter Martin in respect of updating the Trust WEB site**
PM has passed on the information to Martin Lawrence who has updated as much as possible for the moment.
- iv. **Peter Holding to 'express a view' on the Club's cash flow statements**
No further action required.
- v. **Elaine Davis to speak with Justin Quick around the lighting to the external area of 'the Park'**
Lighting has been looked at but concern that it still may not be working correctly.

A/04 Reports from sub-boards and working groups

i. Finance & Governance

JK stated that the gates committee would report back to the Club Board tomorrow with its new pricing strategy for season 2016/17. IT was also confirmed that an option to join the Trust would be included with the Season Ticket letters.

It was confirmed that pay-on-the-day concessions would commence at 65+; season ticket holders would commence from 60.

LO presented papers from the Joint Board Governance Group. Agreement covers reserved matters. He would like to get the agreement approved at the next TB meeting. Any feedback should be provided via e-mail.

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ii. **Trust Ownership & Membership**

(a) **Ground Signage Project**

DH presented samples of possible new signage options for around St James Park promoting jointly the Club and Trust. Feedback was provided around colour combinations and in particular, the nature of a joint Trust and Club badge. DH would review feedback and provide the same to the designers.

(b) **Membership Engagement**

NH explained that the planned away had not taken place in favour of the attendees instead assisting with the urgent reconciliation of the Liverpool away tickets. NH also observed that had the meeting gone ahead it would not have been quorate. He suggested reconvening but instead over a single item agenda meeting one evening (TBC).

(c) ED advised the Board that as a result of the Liverpool cup tie the Trust had obtained 450 new members.

iii. **Community**

(a) **Payment of Peter Robinson – Photographer**

PF (Community Group Lead) proposed payment of £500 for photographs of the OGS taken by re-known FIFA photographer Peter Robinson. The proposal was carried.

(b) **Heritage Lottery Fund project**

PF confirmed that the University had applied for a grant which would help create artwork that would decorate the under-croft of the new grandstand if it was successful.

(c) **Grecian Archive**

PF advised that the archive was being added to all of the time. People should visit the WEB site.

(d) **Meeting with Dementia Group**

MW advised that a meeting had been held.

iv. **PR & Communications**

NH advised that he would be speaking with the Grecian Groups in respect of data protection requirements in the effort to open up additional data to the Club for use with marketing and promotion.

A/05 Any other Business

i. **Proposal for the Trust Board to make a donation to the Cumbrian Flood Appeal**

ED confirmed that the Club had agreed to donate £250 to the appeal, which the Trust would match, and that it would be presented at the start of the forthcoming match with Carlisle United.

ii. **Supporters Club Travel**

PM reported that the Supporters Club had made a significant loss in respect of away travel to Liverpool. This was as a result of many people not turning up for their coaches. Many left half full. It was agreed that the Club should be asked to assist.

A/6 Date of Next Meeting

TBC