

MINUTES OF THE CFU TRUST BOARD MEETING 12TH NOVEMBER 2018

The CFU Trust Board (TB) met on 12th November 2018. Present were: Robert Osbourn (Chair), Margaret Pearson, Frank Pearson (Secretary), Dave Matthew-Jones, Brian Thorby, Andrew Stephen, Nigel Pearce, Joy Childs, Nigel Browne and Martin Chapman.

Apologies were received from: Pat Morgan, Colin Proctor, Terry Wilby, James Taylor, Carol Looker and John Bilboa.

The following is an abbreviated version of the minutes of the meeting.

On finance, CFU has almost £22k across its three bank accounts.

On the lottery, it has 148 members. It will fund new hand dryers for the Habbin and NRE toilets costing around £1,000, to be installed before the next home game. It was noted that the back of the Abbey Arms needs repairs.

The main part of the meeting focussed on the proposed Fans' Parliament, which CFU has been asked to lead in setting up. The meeting worked through a discussion paper prepared by Nigel P. It was generally well received.

Comments from Pat and James were read out by RO. Issues raised included:

- What to call it - Fans' Panel? Supporters' Board? Amber Assembly? Fans' Council?
- What will happen to CFU? Fans' Parliament would help DMJ fulfil his role as SLO. If Fans' Parliament represents all supporters, CFU can represent its members. Remember CFU is a shareholder with FED;
- Noted that meetings will include Club officers not just directors;
- Need to find out if there's an appetite for this. Is anyone willing to stand? Use all media including leaflets near turnstiles - Bury match 24th November (volunteers needed);
- Arrange a founding meeting for people showing an interest, having asked what areas a person would want to represent;
- Constituencies - will come from interested parties, but at least one for each home area of the ground;

- A Working Party to be set up, chaired by NP with DMJ + suggested Martin Hunter (as a non-CFU member), Richard Toombs and Gina Heath (as non-TB members);
- Pat's nephew is in Wolves' fans' parliament – can be contacted for advice.
- Junior Parliament a future possibility;
- Involvement of members of message boards/ Moosenet etc;
- A timetable was agreed – namely consulting fans as soon as club confirms it is content; consulting other clubs straight away; presenting emerging findings by 14th January; submitting final report by 31st January; completing elections by 18th March with first meeting of Parliament by 30th April;
- Need to check those put forward for election are not subject to a Banning Order;
- James made the point that this is long term measure, so what can be done to improve comms in the meantime?

Agreed actions:

- Nigel P to redraft letter to BoD and send to CFU board;
- Nigel P to run timetable etc by Godric;
- DMJ to talk to Tom re Press Release list and to resurrect CFU Press Release list;
- DMJ to talk to Gina regarding joining working party;
- NP P to meet deadlines for articles in programme etc;
- NP P to remind the club that it can still implement many of the other things suggested by CFU to improve communications (such as directors mingling on matchdays) even though they have not publicly committed to them.

Under AoB:

- The TB agreed that CFU would sponsor Matt Foy, Finley Iron, Lee Watkins and Emmanuel Osadebe, and that we should also sponsor some youth players. There is a meeting upcoming with Amy Ganderton and Tom Pell to see if the Lottery is able to help with younger players.
- The Price Bailey audit team is currently working at the club.
- Andrew said that 50 copies of Amber News were printed. Some Senior Lunch attendees found print size too small. Perhaps future editions could be put in corporate areas? Some are already in Caravan.

- DMJ said that money will be made available by the BoD for January transfers.