

## MINUTES OF THE CFU TRUST BOARD MEETING 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2018

The CFU Trust Board (TB) met on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018. Present were: Robert Osbourn (Chair), Margaret Pearson, Frank Pearson (Secretary), Colin Proctor, Dave Matthew-Jones, Brian Thorby, James Taylor, Nigel Pearce, Terry Wilby, Joy Childs, Nigel Browne and Pat Morgan.

Apologies were received from: Andrew Stephen, Carol Looker, Martin Chapman and John Bilboa.

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

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On membership, Terry said that CFU currently had 292 members.

On finance, James reported that CFU has just under £22k across its three bank accounts and that there were no outstanding payments due. DMJ suggested that CFU should donate money for the benefit of United fans that attend the Morecambe match, and the TB agreed £100. *NB: This was offer subsequently withdrawn in the light of the Club paying for the admission of fans at Morecambe.*

On the lottery, Brian said it had 147 members and that it now had a new logo.

At this point in the meeting DMJ entered with Renford Sargent who gave an update on the Board's search for a new Head Coach. He spoke positively about this, the Board, Paul Barry's role and then answered questions. It was agreed that no other detail of this discussion was to be minuted.

On 100 Years of Coconuts, Pat provided his normal comprehensive report, to be filed with these minutes. "Lovely Bunch" books have sold to a value of £10k, probably making £3k profit.

In his SLO report DMJ covered the following:

- Four articles about the SLO role have appeared on the website, with more to come;
- Away fans' experience at CUFC have been largely positive. But Bury's experience was bad, compounded by the Bury press team receiving some

abuse from fans sitting near the Press Box - increased stewarding near the Press Box has now been introduced;

- DMJ has been able to publicise things done round the ground thanks to the Lottery funding;
- DMJ and Brian attended the Football Business Awards meeting in London on behalf of CFU. Cambridge Utd did not win anything this time;
- The Christmas Tree pattern on the pitch for the Yeovil game was well received. Besides being widely reported it resulted in sponsorship and the white line company featured it on their website. As it happened, a further 20 minutes of rain could have caused the Yeovil match to be abandoned.

DMJ's FED report included the following (other information is treated in confidence and not minuted):

- The audit of the club's 2017-18 accounts is well under way and figures / statements will come out at the end of January / early February. The audit once completed will allow the club to better monitor income, expenses and costs;
- On communications, Shaun Grady is responding to an e-mail from Robert regarding progress on CFU questions on the Audit. Reassuring words from CUFC are needed and should be on their way;
- The new Head Coach will be appointed soon.

Nigel P reported on the work to research a Fans' Parliament. Because of a positive response, an announcement before Christmas will confirm that we are definitely going to set one up. To date 17 individuals have expressed an interest in standing. Looking at other clubs, none have elected representatives. The Working Group has suggested 12 elected members. There will be one ballot for the whole parliament, but on the form it will be stated what each individual would represent. Further stages will be as listed in previous minutes. Nigel P asked if CFU should have a reserved (ie guaranteed) place on the new FP. The TB said we should, given that the Supporters Club was to have a reserved place. NP will report this back to the FP working group. A straw poll was held as to whether there was a better name than Fans' Parliament. This showed Fans' Council was preferred.

James requested that someone else on the Trust Board share access to the CFU Easy fundraising Account. It was agreed that James will transfer it to the cfuinbox.

The TB discussed preparations for the CFU AGM. The CFU accounts are currently being audited. The 2019 AGM will be held in the Supporters' Club, date to be arranged.

Under AoB, Nigel P reminded the TB we had given the a list of 21 things to the BoD to improve communication with fans, but that only four have been publicly adopted. The TB agreed to follow this up in due course.