

MINUTES OF THE CFU TRUST BOARD MEETING 18TH FEBRUARY 2019

The CFU Trust Board (TB) met on 18th February 2019. Present were: Robert Osbourn (Chair), Margaret Pearson, Frank Pearson (Secretary), Dave Matthew-Jones, Nigel Pearce, Terry Wilby, Joy Childs, Nigel Browne and Martin Chapman.

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

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

On actions from the previous meeting, there is still no reply from iFollow regarding Simon Dobbin and DMJ has still to speak to Gareth / Henry regarding allocated seating.

On membership, Terry said that CFU currently had 278 members.

On finance, James reported that CFU has £24k across its three bank accounts, this includes £1500 from the Coconuts Hall of Fame dinner and book sale receipts.

On the lottery, Brian had reported that it had 146 members.

In his SLO report DMJ covered the following:

- DMJ recently went to Parliament (Portcullis House) to visit the Labour party Shadow Sports Minister to discuss supporter representation eg SLO, FED and Fans' Parliament;
- He had been contacted by a charity representing a blind person from Littleport asking for someone to buddy up with him - Nick Parker will talk to Cam Sight
- Supporters' Direct and the Football Supporters' Federation have now merged, the new organisation is called The Unified Football Supporters Organisation (TUFSSO). CFU will join, Robert to complete the forms.

DMJ's FED report included the following (other items not minuted):

- Auditors have been raising questions going back a period of time;
- Drainage at the training ground is causing problems, he been there with Ian Darler to find out what costs might be involved in improving this;
- DMJ and other volunteers have been helping with the pitch for the past few weeks in the absence of a member of the ground staff;

On the on-going audit at the Club, Robert has approached Duncan Scott to attend the follow-up meeting with the Club.

On the Fans Parliament, Nigel P had copied the TB the draft constitution. RO asked for definition of who is a fan (5.1 and 10.3). A meeting is arranged for 28th February for all 22 potential candidates. The Board is happy so the process is going to the next stage. We discussed the election process – a match day ballot is more secure than on-line. RO can advise on election processes and provide a hand stamp to prevent duplicate votes.

The TB discussed the forthcoming CFU AGM. James confirmed the CFU accounts were now at the examiners and will be ready for end of March. Martin raised the issue of share devaluation from 50p to 5p and how this appears in CFU accounts. The TB agreed that the AGM would be a good forum to discuss the future role of CFU, especially given the creation of the Fans Parliament. DMJ felt that the Fans Parliament should deal with nitty-gritty issues, CFU therefore could deal with the bigger picture. Robert said the Club might want its relationship with CFU to change. Nigel P suggested we need to review CFU Aims and Objectives published in 2018 in the light of the new Fans' Parliament and falling membership.

It was agreed that Nigel P would draft a CFU Annual Report, to include our role in ensuring the audit of the Club's accounts. The TB deferred a decision on who to invite to the AGM from the Club. Provisional date Tuesday 2nd April in Supporters' Club - DMJ to check its availability. Nominations for Board and FED to go out by 26th February, paperwork by 19th March, article in 9th March Programme. Cut-off date for nominations 11th March noon. Hard copies to be posted for those members without email. James will circulate the accounts via e-mail.

Under AOB:

- Nigel B asked whether we could follow the example of Charlton Athletic and make the Abbey Stadium an Asset of Community Value. Robert suggested

this was not the right time. DMJ will discuss with Club the possibility of seeking an ACV.

- Martin highlighted the lack of rubbish bins in the Habbin. DMJ explained these cannot be put on the yellow cross-hatching areas.

Date of the next meeting - Monday 18th March in Abbey Arms, but TB members to keep 11th free in case needed please.