

MINUTES OF CFU TRUST BOARD on MONDAY 18th FEBRUARY 2019 at the ABBEY ARMS

PRESENT: Robert Osbourn (Chairman), Dave Matthew-Jones, Margaret Pearson, Frank Pearson (Secretary), Martin Chapman, Joy Childs, Nigel Browne, Nigel Pearce, Terry Wilby.

1. Apologies for Absence

Andrew Stephen, John Bilboa, Pat Morgan, James Taylor, Carol Looker, Colin Proctor

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

They had been circulated and were now approved. RO went through Actions in turn. Still outstanding are 7a as no reply (i-follow for Simon Dobbin) and 7f DMJ still to talk to Gareth/Henry.

3. Regular Reports

a. **Membership (TW)** 278 members.

b. **Finance (JT)**: In JT's absence RO read out:

Main account: 23298.11

Second : 30.49

Paypal : 1005.42

Total : 24334.02

This includes £1500 Coconuts' Hall of Fame dinner and book sales.

Insurance payment of £338 to come.

c. **Lottery (BT)**: Membership 146

Bank Balance £39814.50

Prize fund £13468.94

Cost fund £806.64

Distribution fund £25538.92

d. **Coconuts**: No report as PM absent

e. **SLO: (DMJ)**

- Will be asking club about allocated seating
- Went to Parliament (Portcullis House) to visit Labour party Shadow Sports Minister to discuss Supporter representation eg SLO, FED and Fans' Parliament
- Had been contacted by a charity representing a blind person from Littleport. Someone to buddy up with him is needed. Nick Parker to talk to Cam Sight.
- CUFP is on track. Next meeting is on 28th February

f. **FED:**

- Auditors have been raising questions going back a period of time
- Drainage at Training Ground is causing problems. Have been there with Ian Darler to find out what costs might be involved in improving this.
- Last 11 weeks Mick Brown missed. DMJ and other volunteers have been helping with pitch

- Last Club Board meeting looked at possibilities in attracting finance. DMJ was not present. Club is looking for increased investment.

g. Audit Progress report back (RO)

E-mailed Duncan Scott recently. No reply.

h. Fans' Parliament group (NP) Draft constitution supplied.

Meeting on 28th February for all 22 potential candidates to discuss election process.

Board happy so going to next stage. NP asked if any questions on draft: RO asked for

definition of who is a fan (5.1 and 10.3). Match day ballot is more secure than on-line.

RO can advise on election processes and provide a stamp.

4. CFU AGM plans

a. Agenda

- **Presentation of Accounts (JT):** Accounts now at examiners, ready for end of March. (MC raised issue of share devaluation from 50p to 5p and how this appears in CFU accounts.)
- **Vacancies/ Elections**
- **Rebrand ourselves/roles in future:** Now there's a Fans' Parliament, it will deal with nitty-gritty, CFU to deal with bigger picture.(DMJ) RO said club might want its relationship with CFU to change. Need to review 2018 Aims and Objectives in the light of the new Fans' Parliament and falling membership before publishing a detailed agenda (NP)
- **Annual Report:** To include role of CFU in ensuring Audit.
NP offered to write an Annual Report
- **New Supporters' Group TUFSo:** Supporters' Direct and Football Supporters' Federation now replaced by The Unified Football Supporters Organisation.
Action: RO to fill in forms
- **Club presence?** Undecided

b. Date

Tuesday 2nd April in Supporters' Club **Action: DMJ to check availability**

Nominations for Board and FED out by 26th February.

Paperwork out by 19th March

Article in 9th March Programme

Cut-off date for nominations 11th March Noon.

Hard copies to be posted for those without e-mails.

JT to circulate accounts via e-mail

5 AOB

- NB asked whether we could follow the example of Charlton Athletic and make the Abbey Stadium an Asset of Community Value. RO suggested this was not the right time.
Action:DMJ to discuss ACV with club.
- MC: Lack of bins in the Habbin. Can't put on yellow cross-hatching.

6 Date of Next Meeting: Monday 18th March in Abbey Arms, but keep 11th free in case needed please.

