

MINUTES OF CFU TRUST BOARD on MONDAY 21st JANUARY 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, John Bilboa, James Taylor, Terry Wilby, Colin Proctor, Pat Morgan, Carol Looker.

1. Apologies for Absence

Andrew Stephen, Brian Thorby.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

They had been circulated and were now approved.

3. Feedback on special meeting (14th Jan 2019) not formally minuted

Subject of meeting was a takeover that never happened but we felt we needed to decide what we might do if something similar occurred in the future. MP reminded the meeting of our decisions and a written copy has been sent to DMJ.

4. Regular Reports

a. **Membership (TW)** 279 members. Normal end of calendar year: downward.

b. **Finance (JT):** Total £ 22577.23

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

Bank Balance £40280.87

Prize fund £13354.21

Cost fund £779.55

Distribution fund £26147.11

d. **Coconuts:** PM provided his normal comprehensive report. It will be filed with these minutes.

e. **SLO: (DMJ)**

- Looked after a group from Brazil at the Northampton game
- 85 year old went missing. Common was searched by police. Evidently he had got a taxi having missed supporters' coach
- Work at ground has gone well despite Mick being sick since before Christmas and not back until February

f. **FED: DMJ** gave us a lot of detail last week. (See item 3 above.)

- There will be a Fans' Forum on 7th February. This will be for footballing matters rather than for finance or business.

Action: DMJ to make this clear.

- Audit is on-going. Audit report will include much of what we've asked for. We need a conversation regarding what comes out before the Club AGM.

Action: RO to go back to Shaun to make sure this happens.

- Triple P funding levels are all wrong making it a struggle for clubs at our level. Colin commented that money is killing the game

5. Fans' Parliament update (NP)

The working group met last week. Godric is happy with the draft constitution and will take it to the next Board meeting. The constitution will be given to prospective candidates in February. Election in March to reduce the number to 11. Method of election is not decided (on-line with external oversight or matchday ballot?) We must ensure only CUFC supporters vote. NP listed salient points from the proposed constitution including:

- No constituencies
- Once elected they will appoint chair and vice-chair
- 1st past post voting system
- Parliament to last 2 years
- At least 4 meetings per year
- An AGM open to all fans
- Annual report
- 250 fans needed to call EGM
- Funding needs to be sorted – probably £200 pa

JB asked where CFU fitted into this. We don't. We are separate. However, TW confirmed several of the potential candidates are CFU members. At the CFU AGM we have the chance to re-invent ourselves. DMJ thought that because we are two separate entities, this must be made clear at our AGM and we must spell this out in a structured way.

6 CFU AGM plans

- TB Member status (FP)** FP read out a list of those needing re-election. BT will not be standing, but JT, MC, PM, NB and TW will.
- Accounts (JT)** He will do these as soon as date of AGM known.
- Potential Date:** A Tuesday in the Supporters' Club. Shareholders' meeting has to be held by end of March.

Our AGM before Shareholders – 'What shall we ask?'

Our AGM after Shareholders – 'What did they say?'

Need to give 2 weeks' notice of AGM + another 2 weeks for Trust Board and FED nominations. With this in mind we need to speak to Supporters' Club to see availability during week beginning 25th March.

Action: DMJ

Do we need a Q&A session with Head Coach given the date of the forthcoming Fans' Forum?

7 AOB

- Simon Dobbin support proposal (CP)
Action: DMJ to contact i-follow to find out if live match can be screened in Simon Dobbin's house.
- JC : How can we make decisions between Trust Board meetings that need urgent action?
Agreed that a clear proposal can be sent to RO, initially. If it's thought to be urgent, TB members would be asked to confirm/deny by email vote. Votes to be sent to Secretary.
- Should CFU subsidise CFU members on Away coach?

In principle, Yes. Which game? Macclesfield. Offer £5 off for CFU members.

Action: RO to talk to Lorraine about logistics of plan.

d. There is a Big Match on 12th May in Ely to raise money for Simon Dobbin. Is there anyone else we should support?

e. NP: re £2 tickets at Notts County: Should we press club to do the same?

Action: DMJ to speak to Henry.

f. NB: Problems with allocated seating at recent Away Matches. Need to be able to choose seats if stewards will enforce allocation.

Action: MP to alter pre-match letter to find out Away club policy.

Action: DMJ to talk to Gareth/Henry to remove any problems this end.

g. MC: Dates of future Trust Board meetings should be fixed in advance. Agreed – after AGM.

8 Date of Next meeting

Monday 18th February in Abbey Arms.