

Minutes of the 16th CFU AGM held on 18th February 2016 in the CUFC Premier Travel Lounge, Newmarket Road, Cambridge

The 'top' table consisted of the following:

Dave Matthew Jones (retiring Chairman, CFU)

Robert Osbourn (Vice Chairman, CFU)

Colin Proctor (Fans Elected Director)

Martin Page (CFU Treasurer)

Joy Childs (CFU Secretary)

There were approximately 50 CFU members present.

CFU ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Part 1

1. Dave Matthew Jones opened the 16th CFU AGM at 7.30pm.
 - a. Dave welcomed members to the meeting.
 - b. A minutes silence was held in remembrance of CUFC fans who have died over the past year and specifically for Marcus Gynn, and Roy Newman, member of CFU Trust Board and instigator of the Abbey Helpers.

2. Q & A with Shaun Derry and Dave Doggett, compered by Steve Jackson

- Q1. What did Shaun expect when he applied for the job and has it exceeded his expectations?
- SD It is a very respectful environment, his previous experience has been invaluable, and he was ready for the next step. When talking with Jez he knew that he wanted the job. Cambridge is also a great city.
- DD The interviewers quickly saw that SD had the ability to take on the role. He also put on record thanks to Richard & Sarah Money for what they have done for the Club.
- Q2. When will we see the debut of O'Neill, the new defender/holding midfielder?

- SD Still short of the fitness level required, SD only had 4 hours before loan deadline to make a decision whether to bring him here. SD will talk with him to see how he sees his longer term future.
- Q3. Does SD intend bringing in next season contracted players rather than using loan players?
- SD SD is trying to change the blend of players currently at the Club, bringing in more pace, youth, exuberance. He doesn't want to continue down this track with loan players. He wants players and the Club to do well. Wants to develop young players and hopefully, later to sell them on to bring income into the Club.
- Q4. Very few players have come through the youth system - does SD see that changing?
- SD We are now beginning to see the fruits of the last 5 years - thinks there will now be 5 youngsters make it through.
- Q5. What is the most important thing SD has taken from being a player into management?
- SD SD believes he was astute as a player, he always gave everything. He wants his players to do the same. He sees being a footballer as more than a job; it is a privilege. They are paid to keep fit and healthy.
- Q6. What does SD think of the statistical programme - performance plus cost = value for money.
- SD Statistics can back up what you see. SD believes in everyone taking responsibility for their performance. Every technical training session is filmed, taken away and analysed, results sent to player's iPad. Wants CUFC to be set up like a Premier Club. Tottenham Hotspur have opened their doors to SD to see how they do things. We have graduates who come in to help us.
- DD What we see on matchday is the tip of the iceberg, so much more behind the scenes. Organised visits to the training ground by fans could be arranged.
- Q7. Why do we struggle against lower teams, how do we prepare for these matches?
- SD It doesn't change. Teams are watched for all opponents and video studied. It can be more difficult to play a team on the counter. Often find that in the last 15 games of the season struggling teams performances improve an extra 10-15% - could be because their status is threatened.
- Q8. Referees - have they been directed to favour the away team more? Has the quality of refs in the lower leagues declined?
- SD Refs have a difficult job, they are assessed every game and they are under pressure. Consistency is better at a higher level. Championship refs will be going full-time next season. SD thinks you just have to let decisions go as you can't change them after the game.

PART 2

CFU AGM

REVIEW OF THE YEAR - DAVE MATTHEW JONES

Chris Turner Memorial Match

Support for Simon Dobbin and his family (Shaun Derry's wife is a professional singer and has offered to put on a fund raising event.)

North Stand Artwork

Fans Charter

Coconuts Museum

Matchday outlet for programmes, 50/50 tickets, Lottery

Foodbanks support Living Wage

Re-launched CUFC Lottery

Improved Website

Matchday Catering

Habbin Bar project

U's player survey

Abbey Helpers are doing a good job

Dave Matthew Jones and Robert Osbourn have been holding regular meetings with Jez George discussing issues such as Fans Charter, food kiosks, etc

Ground Development news - CFU are in contact with Grosvenor; hoping to have a statement from them soon.

Matchday programme - Talking with Tom Stewart; it has been a learning curve for him, he is open to new ideas, we are seeing some improvements.

Dave thanked Colin Proctor for the great work he has done over the past 6 years as FED. In the early days it had been a very difficult job. He has always been a great help and support to Dave over these years.

FUTURE

Situation with the ground and Sporting Village - Dave doesn't want to see the timescales drift.

Keen to see succession planning in place for the Club

What can you do - Dave would like to see more fans join CFU, believe we have done a good job, may not always get it right but we always do our best.

Dave encouraged people to Join the CUFC Lottery - helps local charity and the Club.

Robert Osbourn reported that Dave Matthew Jones has stood down as Chairman of CFU and thanked him for his huge contribution over the past 10 years. Dave was presented with an engraved beer glass.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (JOY CHILDS)

a. **Apologies:** John Bilboa, Frank Pearson, Nick Pomery, Carol Scullion, Terry Wilb

b. **Membership:** Currently stands at 372

139 new members joined just prior to Manchester United game, not many renewed this year!

Several different methods were used to ensure members were contacted for the election of FED.

Co-op Bank withdraw their facilities for payment so new ways of paying have been set up.

Members were urged to advise Terry Wilby re changes of address, email address, phone no.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Martin Page)

a. Copies of the CFU annual financial statement at 31st August 2015 were available for members at the door.

Surplus income over expenditure for year ended 31/08/15 - £34,852 (including 100 years of coconuts lottery grant £23,862)

Cumulative surplus carried forward £192,598

Cash in the bank £40,241 (including £10,505 100 years of coconuts lottery grant)

b. The Independent Examining Accountants had agreed the accounts are 'true and fair'.

c. Martin answered questions and asked for approval of the accounts, this was agreed unanimously by a show of hands.

d. Martin asked that Clifford Towers be re-appointed as Independent Examining Accountant, this was agreed unanimously by a show of hands.

e. Martin put the following Full Audit Exemption resolution to the meeting: 'It is hereby resolved that subject to the provision of section 4A of the 1968 Friendly and Industrial Accounts covering the current financial year ending on 31st August 2016 when they are presented to the

next AGM. The members of the Society agree that the Accounts for the following AGM do not require a full Audit provided that an Independent Examination is carried out in place of the full audit, the Independent Examination is carried out in line with best practice and a report from the Independent Examiner is included within the Accounts and circulated to members'.

- f. The resolution was passed unanimously by a show of hands.

ELECTION OF TRUST BOARD MEMBERS

- a. Joy Childs has stood down to take on the role of CFU Secretary
- b. Matt Ramsay is not seeking re-election
- c. Brian Thorby, Nigel Browne and Terry Wilby were standing down by rotation and were available for re-election.
- d. Martin Chapman, Margaret Pearson, Pat Morgan and Colin Faiers were nominated for election
- e. All seven were elected unanimously by a show of hands.

FANS ELECTED DIRECTOR REPORT (Colin Proctor)

- a. Colin is now standing down having completed six years as FED, initially it had been difficult with the Board at that time not keen on having a FED.
- b. Dave Doggett joining the Board was the best thing that had happened to the Club for many years.
- c. Colin thanked Dave MJ and the Trust Board for the help and support during his period in office.
- d. Sees the Club and fans moving forward as one body
- e. It has been an honour and a privilege to serve as FED.

PRESENTATION TO COLIN PROCTOR (Robert Osbourn)

- a. Robert thanked Colin for the excellent job he had done and his total commitment to the role and the Club during his six years in office
 - a. Colin was presented with an engraved beer glass.

RESULTS OF ELECTION FOR FANS ELECTED DIRECTOR (Val Osbourn)

- a. All the results have been verified and counted
- b.

Martin Chapman	7 votes
Dave Matthew Jones	114 votes
- c. Dave Matthew Jones was duly elected to the role of Fans Elected Director.
- d. Dave MJ thanked everyone who had voted, he feels ready to take on the role having had a 17 year apprenticeship with CFU Trust Board. He will endeavour to be open and honest and wants fans to contact him if they have concerns, details on the CFU website. He will be calling on Colin for help and support.

The Meeting closed with a raffle organised by Carol Looker.

Val Osbourn was presented with a bouquet of flowers to thank her for counting and verifying the votes for FED.

