

MINUTES OF CFU TRUST BOARD MEETING on MONDAY 17th MARCH 2025

7.15 by Teams

PRESENT: Gina Heath (Chair), Frank Pearson (Secretary), Margaret Pearson, Paul Moffat (Treasurer) , Ben Phillips , Leanne Huff, Anouska Wright, Terry Wilby, Steve Edwards, Chris Neild and Andrew Stephen.

Welcome to Chris Neild.

GH and BP were reappointed as Chair and Vice-chair.

1. Apologies for Absence

Emma Smith, Chris Casey and Carl Badcock

2. Minutes

The minutes were accepted as read.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Reports

4a Finance (PM) : February accounts are not yet in.

4b Membership (TW): Membership is now 343:

Adult: 98 Over-65: 64, Young Adult: 3, Life: 162 , OAP Life: 16

Still concerned that there are only 3 young adults.

Merchandise sales are going well. Particularly the pin badges almost all sold.

4c Lottery (CB): A written report has been filed with these minutes.

4d Away Travel (GH): A written report has been filed with these minutes. Blackpool coach ran at a loss – Greys supplied a bigger coach than asked for. Still awaiting bill. Expecting a loss for Barnsley trip, but a smaller loss for Huddersfield. For Burton, CUFC offer free seats for volunteers. GH is happy to continue for another season.

5. AGM Feedback

GH received encouraging e-mails on Away Travel.

LH: Still problems with technology in Supporters Club.

Alex Tunbridge suggested we use the Club next year. When we enquired to use the club this year, we were asked to pay for Security which we considered unreasonable as we facilitate the Club's responsibility for a Fans' Forum. (Note: club consider CUSP meetings as Fans' Forums.) Need to consider how fans' views are represented and how fans' groups can best work together. However, a Football Regulator may alter anything we do now.

Video and slides from AGM are on the website. Q and A session notes are available.

TW: Legally we must have an AGM.

What could encourage increased attendance?

Offer free drink? Keep business meeting short? (We try.) Bring in ex-players? Tour the changing rooms?
People do stay for the raffle.

6. AOB

TW: Another 12 years on the Board have passed and will need approval to stay on. Board approved this unanimously.

FP: I also will have been associated with the board for 12 years, and will not be seeking re-appointment after next AGM.

TW: 25th anniversary: Let's celebrate early next season.

Action: Each board member to come up with an idea this season.

AS: Every edition of Amber News is now going in the Cambridge Collection.

GH: Stewarding. Fans are reporting problems with stewards at the Abbey. Refer them to CUSP survey on Club website or CN can send survey out.

BP: Other users have reported problems with the security firm used.

AW: I have had to ask stewards to do their job.

7. Date of next meetings

Face-to-face for SE's continuing exercise is **7th April** at Barnwell Baptist Church at 7.30

Next usual Board meeting will be via Teams on **14th April at 7.15.**

CFU Away Travel February 2025

Away Travel Plan All coaches for the rest of the season can now be booked online or at the CFU Cabin on a match day.	FINANCIAL Bank Balance – Monies going straight into CFU bank. Coach sponsorship of £500 for the fourth season has been received from Chris Ray (East Sussex U's) and £700 from Dennis Rawlings (Worcester U's), a third season of sponsorship of £600 received from CUFC Lottery, and new sponsorship of £500 from International Sports Convention.
Travel Complete Birmingham Coach ran – profit Crawly Coach ran – break even Wigan Coach ran - loss Blackpool Coach ran – large loss, was expected due to it being a Tuesday evening fixture	Notes Alternative stewarding options still needed on coaches

CUFC LOTTERY REPORT – End of February 2025

Membership	Financial
563 (+1 from January) members at end February 2025 Includes 8 defaulters Carl Badcock review & update of membership database, ongoing Membership at time of 30/10/2021 rebrand was 204 Membership at time of 24/05/2022 CUFC rebrand was 281	Current CUFC Lottery Balances: Bank Balance £42,613.46 Prize fund £18,413.69 Cost fund £2,455.71 Distribution fund £20,145.31 Charitable fund £1,598.77 Jackpot prize £1,000.00 Monthly takings £4,440.00
Lottery Other	Notes
Three weekly draws: Monday – Must Win Monday (MWM - 4 x £100 winners) Wednesday - Midweek Money Can't Buy (MMCB - signed shirt, hospitality & 2-3 match ball presentations) *football season only* Friday – Abbey Accumulator (AA) Once membership exceeds 610 members, will introduce another Must Win Monday winner (5 x £100 winners) MMCB draw re-commenced Wednesday 3 rd July'24	<u>Projects paid this month:</u> N/A <u>Costs this month:</u> N/A <u>Charities paid this month:</u> N/A <u>Outstanding Projects:</u> Possible advertising on FaceBook – awaiting costings <u>General</u> Exceeded 510 members, now 4x MWM winners