

MINUTES OF CFU TRUST BOARD on MONDAY 9th April 2018 in ABBEY ARMS

PRESENT: Robert Osbourn (Chairman), Dave Matthews-Jones, Margaret Pearson, Frank Pearson (Secretary), Brian Thorby, Terry Wilby, Colin Proctor, Pat Morgan, Nigel Pearce, Joy Childs, Martin Chapman, Dave Doggett, Nigel Browne, James Taylor .

1. Apologies for Absence

Carol Looker, John Bilboa, Andrew Stephen.

2. Club Shareholders' Meeting

Monday 30th April, 6pm. Will continue until business is all finished.

Accounts posted by CUFC are in precisely the same format as posted in previous years (minimal). They show a substantial loss, very similar to that quoted to Sean Grady in his radio interview. Subsequently shareholders were sent more details, along the lines of earlier reports, and as indicated to RO/NP. The reasons given for the loss do not seem to add up with the prediction of a small surplus given at last year's Shareholders' Meeting. Was there misdirection to the Board last year?

RO asked who from the Trust Board will attend. James T will attend as CFU rep. Others are shareholders intending to attend. CFU will offer to act as Proxy for shareholders unable to attend in person, if invited.

CFU will provide questions from fans, unedited and unattributed, in advance to Steve Chamberlain. This has been welcomed by Paul Barry.

NP and RO will meet SC prior to the Shareholders' Meeting to deliver questions, otherwise to send them a week before. **UPDATE:** sent by email on 17.4.18, as joint meeting date not finalised.

Our aim should be to make the club successful and protect PB's interest so that he makes the right decisions going forward, so the preamble to the questions is important. They need to be sent to PB too. All information should be from public domain. CFU will publish the questions prior to the meeting and then the replies given afterwards. These submitted questions need to be voiced on the night, with supplementary questions at the ready. Several members offered to produce such questions.

3. CFU AGM

This will have to be soon after the season ends, provisionally Tuesday 8th May (or Wednesday 9th) in the Premier Travel Suite + bar. **DMJ to check availability.**

UPDATE: confirmed as 7.30 on Tuesday 8th May in Premier Travel Suite.

3a. JT presented the accounts to be issued on the night. CFU have recently made donations to the club (eg blowers to get Luton match on) which in the past would have resulted in shares . But not this time.

3b. Those needing to seek re-election have agreed to continue except DD. Dom Baldock will be replaced, Tim Christopher has stood down. Seeking election are Nigel Pearce and Joy

Childs. Possibly Andrew Stephen? **UPDATE:** Andrew Stephen is willing to stand. **FP to provide paperwork.**

FED is an annual election and nominations will be invited.

3c . Agenda: **RO** to provide usual agenda.

TW to check membership status and supply voting coloured paper.

FP to get paperwork in place 2 weeks before AGM with cut-off dates for nominations and joining CFU .

3d. We will invite Paul Barry to address the meeting via technology if not in the UK. Additionally Joe Dunne or Mark Bonner to be invited.

3e. The 2 Documents for adoption at AGM were discussed.

What is CFU ? should be updated annually. Why pay a membership fee if all fans are represented? **NP to add paragraph.**

Priority ticketing? At some stage **DMJ to check with Andy Beattie if still on offer.**

DMJ suggested NP checked with other Trusts' websites for ideas.

CFU rules update TW has modified the Supporters' Direct model to apply to CFU, now known as a Community Benefit Society. These changes need to be approved at the AGM, stamped and signed.

4 Update Reports

a. Membership currently 301. Need to look at lapsed members' list.

b. Lottery has 152 members:

Total £35175.74

Prize fund £12105.94

Costs Fund £558.31

Community Pot £1638.43

Fan Fund £20873.06

c. Coconuts made £250 surplus on Hall of Fame induction dinner thanks to sponsorship. Writing booklet on research project of WW1. Display at Museum of Cambridge. Andrew Bennet's next volume for October publication – title not yet decided. Now more than 150 ex-players due to Instagram and Linked In.

d. FED/SLO Carries on as usual. Meeting on the 26th April if anyone wishes to go with DMJ. He has spoken with PB and still helping Ian Darler around the ground .There are still 8 matches (including 3 league games) to play here + pop concert and film screening.

5 AOB

a. Sympathy card to sign for Terry Eades on death of wife

b. Still issues with Yahoo email groups: Replace? Use CFU website? **DMJ to ask Jonathan Bowyer for advice**

c. Checkatrade Trophy will be on agenda on June 6th. What will club's policy be?

- d. DMJ has written to FSF after recent late postponement at Morecambe. This will be raised with EFL.

6. No further meeting before AGM