

Date: 22nd January 2014

Steve Williams (ECFC), David Lee (ECFC)

The Chair and Trust Board expressed their thanks to Nigel Banks for his service over the 10 year period of his caring for the Trust finances.

Abstain: 3

Abstain: 0

Proposed by: MW
Seconded by: RC

Result: **For:** 9
 Against: 0
 Abstain: 1

II. Trustee Election Process Review

Nick Hawker

NH/BC explained that a meeting had taken place in respect of the review (attended by NH/BC, John Street, returning officer, and with input from LO and NLM). A 'draft' time framework and been compiled and a meeting was being organised by AB in respect of obtaining missing DOB's from members. The election policy was also being recompiled and a suggestion of a pre-nomination supporters forum be held. The matter was ongoing.

III. Ownership & Membership Group to advise on Young Persons Membership

Andy Bratt

Work and investigation was being done in collaboration with the 'Red Army'

IV. 'Light Up the Park' – Project Leader

Alice Cooke

No new information – AB to set-up a working party.

A/03a Approval of Club Directors pre AGM

The Trust Board had received a submission from Steve Williams and David Lee in respect of skills and, in respect of Steve Williams, performance during his period as a Club Director. The Trust Board suitably challenged each director during a confidential presentation and the following proposal and vote is reflect the outcome.

Proposal or the Re-appointment of Steve Williams to the Club Board

Proposed: NLM

Seconded: PF

Result: For: 10

Abstain: 0

Against: 0

Proposal for the Appointment of David Lee to the Club Board

Proposed: NLM

Seconded: RC

Result: For: 10

Abstain: 0

Against: 0

A/04 Reports from Sub-Boards & Working Groups

i. Finance & Governance Working Group

Roger Conway

RC referred to his papers for which there were no questions. MW and BC asked about second cheque signatories in the light of NB moving on. Agreed that LO and AS would perform this role.

ii. Trust Ownership & Membership Working Group

Andy Bratt

In reviewing the OMWG objectives, AB reported that the group had very divided opinions as to the feasibility of the 75% shareholding ambition, and wanted TB guidance on this important topic.

iii. Trust Community Working Group

Paul Farley/Martin Weiler

MW referred to the OGOC paper. PF stated that the 'Brazil' play performance dates would now start on July 15th to allow those travelling to Brazil to enjoy the production.

iv. Trust Communications

Alice Cooke

AB1 stated that he hoped the new Trust WEB site would be up and running at some time next week.

A/05 Items for Discussion & Decision

- i. **Trust Strategic Plan** **Laurence Overend**
Item postponed for away day.

- ii. **Club Articles** **Nigel Banks**
NB to prepare a draft copy of the standard articles that would include the statement around 'Social Enterprise'. It was also agreed that the Group would continue work on the Agreement between Club and Trust in respect of governance.

- iii. **Effectiveness of Finance Committee** **Peter Holding**
PH raised the issue of timeliness and quality of management information from the Club. MW suggested that this should be discussed at the 'away day'. In addition, PH would take this up further with Steve Williams and report back to the Trust Board.

- iv. **Trust Strategy** **Martin Weiler**
Item postponed for away day.

- v. **Community Shares** **Laurence Overend**
LO informed that he was presenting to the Club Board tomorrow (Thursday 23rd January 2014) on Community Shares and the benefit they might be. He would report back.
- vi. **Auditors Letter** **Nigel Banks**
NB referred to the papers provided.

Proposal to approve the Auditors Letter Recommendations (NB will respond)

Proposed by: NLM
Seconded by: AB

Result: For: 10

Abstain: 0

Against: 0

- vii. **'Away Day'**
AB would make arrangements.

A/06 Any other Business

- i. NLM reported that Ken Baker had passed away; asked if the 1931 payment had been made to the Club; reported on latest Supporters Direct (SD) activity. He especially requested those present to lobby MP's in support of SD.

With respect to the update on SD NLM explained the following:

The second reading of the Private Members Bill on Football (Financial Transparency) is taking place on Friday 24/1.

The SD South West Regional meeting is taking place on Thursday 20/2 in Newport at their ground.

SD training dates are now available for Board Members, Secretaries, and on Club Accounts.

SD is suggesting that any Trust or individual that gave verbal or written evidence to the DCMS Inquiry into Football Governance should lobby their local MP asking them to question progress. A draft template letter will be available from SD.

The joint SD/FSF Conference/Summit will take place on either 18-19/7, venue tbc; or 25-26/7 at Wembley.

- ii. PH requested that the Trust Club Board representatives would understand and report back on how the playing budget would be reduced to a balance.
- iii. LO asked if the Trust should loan the Club the £30k it currently requires. As confirmed the monies were available.

Proposal to loan the Club up to a further £30k, to be repaid by the end of 2013/14 season

Proposed by: NLM
Seconded by: PH

Result: **For:** 10
 Abstain: 0
 Against: 0

The matter of the loan would be publicised to members but any news release would not make reference to match postponements since this was not a root cause of the requirement.

- iv. It was agreed that AB would be delegated with the Trust board vote at the Club AGM.

A/07 Date of next meeting

Thursday 6th March 2014