



We Own Our Football Club

Exeter City AFC Supporters Society Ltd

Trust Board Meeting 7th October 2019 Minutes Part A DRAFT

Meeting Held At: Supporters Trust Suite, St James Park

Date: 7th October 2019

Trustees Present: Nick Hawker (Chair), Clive Harrison, Mark Cordell, Jon Beer, Elaine Davis, Doug Gillard, Pete Holding, Martin Weiler, Chris Phillips

Officers Present: Steve Chudley, Alice Cooke, Phil Burden (Secretary)

Apologies: Neil Le Milliere, Pete Martin, Paul Farley

Trust Auditors: Stephen Bryant, Simon Gould

Members Present: Ed Galois, Jon Leck, Spike Sussex, Peter Hales

	<p>Minutes Of The Part A Meeting Of The 9th September</p> <p>Motion That the draft minutes of the Part A meeting of the 9th September 2019 be accepted, proposed by Doug Gillard, seconded by Clive Harrison. Motion passed with 2 abstentions.</p>
	<p>Matters Arising From The Part A Meeting Of The 9th September 2019</p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>
	<p>Trust Accounts</p> <p>The draft trust accounts were circulated in advance of the meeting. Steve Chudley gave a brief overview of the accounts. Income is up due to increased membership and fundraising. Costs were down due to the lack of a trust board election in 2018 and reduced expenditure against the budget by working groups.</p> <p>Motion</p> <p>That the ECFC Supporters Trust annual accounts are approved and presented at the 2019 Annual General Meeting, proposed by Elaine Davis, seconded by Mark Cordell. Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>It was noted that as part of the accounts process the Trust Auditor had reviewed the work of the Trust Membership Secretary and was happy with the processes.</p>

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	<p>Thanks were given to Stephen Bryant, Simon Gould and Steve Chudley for their work in preparing the accounts.</p>
	<p>Joint Board</p> <p>Between 18:20 and 19:30 the Trust Board were joined by the Club Board directors for a 'Joint Board Meeting' in which current matters of collaborative work was discussed.</p>
	<p>Update From The Chair on Part A Matters</p> <p>An update from the chair on recent activities had been circulated in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>The meeting received a presentation from trust members re their proposal for a trust branded football kit for the club. The trust chair has facilitated a meeting between the supporters group and the club with respect to this issue and information had been exchanged to enable the club to understand the proposal as part of their wider market investigation of potential kit suppliers. The decision on the first team kit is a commercial decision for the club and the outcome of the decision is awaited.</p> <p>Some examples of other trust leisure wear were provided and discussion took place on trust branded merchandise being produced to support various anniversaries approaching, particularly the 20th anniversary of the trust in 2020. It was agreed that this would be discussed once the club kit decision is made and some form of business case would need to underpin any potential decision.</p>
	<p>Re-appointment of Club Director</p> <p>David Lee's three year term as a club director is nearing completion. David has provided a statement on his achievements over the previous three years which was circulated to trust board members in advance of the meeting. David is happy to attend the trust board and answer questions on his role. The trust board agreed this was not necessary for his re-appointment.</p> <p>Motion</p> <p>The Chair proposed that David Lee be appointed a club director for a three year period. The motion was carried unanimously with one abstention.</p>
	<p>Trust Director Roles</p> <p>NH raised the question as to whether the trust board should propose a resolution at the trust AGM to formalise the titles of the trust representatives on the Club Board, these being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director of Supporter Engagement • Director of Community Engagement

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director of Finance & Governance <p>CP questioned what the benefit was to the trust of this action. NH replied that part of the reasoning was to make trust directors accountable for their particular area. MW cautioned about being too restrictive and allowing maximum flexibility. NH responded that this did not preclude qualified candidates being nominated to the club board, even if they are not trustees. Having willing and quality candidates was more important. NH agreed to draft some potential resolution words and circulate to the trust board.</p>
	<p>Finance & Governance Group</p> <p>Report circulated in advance of the meeting. The FGG considers the club continues to be a going concern.</p> <p>Trust monthly accounts were distributed with the meeting pack. There were no questions.</p> <p>Some matters were to be discussed in Part B of the meeting.</p>
	<p>Ownership & Membership Group</p> <p>It was noted that it was planned to have a two chairs (Nick Hawker and Julian Tagg) fans forum. Dates were being discussed.</p> <p>The OWG was discussing the best way to maximise the effect of the Salford game which will be the trust designated game.</p> <p>OWG continues to discuss potential member benefits with the club.</p> <p>It was noted that it would be interesting to know how many trust members took up the offer of a discounted ticket to the recent U23 game.</p>
	<p>Community Group</p> <p>Email sent prior to meeting outlining recent activities and upcoming history group events.</p> <p>It was noted that the recent book launch at SJP was a really good event and was well received by all.</p>
	<p>Communications & Engagement Group</p> <p>This was not discussed.</p>
	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>The secretary reminded everyone that the deadline for nominations for election to the trust board closed on Saturday 12th October with the deadline for receipt of</p>

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	<p>AGM resolutions being Saturday 19th October.</p> <p>It was noted that due to personal reasons the Trust Board Minute Secretary, Phil Rugman had resigned.</p> <p>Due to time constraints no discussion of matters under Part B took place.</p>
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