Exeter City AFC Supporters’ Society – Trust Board Meeting

**Trust Board Meeting Minutes – Part A**

**20:38 – 9th May 2016, St James Park – Tribute Room**

**Trustees Present:**

Martin Weiler (MW), Paul Farley (PF), Peter Martin (PM), John Kanefsky (JK), Paul West (PW), Neil Le Milliere (NLM), Clive Matthews (CM), David Hitt (DH), Laurence Overend (LO)

**Officers Present:**

Nick Hawker (NH), Andy Beer (AB), Steve Chudley (SC), Peter Holding (PH), Alice Cooke (AC)

**A/01 Apologies**

Apologies were received from –Elaine Davis, Richard Clutterbuck

**A/02 Minutes of last meeting – 10th March 2016**

**Proposed:** Paul West

**Seconded:** Martin Weiler

Carried

A vote taken during this meeting in respect of the FiTC using the term TRUST in a rebranding exercise has been superseded by an E-Vote on the matter dated: 8th April 2016 as follows:

**Please signify that the Trust Board will not oppose FiTC from using the term 'Trust' within its name.**

**For: 6**

**Against: 1**

**Abstain: 4**

**Carried**

A further E-Vote was taken between meetings to agree the maximum borrowing limit of the Trust be set at £50,000. This was specifically to be included in the ‘rules’ as required by the FCA.

**Please signify your agreement or otherwise that the maximum borrowing power of the Trust should be set at £50,000.**

**For: 8**

**Against: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**Carried**

**A/03** Matters arising from minutes

PF had spoken with Julian Tagg regarding the involvement of an ex-player in Trust / Club matters. IT was decided that now was not the appropriate itme.

NLM told the TB what a great occasion the Booby Moore Cancer Trust event at Wembley had been. He had been able to promote the Exeter City / Brazil relationship on the official bus.

NLM also stated that he would deal with the outstanding ‘Red or Dead’ matters around lifetime Trust membership for those who completed the fund raising targets.

**A/04 Reports from sub-boards and working groups**

v. Finance & Governance

SC updated the TB on outstanding bank balances which were:

**Current Account: £ 26,795.92**

**Light up the Park: £ £6,902.62**

**One Game One Community Account: £ 1,065.20**

**Capital Account: £ 69,594.49**

SC suggested that the ‘working group’ budgets be increased from £1k to £2k – this reflected overspends by the Community Group (£106) and the Ownership Group (£400+). It was noted that the cost of mailing a recent newsletter had been attributed to the OWG though it was considered a ‘shared cost’ across the TB.

**Proposal: To increase the working group budgets from £1k to £2k.**

**Proposed by:** Martin Weiler

**Seconded by:** Neil Le Milliere

**Carried.**

SC further asked for TB approval for the renewal of the membership to the Chamber of Commerce.

**Proposed by:** Martin Weiler

**Seconded by:** John Kanefskey

**Carried**

vi. **Trust Ownership & Membership**

(refer to documents provided)

Elaine Davis was an apology to the meeting but NH attempted to update the TB on the proposed ‘Members Day’. This was to be free entry to a pre-season friendly. However, it was reported that the cost would be prohibited and the management of providing tickets difficult. PW thought that the concerns, particularly the cost element were not a true reflection and could still be achieved. NH said that this should be raised at the next OWG. ***(Since the meeting it has also been determined that this might contravene a part of the arrangement with HM Revenue with regard to providing benefit to members that might incur VAT.)***

NLM asked if there was any information regarding next season’s first team strip. No one had heard anything. In addition, NLM asked if the Club shop was receiving match-day programmes at cost? No one knew and he asked one of the Club Board Trust elected directors to find out.

JK commented that there had been a lot of free tickets given away, mostly to school groups, via FiTC. This was a practice regarded toward building a longer term relationship.

vii. **Community**

(refer to documents provided)

MW asked that he TB adopt the conditions to obtain membership of the Dementia Alliance.

**Proposed by:** David Hitt

**Seconded by:** John Kanefsky

**Carried.**

MW updated the TB on the consultation around the date of the Club formation. Further evidence had been revealed to strengthen the argument and a motion was proposed for the TB to recognise the new formation date.

**Proposal - Exeter City Supporters Trust will adopt 1901 as the date that the Club was formed.**

**Proposed by:** David Hitt

**Seconded by:** John Kanefsky

**Carried.**

PF commented that next season the Community Group would do ‘something’ in relation to Woman’s Aid local refuge. F said that he would distribute a ‘Do’s and Don’ts’s of Safeguarding’ document to the TB members.

iv. **PR & Communications**

AC confirmed that from next season the Trust would have 2 pages in the programme. It was agreed that JK’s attendance data would appear on a separate page.

AC and ED would arrange a Comms Group meeting shortly.

**A/05 Any other Business**

LO thanked Trustee Paul West for the contribution of hospitality in a Trust members draw. PW, on behalf of Club Sponsors RGB, had contributed 5 pairs of hospitality tickets to a Trust draw.

PM commented that the Club had agreed to compensate 50% of the loss made by the Official Supporters Club Travel (Grecian Travel) in respect of the Liverpool game. LO confirmed that Grecian Travel operated under the banner of the Supporters Club.

Proposed for the Trust to compensate the outstanding 50% - £1,300.

**Proposed by:** Neil Le Milliere

**Seconded by:** Clive Matthews

Carried

**A/6 Date of Next Meeting**

NH proposed that the TB agree a regular slot for TB meetings. This was agreed at being the second Monday of every other month. As such the date of the next meeting would be: **11th July 2016**