

# **Exeter City AFC Supporters Society Ltd**

# Trust Board Meeting 11th November 2019 Minutes Part A

Meeting Held At: The Boardroom, St James Park

Date: 11th November 2019

Trustees Present: Nick Hawker (Chair), Chris Phillips, Mark Cordell, Jon Beer, Elaine

Davis, Doug Gillard, Paul Farley, Pete Holding, Martin Weiler, Neil Le Milliere.

Officers Present: Steve Chudley, Phil Burden (Secretary)

**Apologies:** Pete Martin, Clive Harrison

Member Present: Ed Galois

## Minutes Of The Part A Meeting Of The 7th October

Amendment. The trust auditor's name is Steven Bright.

#### Motion

That the draft minutes of the Part A meeting of the 7th October 2019 be accepted, proposed by Paul Farley, seconded by Chris Phillips. Motion passed unanimously.

### Matters Arising From The Part A Meeting Of The 9th September 2019

There were no matters arising.

#### **Trustees**

The chair noted that Paul Farley and Martin Weiler were both standing down from the trust board after 9 years service. He recorded his and the trust board's thanks for their support and contributions.

The chair also noted that Chris Phillips was standing down and that he had appreciated his input and hoped that he would stay involved with the FGG.

#### **2019 Trust Board Election**

It was noted that voting had closed and that the turnout was reported at around 26% which was a very good figure. The results will be announced at the 2019 AGM. Thanks were given to the secretary and PM for their efforts with the social media countdown to voting seen as a good idea.

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Feedback on the process will be sought from candidates and members after the AGM including looking at electronic voting systems.

NLM commented on the effectiveness of electronic voting systems used in other trust elections

#### 2019 Trust AGM

The 2019 Trust AGM will take place on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November at the Phoenix Centre. The AGM pack has been circulated to the trust board and is available to members on the trust website.

The secretary asked for volunteers to assist checking in members and registering proxy votes.

There were three resolutions for members to vote on. The chair would contact the proposer of Resolution 2 to make him aware of the FSA fans manifesto and to ask him to consider if the resolution still had value.

## **Finance & Governance Group**

Report circulated in advance of the meeting. The FGG considers the club continues to be a going concern.

Trust monthly accounts will be distributed with the minutes. It was noted that the living wage had been increased and as the trust has adopted the living wage this will be implemented. There were no questions.

Some matters were discussed in Part B of the meeting.

## **Ownership & Membership Group**

The OWG meeting is scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> November.

It was noted that the two chairs (Nick Hawker and Julian Tagg) fans forum will take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> December. There will also be a Q&A with academy staff.

A limited number of Christmas badges are available for sale.

The advent membership prize draw has been well received and is another vehicle to push membership.

The 10 reasons to join the trust have been updated and will be published soon.

ED provided a STARS update with the meeting pack. She stated the fundraising is going well but largely driven by corporate membership and donations from Grecian groups. A limited number of individual members had increased their

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subscriptions.
Community Group
Email sent prior to meeting outlining recent activities and upcoming history group events.
It was noted that the recent literary festival at SJP was a really good event and was well received by all.
MW noted that with both himself and PF retiring the new trust board should consider how the links with the history group and the museum charity could be maintained.
Communications & Engagement Group
This was not discussed.
Any Other Business
A donation to an Ex city player from the 50s who had fallen on hard times was discussed. It was passed on via the club and surprise was expressed that the PFA had not been approached. Contact with the PFA will be made. A donation of £250 was agreed.
An opportunity to sponsor a club arranged Race Night was available. This was declined.
A request for financial support for walking football and a bike rack cover had been received from CCT. This was declined.
The secretary asked what he should do with confidential information received as part of the election process. It was agreed he should consult the returning officer.
The secretary updated the trust board on the inaugural risk management working group which was constructive and would be putting forward proposals to the trust board.
The chair noted that when the trust secretary took up his role it was always on a short term basis and will end in March. Simon Larkins had agreed to be the minute taker and will attend the December meeting however he asked the trust board if they knew any potential candidates.

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