



**TRUST IN YELLOW**

*Celebrating 10 years*

**Annual General Meeting: Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

<b>Board Members Present</b>	<b>Relationship to Meeting</b>
<p>Martin Robinson Noel Warham Kayley Robinson Bill Sloan Howard Birch Jonathan O'Byrne Alan Jones</p>	<p>Chairman Vice-Chairman Secretary Membership Secretary Board Member Commercial Development Press and Publicity Officer</p>
<b>Apologies From Trust Members</b>	
<p>Ron Ellis Paul Rimmer Jean Carr Tony Kuivala Sean Byrne Keith Mitchell</p>	

**Meeting Opened: 19:35**

<b>Agenda Item Number</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Actions</b>
1	<p><b>Taking of Minutes</b></p> <p>KR offered to take the minutes of this meeting.</p>	<p>KR to type up the minutes and distribute to all board members for verification.</p> <p>All board members to verify. AJ to post minutes on website. MR to cover minutes in newsletter.</p>
2	<p><b>Apologies for absence</b></p> <p>Members listed above sent their apologies for not being in attendance.</p>	
3	<p><b>Brief review of Trust's activities during the year</b></p> <p>Amongst many activities which have taken place</p>	

	<p>over the course of the year, we have had:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Coach trips to away games</li> <li>- Get involved events</li> <li>- Atkinson exhibition/50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary reunion</li> <li>- Fundraising</li> <li>- Wheelchair viewing platform</li> <li>- Bottle Bar</li> </ul> <p>The year started having just arranged for regular meetings with the Club Board. After some initial teething problems and delays, meetings were regular and schemes/projects were in place. Supporters and Members were unhappy so an open meeting was called by the Trust, during which a positive and constructive debate took place and the outcome was that there was an overwhelming need for change. The Trust followed this up by asking CC to step down from his position as Chairman and requested a Club EGM. Events from that point forward escalated quickly with the aim of the Trust remaining the same: to present facts in an unbiased fashion in order that Members could make their own opinions. Whilst the Trust as a whole entity is impartial, individual Board members are entitled to their own personal views and opinions. TIY currently has the largest membership in many years, it has held a sizeable number of events, it has an excellent Board with three new members joining and will meet in the next few weeks to appoint new officers.</p>	<p>Thanks to BS Thanks to NW Thanks to KR</p> <p>Thanks to AJ for the calendar Thanks to HB Thanks to JO'B</p> <p>Thanks to NW for stepping up as Acting Chairman in MR's absence.</p> <p>Thanks to the Board members for their continued efforts throughout the year.</p> <p>Thanks to all TIY Members who have attended events and supported the Trust this year.</p> <p>Thanks to MR for his incredible job as Chairman. On behalf of the Board thanks for all of the guidance, wisdom and dry wit! TIY would not be in the place it is now without MR's continued hard work and leadership.</p>
4	<p><b>Membership Report</b></p> <p>In March the Trust had just 189 members. As of today, there are a fantastic 269 members, with 20 of those being juniors. This rise in numbers shows the current feeling of Supporters towards the Trust.</p> <p>There is a low number of junior members as many of these are becoming adult members. TIY would like to encourage juniors to join the Trust.</p>	<p>If anyone has any ideas for bringing junior members on board, please contact TIY.</p>
5	<p><b>Financial Report</b></p> <p>At the beginning of the year, CA handed over the accounts to JS, who later decided to step down from his role as Treasurer due to AS's involvement</p>	<p>Thank you to MR for taking on and keeping the accounts up to date.</p>

	<p>in the Club. MR agreed to take on the accounts and act as interim Treasurer until the end of the year.</p> <p>* The accounts were then shown to the Members in attendance – a copy of the accounts summary is available. *</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) A vote was cast to accept the accounts – all voted in favour.</li> <li>2) A vote was cast to confirm that the accounts do not require a professional audit – all voted in favour.</li> </ol>	
6.	<p><b>Election of Board members</b></p> <p>Since there were only four nominations for the five vacancies on the board all four are elected. They are Noel Warham, Jonathan O’Byrne, Peter Gledhill and Chris Jakovljevic.</p> <p>Since the date for nominations closed Eileen Howard has offered to act as our new Treasurer. Eileen has a great deal of experience as Treasurer of the Craven Minor League and it is proposed with the meeting’s agreement that she is co-opted onto the Trust Board. All were in favour of this.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising</b></p> <p>There were no queries raised about the meeting minutes. All matters arising were covered as part of other agenda items.</p>	
8.	<p><b>The Trust’s role in developments at the Club</b></p> <p>The Trust is having an on-going discussion with the Club in regards to MW and his appointment. Both IK and KIO have been contacted, a conclusion is yet to be reached.</p> <p>IK has responded to TIY with assurances that the issue is being taken seriously and has asked that anyone who has any concerns or queries on this sensitive issue please contact him on the following email address: <a href="mailto:ian.kyle@southportfc.net">ian.kyle@southportfc.net</a></p> <p>The Trust would like to make clear that by raising this issue, it was not done to embarrass the Club but it is a legitimate concern that was raised by it’s Members which needed addressing.</p> <p><b>Q. What has happened to JD?</b></p>	<p>KR to contact Paul Mortimer at KIO and chase up a response to the query.</p>

	<p><b>A.</b> The Club has today released a statement saying that JD has departed the Club. Members made it clear that they are unhappy with the communications coming out of the Club despite MO’H confirming JD’s departure to BS prior to the Bradford game.</p> <p><b>Q. What do TIY want [from the Club re. MW and KIO]?</b></p> <p><b>A.</b> First and foremost an acknowledgement and to see that action has been taken. TIY are awaiting further information from KIO regarding the best course of action. The first step has been taken in acknowledging it seriously and the issue has not just been brushed to one side because it happened a few years ago. KIO put on courses for whole management teams so perhaps that would be the ultimate goal – it does not single any one member of the management team out, yet satisfies the need to conclude the issue.</p> <p>With regards to PH and BTB, a NDA is still in place and PH is on holiday so TIY cannot comment any further on developments. TIY has a duty to keep communications open with all parties in a professional and transparent way and will speak to PH following his holiday or any further meetings with SFC.</p> <p><b>Q. Where do Members want TIY to go from here? Would Members want TIY to contact CC, SS and HP to attend a meeting or answer questions in order to put to bed the issue of their ‘control’ over the Club?</b></p> <p><b>Q. Why should we approach them?</b></p> <p><b>A.</b> To get closure on the takeover of the Club, to draw clarity on the issue by allowing them a chance to tell their side or make a statement.</p> <p>Majority of Members voted yes to approaching CC, SS and HP.</p> <p><b>Q. Would it be an idea to invite IK to meet the Members?</b></p> <p><b>A.</b> It would be more conducive to invite the whole board.</p> <p><b>Q. Would you accept it if the Board just sent MO’H?</b></p>	<p>TIY will draft Q’s and put them to Members for their input.</p>
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	<p><b>A.</b> Yes. It is the role of the Trust to keep communications with the Club open and act as the 'critical friend'.</p> <p><b>Q. Is the Trust looking to purchase more shares?</b></p> <p><b>A.</b> TIY usually acquires shares through capital investment and the Wheelchair Viewing Platform would have been next. SFC has agreed to this method of TIY acquiring shares so it is now for us to consider the next project.</p>	<p>Trust members to think of any questions that they would like putting to the Club Board as TIY are looking to meet with them soon.</p>
9.	<p><b>Trust projects for the coming year</b></p> <p><b>Disabled Viewing Platform</b> SFC opted not to use the money TIY had raised, or any funding from the Football Foundation to go towards the Wheelchair Viewing Platform.</p> <p>MR believes that some work has been done to clear the area ready for the platform.</p> <p>HB has spoken to Fiona from SAFE who has been in contact with Sefton Council and was told that as yet, no planning permission for the Viewing Platform has been put in.</p> <p><b>Safety Handrails</b> MR has been in contact with the British Association of Seating Equipment Suppliers regarding the radial gangway and handrails in the main stand. He is to be given contact information of local companies who TIY can contact. One suggestion is that the height of the steps could be lowered.</p> <p><b>Toilets</b> Members were in favour of making the (portacabin) toilets at the ground the next project that the Trust focuses on.</p> <p><b>Sponsoring youth team shirts</b> It was suggested that TIY could sponsor the shirts of local youth teams. With EH being in contact with the Craven Minor League, it was suggested that they may be a starting point as this could also draw in new junior members to the Trust.</p>	<p>HB to email SFC to ask for an update on the project thus far and to ask for a completion date.</p> <p>TIY to get information and costing and send them to SFC and discuss possible involvement.</p> <p>KR to email SFC and ask for clarification on the status of the toilets in the corner.</p> <p>Further discussions to take place with EH re. contacting CML about this potential sponsorship.</p>

10.	<p><b>Programme of events 2017/2018</b></p> <p>The past three years have seen the Trust host Meet the Manager events, a disco, karaoke, an FA Cup reunion, end of season awards, a Christmas party, 10 year awards, A Question of Sport (TIY are the reigning champions!), a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary reunion and the Atkinson exhibition.</p> <p><b>Q. What do we want to do moving forwards?</b>  <b>A.</b> If we want to spend money then we need to raise money.  - get a business to sponsor a fundraiser  - TIY merchandise (t-shirts, scarves etc)  - do events both after games and as stand alone events  - host an event that runs before/during/after a home game  - away game sponsored walk/cycle  - events on Friday nights</p>	<p>TIY would welcome ideas for fundraising events via email or social media or by visiting the TIY office on match days.</p> <p>Following a suggestion from a member, KR to follow up whether SFC can play 'Doo Ron Ron' prior to every home game.</p>
11.	<p><b>Coach Travel</b></p> <p>Coaches offer fantastic value to supporters.</p> <p>Leamington coach is running  Alfreton - £17 members, £14 juniors, £20 non-members  Salford - £10 to all  Stockport - £12 to all</p> <p>TIY is in the process of getting prices for weekend breaks to York and Newcastle.</p>	<p>Contact BS to book a place on any of the coaches.</p>
12.	<p><b>Any other business</b></p> <p><b>Q. Why do we not use the Grandstand for meetings?</b>  <b>A.</b> Not only have some Members raised concerns over their inability to hear clearly what is being said in the Grandstand, Supporters Direct have confirmed that it is considered good practice to hold Trust meetings away from the respective Club or Association.</p>	

**Meeting Closed: 21.35**

**Next Meeting: Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2017**