



TRUST IN YELLOW

Celebrating 10 years

Members Meeting: Wednesday 12th July 2017

Board Members Present	Relationship to Meeting
Martin Robinson Noel Warham Howard Birch Jonathan 'Byrne Bill Sloan Kayley Robinson	Chairman Vice-Chairman Board Member Commercial Development Membership Secretary Secretary
Apologies From Board Members	Relationship to Meeting
Alan Jones	Press and Publicity Officer
Apologies from Trust Members	Relationship to Meeting
Nicola Hudson	Trust Member/SD Representative

Meeting Opened: 20:00

Agenda Item Number	Notes	Actions
1	Taking of Minutes KR offered to take the minutes of this meeting.	KR to type up the minutes and distribute to all board members for verification. All board members to verify. AJ to post minutes on website. MR to cover minutes in newsletter.
2	Apologies for Absence AJ and NH sent their apologies in advance of the meeting.	MR apologised for his continued absence due to health issues and thanked the TIY board for their work during this time.
3	Minutes of Last Meeting, Matters Arising and Action Points	

	All matters covered under other areas of the agenda.	
4	<p>Finances</p> <p>In light of JS recently stepping down from the Trust board due to a conflict of interests, a new Treasurer is required. TIY have had some interest in this role and hope to appoint a new Treasurer in the near future.</p> <p>Current balance is +£17,200.40 net. This balance includes the money donated by some people (around £5000) that was intended to be used to fund the disabled facilities. As the Club has decided to use sponsorship to fund the disabled viewing platform independently TIY and members now need to decide upon a new project.</p>	Those who donated will be asked if they are happy for their donations to go towards the new projects.
5.	<p>Membership</p> <p>To date there are 248 members of the Trust, with 14 of those being juniors. Despite membership numbers rising by 25% since March, the number of junior members is decreasing due to them becoming adult members.</p>	It is noticeable that young supporters of the Club are dwindling. Any ideas on how to raise these numbers would be welcomed by TIY.
6.	<p>Report back from SFC/TIY meeting</p> <p>It was stated that it is usual that when a meeting takes place between more than one party that the minutes must be agreed between those concerned. TIY were happy for some names to be taken out of the minutes for confidentiality reasons, however, JT wanted numerous amendments made. In several instances these amendments were to make very minor changes to the wording of what had been written down.</p> <p>JO'B gave a clear and unbiased overview of the meeting, clarifying that TIY were given 24 hours notice that IK would be in attendance as he was joining the board.</p>	NW categorically stated that the minutes taken by KR were 100% accurate based on what was said prior to amendments being made.

	<p>AS suggested that JO'B meet with MW and AL to discuss footballing matters with JT present. JO'B attended this meeting that lasted for an hour, during which MW spoke about the building of the side, with him doing much of the talking.</p> <p>HB reported back on the handover with AS regarding the Wheelchair Viewing facilities.</p> <p>HB listed the conditions for TIY funding that he had sent to AS the week before we were informed AS had found a new Sponsor to cover the full build. These conditions were thought to be very reasonable by Members.</p> <p>HB informed members that SFC offered to allow TIY to contribute their half of the costs for the Wheelchair Viewing Facility as an 'over-sponsor' on top of the full amount required which has already been received by SFC!</p> <p>Members agreed that they did not believe this to be a good idea or the best use of TIY funds.</p> <p>Q: Did TIY give SFC a deadline on completing the disabled facilities, given the floodlight fiasco?</p> <p>A: (HB) We [TIY] had planned to oversee the project to make sure it was completed independently from the Club. AS has assured TIY that he wants to get the project completed as quickly as possible, hence sponsors being found. We (TIY) are to believe it will be completed early into the season.</p> <p>Members comment: 12+ months work by TIY and it is absolutely wrong of SFC not to recognise this and not make room for their money having bypassed it for a sponsorship. The Club should have left room for a contribution from the Trust. It seems to be a bit of a joke to allot the money from TIY as an over-sponsorship. <i>That the Club couldn't agree for the money to be represented physically is absolutely wrong.</i> What have SFC put in place to run it once it is built? Who will allocate the spaces? Will away fans be able to use it? Will</p>	<p>Thank you to HB for his fantastic work and research into the disabled viewing facilities.</p> <p>SFC did thank TIY for their efforts but they could not wait for fundraising to take place and wanted to get the facilities constructed sooner rather than later. TIY have no issues with the Club going ahead and building the platform.</p>
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	<p>the Club expect TIY to organise the logistics?</p> <p>Member: It shouldn't be down to the Trust to pay for it. SFC has a moral and legal obligation to build it [disabled facilities] of their own volition!</p> <p>Following the issues surrounding the construction of the floodlights, TIY made a resolution that any projects that were committed to would be undertaken by the Trust board so as to see them carried out properly, for the benefit of the members of the Trust and supporters of the Club. It is important for TIY to take ownership as we have all seen what can happen otherwise.</p> <p>The bottle bar project is on hold for 3 months to see how the Club's "pass out" system works before reviewing it.</p>	
7.	<p>Open questions</p> <p>Q: What do you think of IK? A: IK was quiet throughout the majority of the meeting and seemed keen to sit back and observe proceedings. He was polite and friendly and emailed NW after the meeting to thank TIY for their attendance and to state how much he was looking forward to forging a relationship and working with the Trust in the future.</p> <p>Q: What about AS? Was he friendlier? A: It was generally a better and more positive meeting than the last. MO'H was friendly and bubbly and spoke a lot, AS seemed more relaxed and courteous, JT led the meeting and for the most part was open. There were a few emotive subjects, which provoked impassioned discussions from both parties.</p> <p>Q: Why did IK out the money in? What's in it for him? A: IK stated that he didn't want to sit in an executive box at Everton for example, when he could instead put his</p>	

	<p>money into SFC and make a difference. He had seen the appeal for investors on social media and contacted JT about investing.</p> <p>Q: Why have the Board accepted IK's money and not PH's? A: We are unable to answer that as the Board told us discussions were off limits due to the terms of an on-going NDA. A meeting has been announced between the Club board and PH on 13/07/2017.</p> <p>Q: Were there substantial changes made to the minutes? A: There was some editorial tidying up, shall we say. TIY were very flexible in stating the facts presented and reaching a compromise around the wording. The changes were mostly semantics.</p> <p>Q: Are the 4 Directors the legal owners of the shares? A: There is £635,000 of share capital owned to date; 45% of these shares are owned by the current Directors [JT, IK, AS].</p> <p>Q: Have we been assured of MW undertaking a 'Kick Racism Out of Football' workshop? A: Not yet, it is something that we will follow up.</p> <p>*In response to this question, JT stated that he had not yet spoken about the workshop to MW but would endeavour to do so and inform the Trust of any actions to be taken by the end of July.</p> <p>Q: In 12 months time, what contingencies are in place? A: That isn't something that we know the answer to but we can take the question forward to see what the Board are looking at re. next year and the future.</p>	<p>KR will take the question forward to JT/MW at the 'Meet the Manager' event on 13/07/2017.</p> <p>TIY to ask the SFC Board about finances for the next 12+ months at next meeting.</p>
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	<p>Q: In terms of boycotts, what is the Trust's point of view? A: The Trust remains impartial. As individuals the TIY board members all have our own opinions but as a Board, we would urge supporters to do what they feel is most appropriate.</p> <p>Q: What about if we have a vote? A: We [TIY] would not ask members to do anything as a whole – it is for individual members to decide what they would like to do. We, as a Board, remain impartial.</p> <p>Q: Were TIY asked to attend SFC board meetings or have a representative on the Club board? A: TIY have made it clear that in order to maintain independence we would prefer to maintain a structured dialogue with the Club, rather than a position on the Club board. There becomes a conflict of interests if members of the Trust board are bound by confidentiality and unable to feedback to its members. We feel that we are best placed in the role of a 'critical friend'; a strong Trust is on which can hold the Board to account.</p> <p>Q: Who do you [TIY] think is the best candidate having met both PH and the current Board? A: We as a Trust are here to facilitate communications, not to form opinions on behalf of our members. As individuals we have our own opinions but as a Trust we simply provide the facts. We [TIY] get the facts, present the facts and enable our members to form their own opinions.</p>	<p>Thank you to everyone for all contributions made to the discussion.</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Trust Projects</p> <p>With the disabled facilities being carried out by the Club and the bottle bar on hold for now, TIY would like suggestions about what to do next and ways in which to fundraise.</p> <p>Member Suggestions: -Run coaches to all away games?</p>	<p>Members to think about and make suggestions about what they would like to do next and suggest ways in which to raise money for projects that benefit supporters.</p>

	<p>-Sponsor youth team kits or tournaments (not just SFC juniors)?</p> <p>-Kids go free on coaches to attract a younger supporter base?</p> <p>-Centre rail on the steps in the main stand?</p> <p>-Netting behind the goal (Jack Carr end) to protect supporters?</p>	Contact TIY via email, text or in person at the Trust Office on match days.
9.	<p>Get Involved Events</p> <p>The main events of the year were recapped with mention of the 50th Anniversary, 10-year awards, cricket match, race night, karaoke and quiz night.</p> <p>TIY would welcome ideas and suggestions for future events about both the type of event wanted and the location in which it is held.</p>	<p>Thank you to everyone for support and enthusiasm and attending events.</p> <p>Thanks to KR and JO'B for taking over the organising of the Atkinson event and interviews.</p> <p>Thank you to Southport Brewery for Bingham's Brew.</p> <p>Thanks to HB and Liam Watson for their involvement in the 10 year awards.</p>
10.	<p>Coach Travel</p> <p>Both Alpha and Elite have responded to queries about coach travel. MR will work out costs over the next few days for the initial matches.</p> <p>TIY will aim to run coaches to as many matches as is possible.</p>	MR to follow up quotes with coach companies.
11.	<p>Any Other business</p> <p>N/A</p>	
12.	<p>AGM/Next Meeting</p> <p>Elections to the Board: NW and JO'B from the present Board will be standing for re-election There are also 3 vacancies on the Board. Candidates must be a Trust member and have their nomination seconded by another member of the Trust.</p> <p>As previously announced today is the closing day for nominations</p>	Members to be notified of AGM date and any further election candidates .

	Applicants should provide a 150 (approx.) word pen picture to accompany their application by this coming weekend .	
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Meeting Closed: 21.30

Next Meeting: (AGM) Wednesday 9th August – 19:30