

Minutes of Blues Trust meeting

ACTION [BY]

held on June 5th, 2012 at the Royal George

The meeting started at 7:00 pm

- 1 **Present** – 12 members:
Rob Hughes [RH] (Chair), Margaret Decker [MD] (Secretary), Ray Tomkinson [RT] (Treasurer), Steve McCarthy [SM], Dave Farrell [DF], Lee Bradshaw [LB], John Farmer [JF], Pete Evans [PE], Andy Munro [AM], John Haynes [JH], Clive Rathbone [CR], Daniel Ivery [DI].
- 2 **Apologies** - 10 members
Alison Turner, Phil Beardmore, Daniel Cuzick, Neil Homer, Martin Walsh, Di Thomas, Chris Sanderson, Steve Brunnock, Paul Collins, Andy Webb
- 3 **Minutes** for the meeting held on 1st May 2012 were accepted as a true and fair record.
- 4 **Matters arising**
Intellectual property rights (IPR) for badge design, logo and name [AM] - 100 badges had been received from Steve Brunnock for which the meeting wished to record its formal thanks. An application for IPR could take 6 months and cost £170 so, on the advice of the Chair, who had personal experience of this, it was proposed that the Trust's Secretary should send a BSSL headed letter containing an example of the badge design, logo and name + © by registered post to herself. This should be enough to prove IPR, if necessary. **Agreed [MD]**
It was proposed that the badges would be sold to members only for £3 each. **Agreed**
How to sell the badges was discussed but no decision reached. **Unresolved**
A logo icon would need to be put on the Trust's website. The continuing **Unresolved**
problem with website management was raised and further attempts would be made to resolve this issue **[LB]**
- 5 **Announcements & Reports**
 - a) **Treasurer's Report**
The Treasurer handed out a written report detailing the financial position as at 31/5/12, being the end of the first financial year. In summary: The bank and PayPal accounts are secure and working effectively. Thanks to [MD] for setting them up.
The accounts need to be audited prior to the AGM. **Unresolved**
Our target for recruitment has not been met
£175 has been committed for 2 representatives at a Supporters Direct [SD] **[SM] + [DF]**
conference. Report back required re sponsorship search.
No committed items of expenditure over next 3 months yet but, costs that need to be allowed for include: audit fees, elections to Board and AGM, membership recruitment (application forms).
The 2 outstanding interest free loans made by members were discussed.
Repay or convert to prepaid membership? **Agreed to repay**
Membership fees proposals were discussed. **Unresolved**
2011/12 Income = £1,175.27, Expenditure = £565.35, Balance C/Fwd =£609.92
 - b) **Secretary's Report**
[MD] had attended a [SD] Secretary's Development Day in London on May 20th. [MD] and [JF] attended the League 1 playoffs final by invitation of

[SD]. They met board members from the Posh, Foxes and Crystal Palace Supporters Trusts as well as Leigh Hine and Dan Crawford of [SD]

[SD] are holding 2 training events in July – Secretary Development, in Birmingham on 15th July and Board Member Development in Peterborough on 22nd July. No charge although a donation of £10/£20 to [SD] would be appreciated.

6 Proposals on recruiting more members

It was agreed to include this item in a discussion about how the Trust can best organise and respond to the developing crisis at BCFC . A wide ranging debate on the options available took place. It was agreed that the Trust's committee, in its current form, was not able to respond quickly, efficiently and effectively to the fast moving circumstances. [MD] proposed, [PE] seconded, carried unanimously, that the Election and Working Group proposals in agenda item 7 be considered and agreed.

7 Election and constitution working group

a) Proposed that we follow the recommendation of SD that the Secretary shall not be a member of the Board or have a vote, but should be appointed by the Board.

Agreed

b) Proposed that the four members who applied for Blues Trust Rules to be registered appoint an interim board, in accordance with Rule 58. The four members ([RH], [MD], [LB] and [SM]) appointed the following to the interim Board of the Trust: Steve McCarthy, Lee Bradshaw, Andy Munro, Dave Farrell and Pete Evans. Margaret Decker will attend meetings as non-voting Secretary.

Agreed

Ray Tomkinson agreed to continue as Treasurer but not as a Board member. c) Proposed that we accept the principles laid down in the 5 side policies recommended by Supporters Direct: Election Policy; Standing Orders for General Meetings; Board Membership and Conduct Policy; Standing Orders for Society Board Meeting; Disciplinary Policy.

Interim Board

Further proposed that, apart from wording that is not applicable to the first election or first AGM, we comply with the Election Policy and Standing Orders for General Meetings and that successful candidates in the election shall become full members of the Board upon receipt of their signed acceptance of the Board Membership and Conduct Policy.

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d) Proposed that an Election Management Group be appointed, consisting of an independent chair, the acting secretary of Blues Trust and one or two other members. Members of the EMG will not be allowed to nominate candidates or be candidates themselves.

Agreed

e) Proposed that the number of vacancies to be elected be set at 6.

Agreed

f) Proposed that an Event Planning Working Group be set up, to plan events to increase membership and to do advance planning for the AGM.

Interim Board

8 Vice-Chair

It was proposed that a Vice-Chair be appointed for future meetings that will be open to the full membership and that these meetings should be held quarterly.

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9 A.O.B. None

10 Date and time of the Interim Board meeting 7 pm on Tuesday, June 19th, 2012.

The meeting was closed at 8:50pm.