

Minutes.

2nd AGM of the Blues Trust. Sat 2nd November 2013

The Fusion Centre Digbeth.

Lord Phillip Hunt-Meeting Chair.

Steve McCarthy-Chair Blues Trust.

Phil Brown-Board Member.

Rob Hughes-Board Member.

Dave Farrell-Board Member.

Lee Bradshaw-Board Member.

Emma Hodgson-Secretary.

21 adult members in attendance.

3 junior members in attendance.

Apologies-Paul Smith, Daniel Ivery, Kay Harries, Kevin Baker, Steve Hodgetts, Peter Bull, Andy Munro.

Lord Phillip Hunt opened the meeting and welcomed everybody. Emma Hodgson announced housekeeping procedures.

The previous minutes were agreed. There were no matters arising.

SMc proceeded with his Chairman's report. Since the 1st AGM, a lot has been achieved. In December 2012, a letter was written and hand delivered to Peter Pannu's regarding the accounts. Two other letters were sent, which still received no response. An open meeting was held in February, and an action following this was that translated letters were sent to all BIHL shareholders. Postcards were also sent. In May a season ticket statement was issued. Although criticised, the Trust stood by it. A strategy document was put together in June, and around the same time, there was another open meeting held, to engage members and to recruit more. The ACV was first discussed here. In August there was the Blues Collective event. With regard to the ACV the Trust board worked tirelessly to complete the application, and provide further supporting evidence. There was a Social Media campaign to support this. The issue of the ACV was also raised in Parliament. However, it was SMC's great pleasure, on behalf of the blues Trust board to announce that the application had been accepted, and that St. Andrew's was now listed as an Asset of Community Value. SMC also read out a formal complaint from a trust member to the ombudsman. SMC expressed his regret that RH and AM were stepping down. However it was pleasing to see that LB, DF and MD were standing for election to the board. The chair's report was agreed.

Treasurers Report-Accounts were independently examined and not audited. We are a not for profit organisation, and there was a return of £200. (Professional Indemnity) There were significant donations made by board members. 570 members-75% had renewed. Accounts were approved. The meeting authorised the board to arrange an independent examination of the trust's accounts for 2014-15 and to re-engage the independent examiner.

Approval of board members.

DF-Unanimous.

MD-Unanimous.

LB-Unanimous.

Strategy Document-There will be another open meeting in the new year to gauge views. It was suggested that a more physical trust presence is required on match days. Fan engagement is vital.

Proposal-Peter Bull.

EH read out the proposal put forward by Peter Bull. That the Blues Trust takes a proactive role in setting up a company to raise funds from all interested parties, in order to make a serious bid to acquire the entire issued share capital of Birmingham City Football Club, or a majority shareholding, from its parent company BIHL.

Through discussion of this proposal, it was amended to: The AGM moves that the trust board gather a database of people willing to donate to a fighting fund and move towards forming a company. Refer this for further discussion and consideration. This was seconded and the motion was carried in favour.

Questions.

RH requested that meetings be held at later times.

There was discussion surrounding protest. Blues trust clarified their rules and stance on protest.

There were suggestions that the Chinese stock exchange may need targeting.

There were no other questions.

Lord Phillip Hunt thanked all for attending.

He extended his thanks to the board.