

Minutes of Blues Trust board meeting

28th September 2016
recorded by MD

venue: Margaret's flat
meeting started at 7.20 pm

Board members present: Peter Bull (PB), Margaret Decker (MD), Richard Stanley (RS)

Also present: Phil Beardmore(PhB), (Cliff Horrocks (CH), Gabriel Sutton (GB)

Apology: Helen Gilfoyle

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on 25th July 2016 were approved.

2. Matters arising

A survey was sent to lapsed members on August 4th, messages were sent to those who responded and one person renewed his membership.

MD reported that she had written to the BCFC Community Officer about her idea for a project to install a 5-a-side pitch but had not received a reply. She had learned that a member of Blues 4 All had had a similar idea and was also awaiting a response. She will consider pursuing the idea further after the takeover of the club by TTA has been completed.

3. Loss of board member

Board members expressed their sorrow at losing Mark Sutton, who died in August. Mark was a supportive and helpful colleague. One of the ways he contributed to the work was by keeping track of the shareholdings in Birmingham International Holdings Limited to help us understand what was going on in Hong Kong.

4. Treasurer's report

The board approved the Annual Report and Financial Statements and also the Treasurer's Report covering the period from 1/6/2016 to 26/9/2016.

5. Meetings

RS will attend the SD Consultation meeting on the Whole Game Solution and structured dialogue in London on October 6th and will complete the survey related to this. RS will also attend the Co-operatives West Midland AGM, on November 3rd. MD may also be able to attend the Co-operatives AGM.

6. AGM arrangements

The venue, chair and arrangements for Question and Answer session were discussed. PB agreed to get information on other possible venues.

7. Questions for club

The board discussed the draft letter to Panos about the possibility of fans owning shares in the club. GS agreed to help prepare a second draft of this.

The next supporters forum meeting is due in November. David Boston, the club's Supporter Liaison Officer, has requested that members of the board and senior management team attend that meeting, in line with the EFL regulation that requires clubs to, 'hold at least two meetings/fans forums per Season to which its supporters (or representatives) are to be invited in order to discuss significant issues relating to the Club.' The trust needs to decide which are the most important significant issues to raise at this meeting and two were suggested: supporter engagement and fans' share ownership.

8. A.O.B

There was some discussion on a follow up to the survey sent out in August and the use of social media.

9. Date of next meeting

The next board meeting will take place after the AGM and decisions that need to be taken before then will be dealt with by email.

The meeting finished at 9.20 pm.

Signed _____

Date _____

Action list

Gabriel will prepare a draft of letter to Panos.

Phil will get information on other possible venues for AGM.

Phil will find out about WordPress plugins that automate retweets on Twitter and sharing on Facebook.

Richard will reply to meeting invitations and complete survey related to the Whole Game Solution and structured dialogue meeting.