

Minutes of Blues Trust

held on Monday April 10th, at Anthony Collins Solicitors

Board members present: Present: Phil Beardmore (PhB), Peter Bull (PB), Margaret Decker (MD), Cliff Horrocks (CH), Richard Stanley (RS)

In attendance: Ray Tomkinson (RT)

The meeting started at 4.10 pm

1. Minutes

The minutes of 3/3/2017 meeting were approved.

2. Reports

a. Chair

CH, reported that the Tom Ross event on March 31st had been successful but a misunderstanding about timing might have been avoided if he had communicated directly with Tom. £569 had been raised for LoveBrum and £269 for Blues Trust. CH forwarded the Crescent Silver invoice for the trophy to PB and the board authorised payment.

Before the Derby game on Saturday, CH visited the Alum Rock Football Academy with Blues 4 All. He had also arranged to be interviewed by a Masters student at Birmingham City University who is producing a radio programme on how football has changed and the rise in supporters trusts.

b. Treasurer

PB said that the money raised at the Tom Ross event had not been included in his March Treasurer's Report. The trust now owns 2,400 shares.

There are 35 Blues Trust badges left; PB has 15 and MD has 20. It was decided to charge £3 for a badge when it was sold directly and no postage was needed.

c. Secretary

The change of the trust's registered address to c/o Anthony Collins Solicitors, 134 Edmund Street, Birmingham B3 2ES was registered with the Financial Conduct Authority on 23rd February 2017.

It was agreed that MD will reply to the message from Deborah Dilworth, informing us of her appointment as Supporters Direct Network Manager for the EFL. RS will also write, asking about the Championship trusts meetings.

The renewal reminder from the Intellectual Property office was discussed and it was decided not to renew the protection for the badge design.

MD will reply to the message about the Birmingham Rep stadium project, saying that the trust will publicise it and that board members are willing to be interviewed.

MD will write the May 2nd newsletter; CH will write the June 6th one; RS will write the July 4th one and PhB will write the August 1st one.

3. Player award

Despite the short notice that supporters groups can award player trophies on April 19th, it was decided that we should award one and have a poll on the site on who should receive it.

4. Reply to directors' statement

It was agreed that MD would publish a post in reply to the statement by the Birmingham City Board of Directors on bcfc.com on 9/4/2107.

5. Quiz night

Arrangements for the Quiz night at Hennessy's Bar on May 4th were discussed. RT and his son will arrange and run the quiz and bring prizes for raffle and auction. The prize fund will be half of the money taken in. The trust will publicise the event.

6. Quarterly supporters forum

Rachele Johnson, the SLO, has said that she will do her best to ensure that members of the Senior Management Team will attend the forum at 18:30 on May 16th. RS, PhB, MD and CH hope to attend this.

7. Supporters summit July 1,2

The trust will publicise the summit at St George's Park.

8. A.O.B.

It was agreed that PB should put a post on the website about latest acquisition of shares by the trust.

PB has been approached by Hereford United Supporters Trust, asking about CiviCRM use, and he has arranged to meet them.

MD will give CH the password for the trust Twitter account so that he can use it.

9. Date for next meeting

The next board meeting will be at 3.30 pm on Tuesday, May 9th, at Antony Collins.

The meeting finished at 5.55 pm.