

Minutes of Blues Trust Board meeting

at 3.30 pm on June 5th 2017 at Anthony Collins Solicitors

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

Apology: Phil Beardmore

The meeting started at 3.35 pm

1. Minutes

The minutes of 9/5/2017 meeting were approved.

2. Reports

a. Chair's report

CH reported on conversations and co-operation with Bik, of Blues 4 All.

b. Treasurer's report

The report was accepted. It was noted that the number of voting members was 156 and surplus for the year ended 31/05/2017 was £420.42. The reserves going forward are £260.78.

c. Asset of Community Value and loan

RS reported that he had been in contact with the Council and found out who was responsible for ACV registration. He will check with that person about the procedure for renewing registration as St Andrew's will be removed from the register on 21/10/2018 if this is not done. Trillion Trophy Asia have released the mortgage over St Andrew's and he felt that Brian Dick was correct in reporting that, as owners of the whole club, they no longer feel there is a need to have a legal charge over assets that are already theirs.

d. Supporters Forum on May 16th

The minutes of the Supporters Forum were published on the Blues Trust website and a report of the meeting was sent to Supporters Direct, who are monitoring clubs' compliance with the EFL requirement on structured dialogue with supporters.

3. Relationship with club

There was a discussion on communication with the club following the exit of Panos Pavlakis. CH will revise draft of letter to club.

4. AGM planning

It was agreed that it would probably be best to hold the AGM before a game rather than in conjunction with an event and that a decision on possible dates would be taken after the announcement of the fixture list on 21/6/2017.

5. Media

The suggestions in the media update were discussed. CH will find out the cost of sponsoring a player but it would probably be too expensive for the trust at present. CH will also ask media advisor for recommendations on relaunching trust.

6. Future events

a. Q&A event in support of Joey Hutchinson

It was agreed that, if this event is organised, we would support it by publicising it on our website. CH will ask what help is needed and we will wait to hear more details.

b. Open meeting for members

Previous open meetings have not been well attended except for one held at a time of crisis. (Meeting on 28/10/2014 at the George following 0-8 loss. Fewer people attended follow up meeting on 9/12/2014.) It was thought that quite a few of our members do not live near Birmingham and this might affect attendance. PB agreed to report back on where our members live.

c. End of season community day

The club holds a community day just after the end of each season, when the pitch can be used. It was agreed that the trust should explore ways that it could help and be involved in this.

7. Any other business

There was no other business

8. Next meeting

The next meeting will be at 3.30 pm on Tuesday, July 4th.

The meeting ended at 5.30 pm.