

Minutes of Blues Trust Board meeting

at 3.30 pm on July 4th 2017 at Anthony Collins Solicitors

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

1. Minutes

The minutes of the 5/6/2017 meeting were approved.

2. Reports

a. Chair's report

CH reported on his meeting with BCFC Commercial.

b. Treasurer's report

PB reported that he had given the annual accounts to our accountant. His report for June 2017 was accepted.

c. Secretary's report

MD reported that the badge design registration had expired.

d. Supporters Summit

CH, RS and MD attended the Supporters Summit on July 1st. The opening plenary was on crisis clubs; Leyton Orient, Coventry and Blackpool fans told about problems caused by the owners of their clubs.

MD attended the morning workshop on *Regulatory Reform*, which discussed how such problems might be prevented. She went to the afternoon workshop on *Watching Football is Not a Crime*, at which Mick Wilkinson, of West Midlands Police, was one of the speakers and he talked about working with young fans to address their behaviour rather than punishing them through the criminal justice system.

CH and RS went to the two workshops on *Structured Dialogue*. About a third of clubs are complying with the EFL requirements on this, a third communicate with fans to some extent and a third have no meetings with fans. Fulham FC has gone beyond the required two meetings each season and invites the Fulham Supporters Trust to monthly meetings at which substantive issues are discussed.

MD attended the Supporters Direct AGM on July 2nd. She reported on the discussion about the request from the Fans Fund, SD's primary funder, that SD and FSF consider a merger.

3. AGM planning

It was decided to hold the AGM at 11 am on October 14th before the home game with Cardiff. Possible venues were discussed.

4. Media

There was a discussion about use of social media and producing a job description of the help we need. It was also decided to give feedback to the club on the new website, asking that they include information on SLO, fans forums and minutes of forum meetings.

5. Future events

a. There were no updates on the Q&A event in support of Joey Hutchinson. The trust might help with organising a family day on the pitch at the end of the season and might also organise an event in November.

b. No date was set for an open board meeting.

6. Any other business

It was agreed to try to increase members engagement by publishing date of next meeting and asking for questions or issues they want to be discussed.

7. Next meeting will be at 3.30 pm on Tuesday, August 1st.

The meeting finished at 5.35 pm.