

Minutes of Blues Trust Board Meeting

held on Monday, October 9th, at Anthony Collins Solicitors

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

The meeting started at 3.40 pm

1. Minutes

The minutes of the 4/9/2017 meeting were approved.

2. Reports

a. Chair

CH reported that he had been interviewed on Central News when Harry Redknapp was sacked and when Steve Cotterill was appointed as the new manager. He and MD had attended a meeting for supporters trusts of Championship clubs and a Football Supporters Federation meeting on 18/9/2017. Blues 4 All and CH attended the game at Solihull Moor on Non-League Day.

b. Treasurer

The financial report for the four months from June 1 to September 30 showed an operating deficiency but there are positive reserves overall.

The Annual Report and Financial Statements for year ended May 31 2017 were approved and signed.

c. Website

The website has been moved to a different server and should work faster. Some changes have been made to its layout.

3. Engagement with BCFC

The board welcomed the presence of Dong Ren with Steve Cotterill at the press conference where he was officially announced as the new manager. We will continue to seek ways to encourage the management to talk with and listen to fans.

4. AGM planning

Phil Hunt can chair the meeting and a room at St Martin in Bull Ring is available on the revised date for the AGM. MD and RS will be standing for re-election and there will possibly be a new candidate.

5. Media

There was a discussion on how to focus our message. The short answer to what's the point of Blues Trust is, "Fans are important and should be heard" but there are several different more detailed answers. These include our involvement in a wider group of fans through Supporters Direct (SD) and thus supporting pressure for reform measures.

6. Newsletter

The next four newsletters will be sent out by RS (October), MD (November), RS (December) and CH (January 2018).

7. Any other business

PB reported that SD has discontinued its RSS feed that we used to put on our website. He is considering other news sources to use.

8. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be at the earlier time of 2.30 pm on Monday, November 6th.

The meeting finished at 5.25 pm.