

Minutes of Blues Trust board meeting

held on Monday, November 6th 2017 at Anthony Collins Solicitors

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

The meeting started at 2.35 pm.

1. Minutes

The minutes of the 9/10/2017 meeting were approved.

2. Reports

a. Chair's report

CH presented a draft of his report for the AGM and it was approved.

Blues Trust has been asked to help with a community day at St Andrews on Monday, May 28th.

(This is the date of the Championship playoff final but it seems unlikely that Birmingham City will be involved in that.) CH will be meeting with someone from the club and others involved to clarify the details of what this will involve.

b. Treasurer's report

Supporters Direct have requested that member organizations pay membership fees by direct debit and PB, as treasurer, had no objection to doing that. He will check with Deborah Dilworth how to do this.

BSH has published its annual report; CH has written a reaction to this and RS will comment on it before it is published.

c. Website report

The site has been updated with the latest version of CiviCRM. PB will look at the changes due to be made in data protection law to find out if it will affect us.

d. Secretary's report

Supporters Direct (SD) has sent us two 2 copies of *Engage! How clubs can win with supporters*.

MD sent Amanda Jacks links to the posts on our site relating to policing at Millwall, which Amanda will be discussing with the Metropolitan Police on November 17th. She will report back to us after that meeting.

3. SD guidance: *Engage! How clubs can win with supporters*

It was decided to give copies of *Engage!* to Rachele Johnson and Xuandong Ren.

4. BCFC supporters forum

CH and RS will attend the supporters forum at 6.30 pm on Monday November 27th. There was a discussion on possible questions to ask, with the decision on which to submit to be made by the submission date, Monday November 20th.

5. AGM planning

It was decided to encourage attendance at the AGM by mentioning it in at least two letters and two posts before the meeting: the November newsletter, a post by MD on the purpose of the trust and our membership of SD, a post about BSH accounts and a letter to members with documents for AGM attached. At the AGM we will discuss areas of priority for the Trust for the upcoming year and ask for suggestions on how the Trust can increase its membership.

6. Policing of matches

The policing of the Millwall game was discussed and it was agreed not to take further action but to wait for Amanda Jack's report of her meeting with the Metropolitan Police. Possible questions for the supporters forum included one on the policing arrangements for the 5.30 pm kick off at Sheffield United.

7. Media and recruitment of volunteer help

Birmingham University requires that organisations advertising for volunteers on their site have insurance that covers volunteers, which we have, and also a policy on volunteers, covering their health and safety. We discussed a draft of a Volunteer Policy that would satisfy this requirement and agreed on revisions to it.

8. Any other business

We discussed and agreed answers to the online Standard Mark Survey sent by SD

9. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be at 3 pm on Monday, December 11th.

The meeting finished at 4:50 pm.