

## **Minutes of Blues Trust board meeting**

held at 3 pm on Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup> 2018

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

Consulted via email: Karim Adab (KA)

### 1. Minutes

The minutes of the 12/3/2018 meeting were approved.

### 2. Reports

#### a. Chair's report

CH commented on the improvement on the pitch.

#### b. Treasurer's report

PB reported an improvement in our financial situation. On 5 April we had 353 voting members.

#### c. Website report

PB said that work on the redesign of the splash page is continuing.

#### d. Secretary's report

MD reported that she had completed the survey on a possible new national supporters organisation.

She had attended the EFL fan forum on March 19 and published a report of it on the website on March 22. The EFL representatives had made it clear that the EFL was a competition organiser not a regulator. When asked about EFL Regulation 112, they said that the meaning of "senior executives" wasn't defined because Clubs were organised in different ways. In the discussion on this, it was noted that SD is backing the Blackpool fans petition calling for an independent regulator and that the trust should back this also. MD reported she had mentioned it in a Tweet.

### 3. Engaging the club

CH will continue to liaise with Rachele on supporters forums and invite her to the SD members day on May 20.

### 4. Survey

The board was happy with the name 'Blueprint 2025'. They discussed the survey and whether or not recent developments at the club might necessitate a change of wording for some of the questions. It was agreed that RS would discuss this with KA. Since PB will be away with uncertain access to the internet and website, it was agreed that KA should test the survey using Survey Monkey but that the actual survey should be run from our website. CH, MD and RS agreed to write blogs on where they would like the club to be in 2025 and to send them to KA.

### 5. Engaging members

MD, PB and RS reported meet up before the game on March 17. RS will contact members with a financial background and set up a finance group who can discuss relevant topics and share out research and other work that needs to be done. PB has discussed data protection and a privacy policy with a member.

It was agreed to arrange another opportunity for members to meet board members and that we have an informal meet up before the Sheffield United home game on April 21, between noon and 2 pm at the Crown pub.

6. Future events

- a. SD EFL trusts meeting on May 3  
CH and RS will attend.
- b. SD Members Day on May 20  
CH and RS will attend the Members Day; MD will go if she is in Birmingham at that time. It was agreed that we should try to encourage other members to attend and refund the cost when they come. MD will write a post about this.

7. Newsletter

RS will write June newsletter, MD will write July one and CH will write August one.

8. Any other business

- a. It was agreed that we should present a player of the season award.
- b. RS said that he had not made progress in finding if it was possible to renew an ACV so will prepare to make a new application.
- c. PB reported that we have renewed our membership of SD.
- d. Discussed Operation Cromwell and MD will ask Daniel if this is likely to proceed or if there will be a change in plans.

9. Date and time of next meeting.

The next meeting will be at 3 pm on May 14. PB gave his apology as he will not be able to attend this.

The meeting finished at 4.40 pm.