

Minutes of Blues Trust board meeting
held at 3 pm on Tuesday, June 5th, 2018

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

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1. Minutes

The minutes of the 9/5/2018 meeting were approved.

2. Reports

a. Members' Day May 20th

MD, CH and RS attended the Members' Day and between them attended workshops on:

- the future of SD as an independent organisation or as a combined organisation with the FSF
- the role of the Secretary
- Memorandums of Understanding in supporter engagement
- reform of regulatory structure in football
- General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

MD made two proposals (see 5a and 5b below) based on recommendations made at the workshop on the role of the Secretary.

b. Fans' Forum on May 24

CH attended the Fans' Forum at St Andrew's and had written a report for the website. The official minutes would be made available on the Blues Trust website.

c. Treasurer's report

PB had prepared a report for the year ending May 31 and it was agreed that RS would check this before it was sent to the Independent Examiner.

There was a discussion about the request that had been received from someone wishing to purchase some of our BCFC shares. It was agreed that PB would ask him if he was willing to exchange some of his BSH shares for some BCFC shares.

d. Website report and GDPR

The Blues Trust Privacy Notice was reviewed and agreement was reached on the wording.

3. Survey

PB reported that the survey was ready to be used when KA decided that it should be released.

4. Operation Cromwell

MD presented an outline of the main message she thought should be conveyed to the owners of BCFC and the board approved them.

5. AGM advance planning

a. Secretary

At the workshop on the role of the Secretary during Members Day, it was recommended that the Secretary is appointed by the board rather than elected by members. MD gave notice that she is not intending to put up for re-election but that the Board can appoint her as Secretary. They can also co-opt her as a Board member if they wish to do so.

b. Updating rules

SD are recommending that societies with older versions of the rule update their rules to the 2016 version, which would require a vote at the AGM. The board agreed to recommend this to members.

c. An increased number of members means that the quorum for the AGM will be higher. It was agreed that the Board needed to start planning how to get more members to attend the AGM.

- d. It was also agreed that Board members needs to consider how we can we encourage people to stand for election to the Board. It was agreed to have fewer formal Board meetings and more meetings for members.

6. Any other business

- a. RS reported that he had received a reply from Birmingham City Council saying that we would need to make a new application for St Andrew's to be an Asset of Community Value.
- b. PB said that he had modified the notification of a new post on Twitter to include #BCFC.
- c. No Board members were able to attend the Parliamentary Roundtable on Safe Standing on June 6 but Adrian Howell, of AccessiBlues, will be attending.
- d. CH reported that during a discussion during the Fans' Forum, one of the Club's representatives had remarked that the Club would love to get all the supporters clubs together. It was agreed that Blues Trust should try to facilitate this.

7. Next meeting

The next meeting will be at 3 pm on Monday, July 2.

The meeting finished at 5.20 pm.