

**Minutes** of Blues Trust board meeting,  
held at 3.15 pm on Monday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2018

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

1. Minutes

The minutes of the 5/6/2018 meeting were approved.

2. Reports

a. Chair's report

CH reported that he had emailed David Brown, the new Supporter Services Officer, and was making arrangements to meet him. He would try to arrange a meeting with him and Deborah Dilworth at a later date, if that seemed appropriate.

b. Treasurer's report

PB reported that we had a surplus and that he was making arrangements for our annual accounts to be checked by our accountant.

c. Website report and GDPR

PB will add a link to our privacy policy on the online application for membership form.

d. Operation Cromwell report

MD reported on her trip to Hong Kong with Daniel Ivery. She said that it had helped her understand more about the ownership situation and Daniel had been able to talk to some people and check on connections between companies in ways that he couldn't do from outside Hong Kong.

e. Survey update

PB said that the survey was ready to go except for some graphics and he would email Karim to say that the board hoped it could be sent out soon.

3. SD & FSF AGMs

a. It was decided not to send someone to one of the consultation meetings about the proposed merger of SD and FSF.

b. It was decided that CH or MD or both of them would go to the SD AGM on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July at the Royal National Hotel, 38-51 Bedford Way, London WC1H 0DG at 11 a.m. The final decision would be made before the deadline to register by midday on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July.

c. The board members discussed how they would vote on the proposal to merge SD and FSF and 3 were in favour of not merging and 1 was in favour of merging. CH will write a letter to members explaining the decision that needs to be made, saying that the majority of the SD board and the majority of the Blues Trust board were in favour of SD continuing as a distinct organisation and not merging with the FSF.

d. It was agreed that whoever attends the SD AGM can decide whether or not to also attend the FSF AGM on the same day.

- e. It was agreed that MD would vote on behalf of Blues Trust and would vote for Paul Cuffe, Luke Cox and Tom Greatrex.

4. Supporter Services Officer

It was noted that the club had appointed David Brown as Supporter Services Officer and CH was arranging to meet with him.

5. Member involvement and AGM advance planning

- a. There was a discussion on how to implement what was agreed at the last meeting, to have fewer formal board meetings and more meetings open for members. It was agreed that if we could increase the number of people on the board, it would be better to meet less frequently than every month and hold informal meet ups before games to which all members would be invited. (Rule 4.1 of current side policy on board meetings states that there will normally be at least one meeting per quarter.)
- b. There was a discussion on how to encourage members to put up for election and it was agreed that we needed to talk to any that expressed an interest in doing this.
- c. The board discussed ideas for increasing attendance at our AGM and who members might like to hear answer questions at a Q&A session after the AGM. Possible dates discussed included November 10, before the Hull game, and November 15 before the England v USA game on TV.

6. Any other business

PB said that he had agreed to help Hereford United Trust set up their CRM database system.

7. Next meeting

The next board meeting will be at 3 pm on Tuesday, August 7 2018.

The meeting finished at 5.15 pm