

Blues Trust 2018 Annual General Meeting Candidate Statements

Nominations

1. **Cliff Horrocks** Nominated by Richard Stanley seconded by Peter Bull

I am the current chair and wish to continue as a board member for a further term. My aim is to engage in structured dialogue with the club and I realise this will take a change in attitude at the club. I am willing to continue trying to persuade the club to be more open with supporters.

Cliff

2. **Peter Bull** Nominated by Cliff Horrocks seconded by Richard Stanley

My name is Peter Bull and I've served on the Board of Blues Trust for the past 4 years having been initially co-opted in December 2013. I've been its Treasurer since 2014 and have also developed the Trust's website and online membership system. During those 4 years, I think I've missed only two Board meetings.

I want to continue taking an active part in Blues Trust by standing for re-election and to serve for another 2 years.

I've been a dedicated supporter of Birmingham City FC for about 64 years. One of my reasons for joining Blues Trust in early 2013 was that I was then very concerned about the club's survival, following its acquisition by a Hong Kong parent company. Because of subsequent history, I still have those concerns. I support the Trust's overall aim which is to help safeguard the club's future by securing supporter representation and influence in the way the club is run. I strongly believe that a football club belongs as much to its supporters as it does to its owners; Players, managers and financial owners are transient whereas fans are forever.

Supporters should have the right to have a voice in the running of their club and I believe they should have a financial interest too. Ideally, I would like the fans to collectively own a block of shares in BCFC so that at an appropriate time in the future we might be represented on the club Board and have a say in how the club is run. The Trust has made the first steps towards trying to achieve this by acquiring 2400 shares in Birmingham City Plc in 3 tranches; this was achieved by a gift from a benefactor who is a Trust member and loans from some of the Trust's Board.

Since January 2018 and following some good publicity, there's been a marked increase in the Trust's membership, both in voting and non-voting members. Currently we have 358 voting members and 549 non-voting, making a total of 907. We would like to have several thousand members if we are to have more influence in what we are trying to achieve. We very much need new Board members and new blood in the Trust if we are to take it forward to achieve the goals described in our Mission statement.

Peter