

Minutes of Blues Trust board meeting, held at 3 pm on Tuesday, September 4, 2018

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

David Brown, BCFC Supporter Services Officer, was also present for part of the meeting

1. Minutes

The minutes of the 7/8/2018 meeting were approved.

2. Reports

a. Chair's report

CH presented his report on August 23 meeting of CH, MD and RS to discuss proposed changes to frequency of board meetings and running operations. It was agreed that we should try to get more board members and hold meetings quarterly, which would deal with strategic matters. It was also decided that board members would each take responsibility for some aspect of the work.

b. Treasurer's report

The report for 1 June to 31 August was accepted. Board members signed the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended on 31 May 2018.

c. Website report

PB reported that, following the August newsletter which had contained links to recent articles on the website, traffic on the website had increased as people clicked on those links. He also said that he had prepared a two-column newsletter template.

d. Secretary's report

MD reported that the Football Supporters' Federation and Supporters Direct have appointed an interim board that will oversee work towards a unified national supporters' organisation over the coming months. Interim board members are FSF chair Malcolm Clarke, FSF National Council Members Peter Daykin and Fiona McGee, SD chair Tom Greatrex, SD board members Tim Hartley and Oliver Holtaway. The interim board is due to meet for the first time in early-September. In addition to the six democratically elected supporter representatives, FSF chief executive Kevin Miles and SD chief executive Ashley Brown will be on the interim board as non-voting members.

As agreed at the last meeting, MD will write to the interim board stating that we are in favour of the merged groups being set up as a mutual organisation.

e. Asset of Community Value application

RS reported that he needed to submit a plan of St Andrew's as part of the ACV application process and it was agreed to pay for the cost for the plan.

3. Engaging the club

It was agreed that MD and RS would attend the next Supporters Forum, which will be on September 6. A copy of the questions that were submitted to the Forum are included at the end of the minutes.

4. Engaging members

CH and MD were in the Old Crown pub before the Swansea game but no trust members came to speak to them. It was decided that we should try to find a meeting place that was nearer to St Andrew's. When the Connect Church building is finished, we will try to hire a room in that where we meet before games.

5. Blueprint 2025

The survey will be published on September 10th and PB will send out an email message about it.

6. AGM arrangements

It was agreed that the AGM be held on November 10, before the Hull game. It was decided not to have proxy voting. A timetable was agreed for messages to be sent and posts to be published relating to the AGM.

It was agreed that MD would be on the Election Management Group. It was decided who she would contact to ask if they would serve on the committee. MD will book a room for AGM.

7. Any other business

It was decided that CH and RS would attend the Conservative Party fringe debate on October 2, about '*Who's in charge? Regulating English football for the good of the game*'. They would invite their local MPs to attend with them.

8. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be at noon on Tuesday, October 2 in the city centre.

The meeting finished at 5.20 pm