

Minutes of Trust board meeting,
held at noon on Tuesday, October 2, at Purecraft Bar & Kitchen

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

Apology: Peter Bull (PB)

Also present: Graham Powell

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on 4/9/2018 were approved.

2. Reports

a. Chair's report

CH noted the publication of the accounts of Birmingham Sports Holdings, the company that owns Birmingham City Plc, which included expenses from their investment in Cambodia. CH had been encouraging some trust members to consider standing for election to the board.

b. Treasurer's report

The report for the period from 1/6/2018 to 30/9/2018 was accepted. PB asked the board if he could have a debit or credit card for our bank account and the board had no objection.

c. Website report

The survey asking for feedback on the website had produced 9 results so far, all of which are good.

d. Secretary's report

On September 24, Blues Trust sent a message to Shaun Harvey, CEO of the EFL, asking questions about the situation regarding the breach of its Profitability and Sustainability rules by Birmingham City FC and published the questions in a post. The EFL acknowledged receipt of our message on September 27 but we have not received any answers to our questions yet.

e. ACV application

RS reported that his application to HM Land Registry for an official search of the index map was rejected and it was decided to consult a solicitor for help with this.

3. AGM planning and engaging members

The members of the Election Management Group are Margaret Decker, Clive Harris and Kirk McAtear. Philip Hunt has agreed to chair the meeting and a room has been reserved at St Martin in the Bullring. It was agreed to continue encouraging people to be nominated for election to board before the cut-off date of October 8 and to publish a post saying more nominations would be welcome. Between October 8 and November 10, we will encourage members to attend the AGM. It was decided that all members who were paid up by the start of the AGM meeting would be entitled to vote at the meeting.

4. Engaging the club

RS and MD attended the Supporters Forum on September 6 and were given written replies to all the questions that Blues Trust asked. A short report of the meeting was published on the website, which contained a link to the answers received.

No progress had been made on getting the directors of the club to discuss substantial issues.

5. Blueprint 2025

The survey was published on September 10 and had produced 290 complete responses so far. These will need to be evaluated. It was felt that it would be good to have a report on the responses received so far.

6. Conservative Fringe Debate

CH, RS and MD planned to attend the debate on 'Who's in charge? Regulating English Football for the good of the game.'

7. Any other business

There was a discussion on the club accounts and whether it would be possible to make a forecast of what they would look like later.

8. Date and time of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would be after the AGM at a time convenient for all or most board members.

Any necessary arrangements for the AGM would be made via email, phone or informal meetings.

The meeting finished at 1.15 pm.