

**Blues Supporters Society Ltd
trading as Blues Trust**

**Minutes of 2018 Annual General Meeting
noon, November 10th, 2018**

1. Welcome, introduction and notices
The chair, Lord Hunt of Kings Heath, welcomed Blues Trust members to the meeting.
2. Apologies for absence
The following people sent apologies for absence: Robert Aldridge, Phil Beardmore, Ken Copson, Adrian Giles, Helen Gilfoyle, John Hancox, Graham Powell, Steven Vaughan, and Alan Wooldridge.
3. Minutes of 2017 AGM
The minutes of the 2017 AGM were approved and there were no matters arising.
4. Election of board members
Since there were fewer candidates than places available on the board, there was no ballot. The two candidates, Cliff Horrocks and Peter Bull, were presented to the meeting by Kirk McAtear and the meeting approved of their re-election.
5. Report by Cliff Horrocks, Chair of Blues Trust
Cliff reported on the difficulties encountered in trying to discuss concerns with the club, on the increase in membership of the trust and its activities during the last year. He said that the trust needs to increase its active membership as the small number of current Board members' hard work can only maintain the trust and more support is required to move it forward.
During the discussion of the report, it was suggested that the trust should try to make use of people with connections to China and seek creative ways of building a relationship with the club's directors. It was also suggested that the trust could ask people to act as ambassadors or patrons.
6. Financial report
The financial report was presented by Peter Bull, Treasurer of Blues Trust
7. Financial resolution
The meeting agreed to accept the accounts of the Trust as presented and to authorise the Board to re-engage the Independent Examiner for the 2018-19 financial year.
8. Updating rules resolution
The meeting agreed that the Rules of Blues Supporters Society Ltd should be updated from the 2011 version to the 2016 version of the Rules for a Supporters Community Mutual.
9. Any other business
Karim Adab reported on the Blueprint 2025 Survey. He said the survey was designed to increase the trust's profile, engage with supporters and get information on their views which could be presented to the club.
There was a discussion on how to connect with Blues supporters and whether leafleting would be a good idea or not.

The formal part of the meeting finished at 12.45 and was followed by a Questions and Answer Session with Daniel Ivery.

Notes on Q&A session

Daniel Ivery reviewed the recent history of Birmingham City FC, how it had gone from the amazing win in the League Cup Final on 27th February 2011 to relegation a few months later. He said that there had been cracks in the foundation before relegation. The club is in a similar situation now. Performances on the pitch have been good, club and fans have been brought together but the cracks are still there. The accounts show significant losses and we await the decision of the Disciplinary Commission. Daniel then answered various questions.