BLUES SUPPORTERS SOCIETY LTD
TRADING AS BLUES TRUST.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 19 November 2025 via Zoom conference call.

In Attendance

Neil Cottrell (Chair), Peter Bull (Treasurer & Resources), Richard Docker (Secretary), Fred Greaves, Cliff Horrocks, Bruce Kyte, Linda Magner, Richard Stanley (Board Members), Gavin Colley, Desmond Fox, Ian Francis, Paul Kelsall, Mike Kite, Gary Loveridge, Bob Pickett, Mark Rashid (16 attendees).

Item 1. - Welcome and Introductions

Neil Cottrell, Chair of Blues Trust, welcomed everyone present at the meeting. He then set out the operating protocols to be followed by all attendees to ensure that the meeting ran smoothly, before introducing those Trust Board members in attendance.

Item 2. - Apologies for Absence

Richard Docker, Trust Secretary, confirmed that apologies had been received from Karim Adab, Stephen Cross and Luke Davies, .

Item 3. - Minutes of the 2024 AGM and Matters Arising

The minutes of the AGM held on Wednesday 20 November 2024 were read and APPROVED. There were no matters arising.

Item 4. - Annual Report of the Chair

The Chair presented his annual report which had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting.

He began by explaining that when the Trust was first formed in 2012, its mission was to safeguard the club during challenging times. A lot of work was done by the Trust in areas such as securing St. Andrew’s as an Asset of Community Value, shaping the upcoming Football Governance Bill through the fan led review and in working behind the scenes in pushing for ownership change.

He then set out in detail some of the specific tasks undertaken by the Trust during the past twelve months.

Following the takeover by Knighthead, the Trust's approach was revised to reflect the changing circumstances - the club is now on the best footing it has ever been. But we still believe it is important to continue to have a strong independent voice for Blues Fans. The Trust's main focus for 2025 has been on the following:

1. To support and influence the Football Governance Bill and its implementation. Although Blues are now in a much better place, we believe the whole of English football will benefit from better regulation. This bill is now law of course, but during its passage through Parliament we worked with the Football Supporters Association (FSA) and others to try and influence the bill. We have met with the Chief Operating Officer of the new Independent Football Regulator and now it is set up we are still involved in consultations on some of the detail of how it will operate.

2. To improve club engagement with Blues. Essentially this is trying to influence the club in continuing to improve its engagement with fans. We have met with the club and fed back a number of suggestions to improve engagement further including:

    - details of actions taken by the club to address regular feedback being available on the club website so the whole fanbase can see what is happening. This has now started and, hopefully, it will continue;
    - setting up a Fan Advisory Board with a fully elected fan membership;
    - revitalising the Blues Matters groups with topics agreed between the club and fans

3. Provide services for Blues Trust members.

    - we continue to run on-line guest events where we live interview a Blues guest and allow Q&A from attendees. This year we had a successful event with Neil Moxley and two more guests are lined up for the near future.

4. Wider fan engagement to strengthen the influence of supporters and other supporter groups. We continue to run the Blues Trust cafe in the Trinity Church ahead of Saturday 3pm kick-offs and occasional night games. This continues to grow and enables us to support local charities, including the Foundation. We are also part of a loose federation with other independent Blues groups and are doing a Christmas appeal with them. Alongside other fan groups we also opposed the ludicrously expensive away tickets at Coventry City and are working with the FSA and the

network of Championship fan groups to push for a voluntary limit on away ticket prices.

He concluded by extending his thanks to everyone that had contributed to the work of the Trust over the past 12 months. And he reminded everyone that the Trust remains a completely voluntary organisation which relies on those contributions to function. And although the backdrop which is the club is so much better than it was until quite recently, there is always work to be done to ensure that the views of Trust members and other Blues supporters are heard and valued.

The Trust exists to provide an independent, democratic voice for all Blues fans and its activities are driven by the membership. So ideas and expressions of interest in becoming involved are welcome from all.

The meeting NOTED the report.

Item 5. - Financial Report and Approval of Audited Accounts

The Chair drew attention to the Audited Accounts 2024/25 which had been circulated previously to all members, and asked the Treasurer and Resources Officer, Peter Bull, to summarise the Trust's financial position. The Treasurer and Resources Officer explained the Account's and highlighted key features within them. He also summarised membership activity throughout the year.

The meeting NOTED the financial report as presented and APPROVED the audited accounts.

Item 6. - Authorisation of Financial Examiner

The meeting AUTHORISED the Board to appoint Barnett Ravenscroft Limited, Chartered Accountants, as an independent Financial Examiner for the financial year 2025/26.

Item 7. - Appointment of Board Members

The meeting APPROVED the appointment of the following Board Members for two-year terms of office commencing at the conclusion of this AGM:

(i) Neil COTTRELL ; (ii) Luke John DAVIES; (iii) Richard DOCKER; (iv) Bruce Kyte; (v) Linda MAGNER; (iv) Richard STANLEY

*The meeting NOTED that six candidates had been nominated for seven vacancies, so no ballot had been required. Instead, in accordance with

agreed procedure, the candidates had been submitted to the membership in General Meeting for approval of their appointments.

Item 8. - Any Other Business

The Chair asked if there were any other items of business. There were none, so he thanked everyone for their attendance and formally closed the AGM at 7.21pm.

All present were then invited to remain for an informal discussion and Q&A with guest speaker Mike Wiseman, Honorary Vice President of Birmingham City FC.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.