**Exeter City AFC Supporters Society Ltd**

**Trust Board Meeting Minutes Part A**

**Meeting held in Boardroom and on Zoom**

**Date: Monday 9 December 2024**

**Trustees present:** Will Barrett, Julen Beer, Steve Chown, Nick Edwards, Layatoh Egerton, Pete Ferlie, Clive Harrison, Richard Knight, Debra Noble, Neil Le Milliere

On Zoom. Doug Gillard,

**Apologies:** Nick Hawker,

**Officers Present:** Dean Matthews (Secretary), Pete Cordwell (Minutes Taker), Steve Chudley (Finance Officer),

**Apologies:**  None

**On Zoom:** Ryan Ilott (Membership Secretary),

**Trust members present.** George Martin

No conflicts of interest were declared

**Approval of minutes from November 2024 meeting**

**Matters of Accuracy**

Top of Page 5. Phoenix AGM. Facilities disappointing. **Comments back to Phoenix.**

Page 6. The meeting was very surprised to learn that the FSA is funded by **the Premier League and to a much smaller extent, the FA.**

**Approval of minutes of the November 2024 meeting. Proposer RK, Seconder DN. The minutes were approved unanimously with no abstentions.**

**Matters Arising**

Celebrations 20th anniversary of Old Trafford match. No update

Digital membership cards. No update.

**Chair’s update**

Membership cards. No developments.

Trust Financial Plan and Trust strategy. Still a work in progress.

Club AGM is 23 Jan 2025. The Trust Board will need to meet before then.

Donation to F.C. United. Decision deferred.

Election of Deputy Chair. NE paper in support of his appointment is in the meeting pack.

There were no further nominations.

NE was unanimously elected to the post of Deputy Chair.

Trust Member Disciplinary Update.

Two amendments have been made, in line with members’ suggestions.

1. A representative may be brought to the meeting
2. Appeals would be heard by the FSA.

**Proposal. The policy should be circulated, online, to members for comments.**

**Proposed by NE, seconded by WB. Approved unanimously**.

**Working Group Updates**

**Finance and Governance**

(see paper in meeting pack). The latest minutes of this working group can be found on the Trust website, under Trust Board, then Working Group Meeting Minutes.

Latest MACCs have now been received.

Interviews for new CFO taking place on Monday.

Reforecast taking place shortly.

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| **Trust Accounts**  **November 2024** |  |  |
|  |  |  |
| Opening balance |  | 217,117.99 |
|  |  |  |
| Receipts |  |  |
|  | Subscriptions | 14,340.89 |
|  | PayPal transfer | 400.00 |
|  |  |  |
|  | Total | 14,740.89 |
|  |  |  |
| Payments |  |  |
|  | Payment to club | 8,333.00 |
|  | Wages/Tax/Expenses | 2,444.02 |
|  | Professional fees | 2,400.00 |
|  | Women’s POTM sponsorship | 1,200.00 |
|  | Very Connect update | 570.00 |
|  | Junior Grecians refunds | 485.00 |
|  | Big Bank display donation | 100.00 |
|  | Membership refund | 50.00 |
|  | Bank charges | 38.50 |
|  | Match refreshments | 8.05 |
|  | Fasthosts | 6.60 |
|  |  |  |
|  | Total | 15,635.17 |
|  |  |  |
| Deposit account |  | 419,480.57 |
| PayPal |  | 133.20 |
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| Total |  | 635,837.48 |

Junior Grecians’. Refunds had been collected twice so had to be refunded to Club.

Professional fees are, in fact, legal fees.

**Owners and Members Working Group**

The group is meeting next Wednesday.

Both versions of the Exeter City app have now been approved.

New membership secretary. Closing date for applications is 14 December. The position will be advertised on social media, the website and by email to all members.

Membership now stands at 4,300, with 3,495 on VeryConnect. Still waiting for a quote for an outside company to make telephone calls to persuade members to change over to VeryConnect.

**Communications and Engagement**

The latest minutes of this working group can be found on the Trust website, under Trust Board, then Working Group Meeting Minutes.

Matters arising from AGM. Resolutions 1, 2 and 4 are in hand.

Latest elected Trustees will be introducing themselves in the programme.

Comms for White Ribbon campaign went well.

Fostering for Children will be a feature at Barnsley game.

**Community**

The latest minutes of this working group can be found on the Trust website, under Trust Board, then Working Group Meeting Minutes.

Thanks to all who contributed to White Ribbon Campaign

It was agreed that the Trust would sponsor the Ability Counts League Finals at Cullompton on Sunday 6 April.

**Any Other Business**

Incident at motorway service station after last away match. People involved in this and a similar previous incident will be spoken to by the Club. Looking at different coaches stopping at different service stations.

**Date of next Meeting: Monday 6 January 2025**

**Future meetings to be arranged.**