

Minutes from the Last Meeting – 11th April 2023

Trust Board Meeting Minutes Part A

Meeting held in RGB Legends Lounge and on Zoom

Date: 11 April 2023

Trustees present: Nick Hawker, Will Barrett, Julen Beer, Steven Chown, Nick Edwards, Doug Gillard, Pete Ferlie, Clive Harrison, Richard Knight.

Apologies: Mark Cordell, Jamie Pelmeur, Kayleigh Jade West

Officers present: Steve Chudley (Finance Officer), Phil Burden (Secretary), Pete Cordwell (Minutes Taker), Ryan Ilott (Membership Secretary)

Trust members present: Peter Coombs, Stuart Fishleigh, Jonathan Hart, Neil Le Milliere, George Martin, Jed Penberthy.

Part B Summary

Under Part B of the Trust Board meeting, the Trust Board:

1. Heard a detailed presentation from Nick Hawker, Chair.

Approval of minutes from March Meeting

Approval of Part A minutes proposed by Will Barrett, seconded by Julen Beer

Approved unanimously

Matters Arising

The Working Group Terms of Reference have now been checked and are consistent in style. A slight suggested change by the FGG is pending.

Update of Part A matters from Chair.

Two special events last month filled me with pleasure.

1. Before Accrington Stanley game, a ceremony was held at the grave of Arthur Chadwick, former manager. It was attended by an impressive number of supporters. Gary Caldwell's role was considerable, staying to spend time with supporters. Accrington were represented.



We Own Our Football Club

2. Before Bolton game, The Dick Pym exhibition at Topsham Museum was opened. Extra special because it was Bolton who bought Dick to save our Club. The exhibition is interesting and informative. At the Bolton game I spent time with three South American visitors which I really enjoyed. There was also a real buzz in the boardroom.

At present we are working on next season's budget. As you probably realise, it is going to be a difficult year as we will be losing key players.

Our new membership, ticketing and communication system VeryConnect has been tested and is ready to go live.

Season ticket sales are going well.

The 'Evening with Brian McDermott' had gone well and the TB congratulated Alistair Yates (AY) on a successful event. NH reported that AY had presented a summary of finances from the event and had made a significant donation to the Trust, as promised.

Report from last Club Board meeting

GC gave a detailed presentation on tactics, with slideshow. Very informative.

A golf day is planned.

Hospitality is sold out to the end of season.

End of season awards evening is at Winslade Manor, because of change in exam schedule at the University.

We are looking forward to a report from the afternoon we spent looking at "Branding" with Rosie Denham, from McQueenie Holland.

Working Group Updates.

Minutes of recent Working Group meetings can now be found at

weownexetercityfc.co.uk > Trust Board > Meeting April (or any month's) agenda here

You will then be able to read the minutes of the Working Groups as part of the meeting pack.

Finance and Governance Group

Minutes and accounts see above location.

'City for All' has received £1,000.

A budget (very much a starting point) has been produced.



We Own Our Football Club

Question. Has increased membership produced increased revenue? Looking at two recent monthly budgets. Yes

NH. Could we raise donations to ECI and Women's football by 10%? Agreed, no objections.

It is looking as though the Trust contingency money for Cliff Hill development and for playing budget will not be called upon.

Ownership and Membership Group

Minutes at above location.

Supporter behaviour is giving cause for concern.

It has been a good month for positive discrimination. We will have a presence at Exeter Respect Festival.

Membership numbers 4,758, including Junior Grecians. Subscribing/voting cohort of 3,980.

Two months grace period in Trust Rules is under discussion.

Points from meeting. Need to decide how to allocate the money given to car badges. There has been recent damage to cars displaying car badges.

Stansfield Memorial Match is not taking place this year at request of Yeovil. We are committed to it next year.

Some arrangements for Director of Day were finalised.

There was a discussion on electronic membership cards. Cost and climate effects were considered. We will probably go for electronic cards with a hard copy for those who request it.

NH. Could we invoice all corporate members from same date, say 1st August?

Community Working Group

Minutes at above location

Update. We are asking Devon Supporters' Trust if there is an appetite for sponsoring a football competition in Devon.

Communication and Engagement Group

Minutes at above location.

Now using two Whatsapp groups, one of which links the Club and the Trust.

JB has offered to respond to misinformation on Social Media. He would seek approval from the Trust member on Club Board. This would be solely for the purpose of correcting inaccuracies. No objections to this from the meeting. NLM offered support. JB to contact him.

We are getting rid of Campaign Monitor in a couple of months.



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We have agreed that the Trust membership should vote on whether we should join The Big Step campaign against the promotion of gambling in football. MC and JB to produce both sides of the issue for members.

Thanks were offered to Craig for his coverage of the latest Fans' Forum

Any Other Part A Business

The Grounds team were complimented on the excellent state of the pitch.

Womens' team on "verge of promotion" (WB). Last game of season will be a very popular one.

£200 has been received from Cans4City as part of the Community Ticket Scheme. It will go towards food.

DG is meeting with Norman re quiz

Last meeting's minutes, "Family Fun Day - 2nd and 3rd more likely" referred to shirts, not dates!

"Thanks for an interesting and enjoyable meeting", from George, Trust Member in Virginia, USA.

Date of next meeting: TBA