



MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

Monday 16th May 2022

Present: Michel Thomas (MT) – Chair, Nick Brodrick (NB), Ali Bryant (AB), Rob Burkitt (RB), Robin Causley (RC), Bob Cole (BC), Rob Dickinson (RD), Sam Druiff (SD)

Apologies: Rick Williams

22/35	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 18th April 2022 The minutes were tabled and approved.</p> <p>Minute 22/19 - NB advised that he had been in contact with Swindon Town Supporters' Trust and was awaiting a response. [Since the meeting the ST vice-chair has been in contact]</p>	
22/36	<p>Relations with TUFC NB reported that he had been in regular contact with RNIB concerning Soccer Sight but had so far drawn a blank as nobody there had any knowledge of the scheme.</p> <p>Despite this it was agreed to pursue the matter and contact both Exeter City and Plymouth Argyle as they are thought to be offering this service to blind/partially blind supporters.</p> <p>Failing this RC knew of Chris Summer who could be a useful contact. RC to send NB his email address.</p> <p>Trying to re-establish communications with the club remained a goal.</p>	<p>NB</p> <p>RC</p>
22/37	<p>Strategy Team RD went through the fundamentals of the recent meeting, the minutes of which had already been circulated.</p>	

	<p>An action plan is to be discussed at a meeting scheduled for June 16th.</p> <p>A statement recently circulated by BC and NB was put on hold for further discussion at a later date.</p>	
<p>22/38</p> <p>Partner organisations</p> <p>a) Community Sports Trust (TUCST) It was reported that a recent leak in a storage cupboard at Plainmoor had caused damage to various Fan Zone equipment. The thirty or so TQ1 footballs would be used as prizes at various competitions.</p> <p>BC showed an example of a 'Sponsored by TUST' sticker to go on the disability goals.</p> <p>The TUST media banner 3' x 12' was discussed and agreed to accept Hayden's quote in vinyl with eyelets of £93.60. Yellow background with blue writing. BC was thanked for his work on these.</p> <p>Matt Anthony had confirmed that the Junior Disability League will be starting on June 11 [note new date] at Paignton Academy 10.00am - 12noon. A photo shoot opportunity.</p> <p>There is no further news on any 30th TUCST anniversary celebrations.</p> <p>b) Women's Team RD reported that with the success of the team in their league (4th) and winning the Devon FA cup, the club has taken a greater interest promoting them more on the website and in the matchday programme. He had met with soon to be manager, Steve Elswood who confirmed that TUST's £1,500 tracksuits will be purchased for use from the new season.</p> <p>c) Sport Torbay AB said that the £5 subscription had been paid in March.</p> <p>d) Networking Torbay Business Forum usually attended by RW. TUST are members of the Chamber of Commerce.</p> <p>e) FSA MT reminded the meeting that the FSA AGM is to be held at Wimbledon's Plough Lane on Saturday July 16; any board member interested in attending will have their travel funded.</p>	<p>BC</p>	
<p>22/39</p> <p>Membership AB said there had been no changes since the last meeting.</p>		

<p>22/40</p> <p>a)</p> <p>b)</p> <p>c)</p> <p>d)</p>	<p>Media & PR</p> <p>Press and social media SD spoke of the forthcoming podcast on June 17 'Legends of the Leroy Era' and asked if TUST would be interested in sponsoring the event. Participants pay £10 a ticket and money raised goes to a charity of Leroy's choosing. It was agreed to sponsor the event at £250.</p> <p>NB reported he had included the Exiles' photo of winner of the Away Fans trophy of Shaun MacDonald with his HE column. He would also send it to the Torbay Weekly.</p> <p>Ian Twitchin Trophy MT said it was proving difficult to contact the winner, Ben Wynter as the club had reported he was not contactable directly by ourselves but would supply some possible dates for the presentation. However, they said he would be away for the next three or four weeks and they would contact us after this. RB was trying through social media.</p> <p>In the meantime, MT to take a photo of the shield and trophy to send to Ben.</p> <p>Exiles Away Player of the Season Trophy This had been presented after the last game of the season at Southend by Pete Groom and Paul Bastard.</p> <p>Summer social event No further progress on this or a date but the rugby club is a possible venue.</p>	<p>SD/AB</p> <p>NB</p> <p>RB</p> <p>MT</p>
<p>22/41</p>	<p>Any other business The joint Strategy Team and TUST board is on Tuesday July 19th at 6.30pm</p>	

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Monday 20th June 2022 at 6.30pm

Chairman's signature.....Date