



MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

Tuesday 19th April 2022

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

22/28	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 21st March 2022 The minutes were tabled and approved.</p> <p>Minute 22/19 – NB advised that Swindon Town ST had not yet been approached about joining the SW group.</p> <p>Minute 22/20 – RW referred to the previously circulated update regarding the club accounts for the year ending 30th June 2021 showing operating losses of £860k and debts to Riviera Stadium Ltd of £3.6m and further loans of £332k.</p> <p>He also referred to the information provided by the Football Supporters' Association (FSA) regarding indicative costs of artificial playing surfaces and the potential income they might generate.</p>	NB
22/29	<p>Minutes of Extraordinary board meeting held on 26th March 2022 The confidential minutes of this meeting were tabled and approved.</p>	
22/30	<p>Relations with TUFC NB reported on his recent one-to-one meeting with George Edwards (GE) and the board considered the implications of this.</p> <p>NB proposed that TUST could offer something beneficial to the Club and suggested that we consider commentary for the visually impaired. He had made some initial enquiries about this and RC advised of another potential provider of the service. It was agreed that such an offer would be compatible with the principles of TUST's community fund and that he should do further research before making a firm proposal to the board. He would also seek the experiences of Exeter City and Plymouth Argyle who provide this service.</p>	NB

<p>22/31</p> <p>a)</p> <p>b)</p>	<p>Partner organisations</p> <p>Community Sports Trust (TUCST) RC referred to an e-mail MT had received from the Chair of TUCST which had advised of her decision to stand down from the board at the end of June. Her husband, another long serving board member, would also be standing down. She had thanked TUST for its support of TUCST over recent years.</p> <p>RC also reported on an update received from Matt Anthony (TUCST Manager) on progress of the TUST sponsored Junior Disability League which it is now planned to start in the early Summer. He also advised that attempts to contact the Football Foundation about rolling the Return of Supporters grant on to next season were on-going. TUCST are planning an event to mark its 30th anniversary during the Summer and TUST will be happy to provide assistance.</p> <p>Women's Team Final preparations for the TUST sponsored Women's Cup Final on 22nd April were agreed. Publicity for the event to be widely distributed during the week. It was noted that TUFC Radio would be covering the event.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>22/32</p>	<p>Membership AB reported that a few new members had joined and the current membership stood at 386. She had sent a mail to all recent members asking why they had decided to join but only had a response from two – one stating Twitter and the other after listening to the Talking Torquay podcast.</p> <p>RW reported that the FSA had advised that typical trust membership at our level as a percentage of average home crowds was 16% and TUST's figures are very similar.</p>	
<p>22/33</p> <p>a)</p> <p>b)</p> <p>c)</p>	<p>Media & PR</p> <p>Press and social media RW advised that he had spoken to the Editor of the Torquay Talk website who had agreed to carry regular short articles about TUST activities.</p> <p>Ian Twitchin Trophy MT had purchased this year's trophy and made arrangements for this and the perpetual shield to be engraved as soon as the winner was known. The Twitchin family had agreed to make arrangements for the presentation but TUST would assist as required.</p> <p>Exiles Away Player of the Season Trophy The organisers of this TUST sponsored trophy had sent details of their proposal to publicise the award and voting procedures which would be open to all supporters living outside Devon. Closing date would be after the Dagenham & Redbridge game on 2nd May. MT had purchased the trophy on TUST's behalf but it had been agreed not to provide a perpetual shield this season. The organisers plan to make the presentation at the last game of the season.</p>	<p>RW</p>

d)	<p>Summer social event With the ITT event and TUCST 30th anniversary event in the pipeline, it was agreed to defer any TUST event until the pre-season period but members were asked to give thought to what form this may take.</p>	
22/34	<p>Any other business RW advised that the Strategy Team would be meeting on 4th May.</p>	

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Monday 16th May at 6.30pm

Chairman's signature.....Date