



## MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

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

<b>23/94</b>	<p><b>Minutes of the meetings held on 20<sup>th</sup> November and 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023</b>  The minutes of the meetings were tabled and approved.</p>	
<b>23/95</b>	<p><b>AGM</b>  The draft minutes of the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> November were tabled and recommended for approval to the members.</p> <p>The event was reviewed and it was agreed that it had been successful. Attendance via Zoom had worked well with up to 29 virtual attendees. RW reported that for future events a temporary increase in Zoom capacity could be purchased at reasonable cost.</p> <p>RW would now submit the annual AR30 return and accounts to the FCA by the deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024.</p>	RW
<b>23/96</b>	<p><b>Relations with TUAFC</b>  Following the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, the Chairman had written to the Club with TUST's response to its proposals for an Independent Steering Group and the resumption of meetings with club representatives.</p> <p>The directors had subsequently invited NB &amp; RW to a meeting to discuss the matter. This had been held the previous Saturday morning and NB provided a summary of the discussion. The gist of the meeting had been a willingness from both parties to work together for the benefit of the Club. This would require an agreed Code of Conduct to establish the basis on which the relationship would develop.</p>	

	<p>It was also agreed that individual board members should ensure that they follow TUST's Social Media Policy. During discussion it was noted that none of TUST's policies appear on its website and it was agreed that they should.</p> <p>NB explained that he had, over the weekend, consulted the FSA for advice. This had supported the view that, to rebuild relations with the Club directors, board members should resist making contentious comments on social media or other public forums, even in a personal capacity.</p> <p>There was much discussion of the pros and cons of this with opinions divided but a consensus was reached that the opportunity to be involved in both the ISG and regular TUST meetings should be taken. However, it was recognised that all board members should be party to any decision and NB would talk to the three absent members before a final decision is made in the New Year.</p>	RW/RB
23/97	<p><b>Strategy Team</b></p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for 8<sup>th</sup> January and the team will be joined by a TUST member with experience of insolvency work to discuss the implications and procedures involved as part of the Team's brief to prepare for any eventuality.</p> <p>There has also been contact with the producer of The Price of Football podcast who is interested in doing an item on TUAFC.</p>	
23/98	<p><b>Partner organisations</b></p> <p><b>a) Community Sports Trust (TUCST)</b> BC advised that the Walking Football Team are seeking sponsorship for training kit and Matt Anthony of TUCST is seeking details of costs.</p> <p><b>b) Women's Team</b> RD updated on the team's progress and reminded the board that TUST has sponsored the home game with Exeter City in February.</p> <p><b>c) Kitmas</b> Further to minute 23/92, NB reported that he had collected 20 junior shirts and with RC had presented them that afternoon to the Turning Heads charity for distribution to deserving children before Xmas.</p>	
23/99	<p><b>Media &amp; PR</b></p> <p><b>a) The Story of TUST</b> BC had circulated a draft of the trust story and various suggestions were made for additions and amendments. A revised draft will be presented at the next meeting.</p>	BC

<p><b>b)</b></p> <p><b>PR Team</b></p> <p>A suggestion by SD for a sub-group to deal with PR was deferred until the next meeting as SD &amp; RB were absent.</p> <p><b>c)</b></p> <p><b>TUST merchandise</b></p> <p>RC suggested that the board should consider providing TUST branded items such as badges and polo shirts. The board agreed and he will investigate costs and availability.</p>		RC
<p><b>23/100</b></p> <p><b>Any other business</b></p> <p><b>a)</b></p> <p>RW advised that the £20k 3 month bond with the United Trust Bank matures on 29<sup>th</sup> December. UTB are offering a new 3 month bond at 4.35% interest and it was agreed to reinvest in this.</p> <p><b>b)</b></p> <p>NB &amp; RW have arranged to meet the Chairman of the newly formed Taunton Town Supporters' Trust before the game the following evening to share our experience.</p> <p><b>c)</b></p> <p>BC advised that he had contacted a TUST member who is a Club shareholder who is able to provide the latest accounts for scrutiny.</p>		RW

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 at 6.30pm

Chairman's signature.....Date .....