



MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY BOARD MEETING

Friday 23rd February 2024
Via Zoom

Present: Nick Brodrick (NB) – chair, Ali Bryant (AB), Rob Burkitt (RB), Bob Cole (BC), Rob Dickinson (RD), Sam Druiff (SD), Michel Thomas (MT), Rick Williams (RW), Jon Gibbes (JG), Matt Gorman (MG), Shaun Tanner (ST).

Apologies: Robin Causley (RC)

<p>24/1 8</p>	<p>Board membership</p> <p>In light of the announcement on 22nd February that Clarke Osborne will no longer be funding the club and has served Notice of Intention to put it into administration, the need to bring relevant experience on to the board was agreed. Given the exceptional circumstances it was felt that co-opting individuals as board members was preferable to just drawing on their knowledge.</p> <p>It was unanimously agreed to co-opt JG (accountant), MG (chartered financial adviser) and ST (insolvency sector) for terms of six months.</p> <p>RW will issue the necessary paperwork.</p>	<p>RW</p>
<p>24/1 9</p>	<p>TUFC situation</p> <p>There was much discussion about the implications of the announcement and reference was made to the Strategy Team’s contingency planning for such a scenario.</p> <p>ST was able to provide technical guidance on the insolvency process.</p> <p>NB reported on initial advice received from the Football Supporters’ Association (FSA).</p>	

	<p>NB had already been contacted by one potential owner. It was agreed that TUST should ensure that it makes contact with all known bidders.</p> <p>The possibility of registering an interest with the administrators was discussed.</p> <p>There had already been an influx of new members and arrangements for processing these were discussed,</p> <p>Many offers of practical and financial support had been received since the announcement.</p> <p>A number of media requests for comment or interviews had been received including local TV news.</p>	
24/2 0	<p>Funding</p> <p>The need to raise funds was recognised but there was concern that a number of individual initiatives had been launched and a single point for donations would be preferable. It was agreed to launch a TUST Crowdfunding page at the earliest opportunity. MG to action.</p> <p>There was a discussion about the club's immediate need for cashflow. This was recognised as a priority but it was unanimously agreed that the TUST Forever Yellow contingency fund should not be used for this purpose as it may be needed for future measures to save or relaunch the club.</p>	MG
24/2 1	<p>Practical support</p> <p>The importance of getting behind the club in the short-term was agreed. NB to message Mel Hayman with an offer of any practical support we can provide.</p> <p>TUST will use all channels to encourage supporters to attend the home game against Aveley on 24th February and to spend money at the club wherever possible.</p>	NB
24/2 2	<p>Community support</p> <p>Meetings have been arranged next week with Kevin Foster MP and council leaders to discuss the club's situation. NB BC and MT to attend the former via Zoom and NB BC and RC the latter in person.</p>	
24/2 3	<p>TUST communications</p> <p>It was decided to hand out TUST sign up cards outside and inside Plainmoor at tomorrow's game.</p> <p>A proposal for a Fans Forum event on Thursday 29th February was agreed. MT to arrange with Livermead Cliff if possible.</p> <p>It was resolved that regular communications should be issued over the coming days to keep supporters informed of developments.</p>	MT

24/2 4	Any other business There was no other business.	
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The date of the next meeting was fixed for Monday 18th March 2024 at 6.30pm

Chairman's signature.....Date