



## MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

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

<b>23/01</b>	<p><b>Minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022</b> The minutes of the meeting were tabled and approved.</p> <p>Minute 22/71 – MT had completed the documented history of TUST and would circulate the final version shortly.</p> <p>Minute 22/80 – The 3 month fixed rate bond with United Trust Bank had been opened. AB is progressing the Lloyds bank mandate amendments.</p> <p>Minute 22/91(d) – MT is arranging a meeting with Cllr Dave Thomas to introduce NB &amp; BC and update on TUST news.</p>	<p>MT</p> <p>AB</p> <p>MT</p>
<b>23/02</b>	<p><b>Relations with the Club</b> NB reported on his meeting with George Edwards and Mel Hayman on 7<sup>th</sup> January. The meeting had been held at GE's request as the directors wish to build a relationship with TUST.</p> <p>The proposed agenda for the meeting had been set aside as GE was very unhappy with some posts made by a TUST board member on Facebook. He had claimed that these were representative of TUST but they had in fact been posted on a personal account and did not reflect TUST policy. However, the board member apologised for any inconvenience the tone or timing of his posts had caused.</p> <p>NB said that, despite this issue, GE had extended an invitation for him to attend a further meeting and he felt that we should accept.</p> <p>There was a long discussion about this and the general feeling of the board was one of frustration at not being able to publicly state TUST's views on a range to concerns.</p>	

	<p>RC said that whilst there was still an opportunity to try and establish a relationship we should take it.</p> <p>It was unanimously agreed that NB should accept the offer of one more meeting with GE and MH but that clear answers to two questions are required from GE; what does he want from the relationship with TUST and an assurance that TUST will be able to make constructive criticism, without which there is no possibility of a meaningful relationship.</p> <p>The board also feel that any future meetings should involve at least two board members.</p> <p>In the meantime, NB reported that the VIP Treats scheme is due to continue at every Saturday home league game for the rest of the season although he had received no feedback on how it went at the Halifax game, He is continuing to chase the FSA for the promised £500 contribution.</p>	NB
<b>23/03</b>	<p><b>List of Achievements</b></p> <p>An updated schedule was tabled and approved. It was agreed to post this on the website and to use it to promote TUST's activities whenever the opportunity arises.</p>	RB
<b>23/04</b>	<p><b>Strategy Team</b></p> <p>BC provided feedback from the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January. Matt Gorman had provided an excellent report on potential funding options if we are required to save the club or launch a phoenix club. Other topics had included possible venues for public meetings and suitable hosts and sources for PR advice.</p> <p>The focus of the next meeting will be on saving the existing club in times of crisis rather than the phoenix scenario.</p> <p>A draft report on TUST activities for the Council, as requested by the leadership when we met in November, was approved by the board. This will be sent to the Council with a request for a meeting to discuss.</p>	RW
<b>23/05</b>	<p><b>Membership</b></p> <p><b>a) Members</b></p> <p>AB reported that she had completed an audit of members and a number had lapsed and been removed. The current membership stands at 332.</p> <p><b>b) Corporate membership</b></p> <p>There are 15 corporate members. It was proposed and agreed that the Chelston Manor should be given complimentary membership as they had kindly hosted TUST for nearly two years with no charge for the room.</p> <p><b>c) Fundraising</b></p> <p>NB had noted that he was struck by the sums raised by other clubs for their causes, notably the £289,000 Hereford United Supporters Trust mentioned.</p>	RW

	<p>He had researched how some other clubs raised funds and one successful method appeared to be lotteries. It was noted that TUST currently supports and benefits from the Torbay Lottery which brings in approximately £200 per month. It was felt that this could be given greater promotion in our newsletters.</p> <p>We currently have around £50,000 in our war chest but NB asked should we be looking at fundraising? It was agreed that we do not necessarily need to add to the fund at the moment but further research in to how a lottery could be set up would be useful and part of the strategy team remit.</p>	BC/ST
<p><b>23/06</b></p> <p><b>Governance</b></p> <p><b>a) AR30</b> RW confirmed that he had submitted the annual return and accounts to the Financial Services Authority.</p> <p><b>b) FSA training sessions</b> The final session that BC had hoped to attend had been cancelled. He hopes it will be re-arranged.</p> <p><b>c) Policy reviews</b> RW advised that many of the TUST policies had been adopted in 2018 and it would be a good idea to review these to see if they need updating. He proposed to present one or two to each of the next few meetings for consideration.</p> <p>He also suggested that the main TUST Strategic Plan adopted in 2019 which sets out its objectives and how it aims to meet them, should be reviewed before the Summer.</p>		RW
<p><b>23/07</b></p> <p><b>Partner organisations</b></p> <p><b>a) Community Sports Trust (TUCST)</b> NB had spoken with Simon Baker, a TUCST trustee, who had indicated that the Trust was open to the idea of appointing a TUST board member as a trustee (an idea first mooted in 2018). Confirmation to be given in due course. Simon had also provided an update on the appointment of a new TUCST chair.</p> <p><b>b) Women's Team</b> RD reported on the team's continuing success. He has been chasing up recognition of TUST's sponsorship.</p> <p><b>c) Partners networking opportunity</b> RW tabled a draft of an invitation to the informal event planned for February at The Dolphin in St Marychurch. He will finalise the wording and agree a date with the board before sending the invitations.</p>		RW

<p><b>d)</b></p>	<p><b>SW Supporters Trust Group</b> The next meeting is scheduled for 8<sup>th</sup> February. TUST to host on Zoom. Agenda to include membership systems, subscription collection methods and election management.</p>	
<p><b>e)</b></p>	<p><b>Sport Torbay</b> BC and MT to attend next meeting when confirmed.</p>	
<p><b>23/08</b></p>	<p><b>Media &amp; PR</b> Regular activity but nothing new to report.</p>	
<p><b>23/09</b></p>	<p><b>Any other business</b> There was no other business.</p>	

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 6.30pm.

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