



MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

Tuesday 17th December 2019

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

Apologies: None

19/75	<p>Chairman’s introduction</p> <p>MT opened the meeting by reflecting on TUST’s many successes during the year including the Matchday Ambassadors, delivery of the Premier League Fans Fund projects including Fan Zones and outreach events, our brochure, networking with the business community, the work of the strategy team, the success of our social media, our blossoming partnership with the Community Sports Trust including headline sponsorship, the Devon Supporters Trust group, press coverage and relations with local politicians.</p> <p>He thanked all the board members for their support and dedication in making these happen.</p>	
19/76	<p>Minutes of meeting held on 18th November 2019</p> <p>The minutes were tabled and approved.</p> <p>Minute 19/70 (f) – the inventory of equipment was currently being prepared. A few additional items to be added.</p> <p>Minute 19/74 (a) – a reply had been received from Radio Devon explaining that they did not have sufficient local frequencies to broadcast live radio coverage of TUFC games but were providing on-line commentaries. A summary of the letter to be circulated to members.</p>	<p>AB</p> <p>RW</p>
19/77	<p>Partnership with Torquay United Community Sports Trust</p> <p>It was not clear whether the sponsored Women’s Team tracksuits had been ordered. Enquiries to be made.</p>	

	<p>RW reported on the meeting with representatives of the TUCST board that he and RD had recently attended. It had been agreed that RW would be the TUST's representative member on the TUCST board if they decided to make such an appointment. Confirmation awaited.</p>	
<p>19/78 Liaison</p> <p>(a) Devon Supporters' Trust group MT, NB & RD reported on the inaugural meeting of the group held at St James' Park on 5th December. It had been a positive meeting attended by representatives of Plymouth Argyle and Exeter City. The various objectives of the Trusts were discussed and their relationships with their clubs. A further meeting was planned for later in the season which TUST had offered to host.</p> <p>A proposal had been agreed to explore whether there is interest in a wider alliance of trusts across the SW region.</p> <p>A press release about the event and partnership had been prepared by NB and received some coverage. The Non –League Paper had also asked NB to prepare an item about Trusts in non-league generally for publication in the New Year.</p> <p>(b) Proposed Supporters Club Despite several attempts to seek an update there was no news from the Club regarding the formation of a Supporters Club proposed in September.</p> <p>(c) Business networking events and new brochure MT to prepare a schedule of all the regular events and encouraged those with the time to attend if they could.</p> <p>The final draft of the new brochure was tabled and favourably received. It was currently with the printers with a view to having it ready for distribution at matches over the Festive Season. It had been agreed ahead of the meeting to order 3000 copies.</p> <p>(d) Corporate members Membership now stood at 20 and all were represented in the new brochure</p> <p>(e) Social media RB reported that everything was ticking over and mainly positive. RW & RB to liaise over updating the website.</p>	<p>MT</p> <p>RW/RB</p>	
<p>19/79 Response to AGM motion</p> <p>No response had been received from the Club. The FSA had been instructed to try and broker a meeting between the TUST board and the Club and initial contact had been made.</p>		

19/80	<p>Board membership The names of a couple of potential members were discussed and invitations to meet informally and discuss the opportunity to join the board were agreed.</p>	
19/81	<p>Any other business</p> <p>(a) Asset of Community Value The need to renew the ACV in respect of Plainmoor before it expires in March 2020 was noted.</p> <p>(b) Banning orders The board condemned the recent news of the violent behaviour of three men supposedly 'supporters' of TUFC. It praised the Club and police for taking firm action to prosecute and ban these individuals.</p> <p>MT updated on the unrelated position of the ten or so fans who had been given banning orders for entering the pitch after the last home game of the season. There was no indication that their request for a repeal of the season long ban was being considered by the Club. It was understood that the group were considering their next step following advice from the FSA.</p>	RW

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Monday 20th January 2020 – venue to be confirmed.

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