



MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

Monday 16th August 2021

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

21/36	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd June 2021 The minutes were tabled and approved. There were no matters arising.</p>	
21/37	<p>Relations with TUFC</p> <p>TUST had written to the Club about the new ticketing arrangements, expressing concern that tickets could not be purchased within an hour before kick-off and that many potential attendees were not aware of the new requirements and were being turned away.</p> <p>After a follow up letter, a detailed response had been received from the Club's directors and relayed to our members. NB had replied with thanks but expressing TUST's on-going concern that late arrivals could not purchase tickets.</p> <p>A subsequent request to hold the presentation of the Ian Twitchin Trophy to Sam Sherring during AFC Bournemouth's U-23 team visit had been accommodated by the Club at short notice. We thank them for enabling the successful event in the Gulls' Nest.</p> <p>TUST have also written to the Club asking it to consider livestreaming of matches outside the times blocked by UEFA rules if at all possible as we believe that this would be a popular and profitable service.</p> <p>Dom Mee had advised NB that the next liaison meeting could be held once the season started and NB will contact him to request a date, preferably before the next board meeting on 20th September.</p>	NB

<p>21/38</p>	<p>Official Supporters' Club (TUOSC)</p> <p>MT reported that he had been contacted by Les Brooking, the new Acting Chair of the TUOSC. He had also spoken again with Andrew Candy (now Acting Vice-Chair) and both had indicated their willingness for TUOSC to work closely with TUST to establish the separate roles of each organisation and areas where they could work collaboratively in the interests of the Club and its supporters.</p> <p>It was agreed that MT should arrange an initial meeting of two or three board members from each organisation to discuss this and perhaps suggest a meeting of both full boards in due course to brainstorm all matters.</p>	<p>MT</p>
<p>21/39</p>	<p>Treasurer's report</p> <p>AB advised that the initial year end accounts showed a surplus of £7,821, subject to further analysis by our accountant. The prepared accounts would be considered at the next meeting before presentation to members at the AGM. Consideration to be given next month to how the community contribution might be allocated.</p> <p>AB also reported that membership stood at 375 including corporate members.</p>	
<p>21/40</p>	<p>Torquay United Community Sports Trust (TUCST)</p> <p>It was noted that the press release with a photograph of the presentation of TUST sponsored kit to the Torquay United Inspirations team had received good press coverage. Those board members who had been in attendance stated how impressed they had been with the team's keenness and dedication.</p> <p>It was reported that TUCST has recently received a grant of £6k from the FA and Sport England.</p> <p>MT advised that he had been in discussion with Matt Anthony (TUCST Manager) about the future of the Senior Gulls. As TUCST were finding it challenging to find the time to continue organising the group, although still keen to support these meetings, MT had offered to assist. An open meeting was suggested for all existing and any new senior supporters to discuss what form the group should take in the future. He stressed that the remit of the Senior Gulls covered anyone with an interest in football, not just TUFC.</p> <p>A contribution of £40 from TUST funds to provide refreshments at this meeting was proposed by AB, seconded by RD and unanimously agreed.</p>	<p>MT</p>

<p>21/41</p> <p>(a)</p>	<p>Football governance</p> <p>Fan-led review / FSA The interim report produced by Tracey Crouch had been circulated to board members when published at the end of July and comments shared via e-mail.</p> <p>The proposals, which were summarised by NB, were all welcomed and supported by TUST. The full report is expected by the end of the year.</p>	
<p>21/42</p> <p>(a)</p> <p>(b)</p> <p>(c)</p>	<p>Media and PR NB and RB provided updates on recent press and social media coverage.</p> <p>NB noted that he had received some news items from the Womens' Team but these had ceased in recent weeks.</p> <p>RB noted that a shirt that was donated to a young fan was purchased by the 'Ben Wynter Appreciation Society' (a group he is part of on twitter) and was hand delivered by him.</p> <p>Marketing It had been a quiet month for business meetings due to the Summer break.</p> <p>Approaches to various parties to identify a potential board member with marketing skills had been unproductive. It was agreed to advertise the role to our members. RW to draft an advert for consideration.</p> <p>Ian Twitchin Trophy Following the successful presentation to Sam Sherring, arrangements to get the previous season's trophy to Kyle Cameron were discussed. It was agreed to ask a TUST member who will be attending the game at Notts County on 28th August if he would pass it to Kyle.</p> <p>Legends Event It was proposed to suggest this as a joint event with TUOSC in due course.</p>	<p>RW</p> <p>MT</p>
<p>21/43</p>	<p>AGM RW advised that this would be held in late October or November and would be a face-to-face meeting but hopefully with an option for members to join via Zoom. It was agreed to ask the Club via our next meeting with Dom Mee, if Boots & Laces could be used as a venue.</p>	<p>NB</p>

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Monday 20th September 2021 at 6.30pm at the Chelston Manor.

Chairman's signature.....Date