



## MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

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

<b>21/66</b>	<p><b>Appointment of officers</b> As this was the first meeting of the board since the AGM, the following appointments were unanimously agreed: Chair – MT, Vice Chair – RC, Treasurer – AB and Secretary – RW.</p>	
<b>21/67</b>	<p><b>Minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021</b> The minutes were tabled and approved with no matters arising that were not on the agenda for this meeting.</p>	
<b>21/68</b>	<p><b>AGM</b> It was agreed that the AGM held on 25<sup>th</sup> November at Torquay Athletic Rugby Football Club and with some members attending virtually via Zoom had been a success. Whilst one member had experienced difficulties logging on to Zoom, feedback from others was positive.</p> <p>It was noted that the membership had supported the board's proposal to continue to allocate up to 50% of TUST's net surplus to community outreach activities, amounting to approximately £4k this year.</p> <p>A proposal for an informal social event in the Spring was agree, possibly with a guest speaker.</p>	
<b>21/69</b>	<p><b>Relations with TUFU</b> NB reported that he had been chasing the Club for responses to the questions submitted at the last meeting with Dom Mee in September. He had received a reply shortly before the match last Saturday stating that answers had been given to most of the queries and nothing further would be provided.</p>	

	<p>MT reported on the recent meeting of Sport Torbay, highlighting comments made by George Edwards (CEO) indicating the Club's continuing search for new facilities within Torbay.</p> <p>RW suggested that the Strategy Team should meet again early in the New Year and a proposal that BC joins the team was approved.</p>	
<p><b>21/70 Partner organisations</b></p> <p><b>a) Community Sports Trust (TUCST)</b>  A contribution from TUST's community fund for the purchase of goals for TUCST's younger age groups had been previously agreed in principle via e-mail and an amount of up to £400 was approved at this meeting to include TUST branding.</p> <p>A proposal had been put forward by TUCST to use the £1,500 remaining from Sam Balsdon's sponsored events to set up a junior version of the Torquay Inspirations football teams for disabled children. A meeting had been arranged with Matt Anthony (TUCST Manager) to discuss this.</p> <p>Matt had also contacted MT with a proposal to re-launch the pre-match Fan Zones starting on 8<sup>th</sup> January. The board welcomed this initiative but based on its experience with previous Fan Zones it felt that this was too soon to organise particularly taking account of the likely weather and current uncertainty over Covid. MT, RW and NB to meet with MA to discuss.</p> <p><b>b) Women's Team</b>  The teams continue to do well. RB noted that they were looking for sponsorship. RD to seek further details.</p> <p><b>c) SW Supporters' Trust Group</b>  The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January.</p>	<p>MT</p> <p>MT/NB /RW</p> <p>RD</p>	
<p><b>21/71 Football Governance</b>  There was some discussion about the latest news on the Fan-Led Review (FLR) and MT reported back from the Football Supporters Association (FSA) AGM that he attended virtually.</p> <p>MT, NB and BC had met with local MP Kevin Foster on 11<sup>th</sup> December to brief him on the FLR and to encourage him to support Tracey Crouch's proposals when they pass through parliament during 2022. Kevin had been very receptive and indicated his support.</p> <p>A meeting had been arranged with leaders of Torbay Council in January to brief them on the FLR and TUST activities.</p>		

21/72	<p><b>PR</b></p> <p><b>(a) Media</b> SD talked about his involvement with the Talking Torquay podcasts and his intention to run a TUST special in the New Year and regular TUST updates.</p> <p><b>(b) Website</b> BC had reviewed the content of the TUST website and tabled a number of suggestions to improve it. These were welcomed by the board and it was agreed that he would liaise with RB to implement the improvements</p> <p><b>(c) Marketing</b> The list of TUST achievements, photo archive, website and recruitment poster had been discussed over several months. It was agreed that consideration should be given to co-ordinating all of this into a membership drive as a main agenda item at the next meeting.</p>	<p>BC/RB</p> <p>All</p>
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The date of the next meeting was fixed for Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 6.30pm at the Chelston Manor.

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