



MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY BOARD MEETING

Wednesday 6th March 2024

Present: Nick Brodrick (NB) – chair, Ali Bryant (AB), Robin Causley (RC), Bob Cole (BC), Rob Dickinson (RD), Sam Druiff (SD), Jon Gibbes (JG), Matt Gorman (MG), Michel Thomas (MT), Rick Williams (RW)

Apologies: Rob Burkitt (RB), Shaun Tanner (ST)

<p>24/2 5</p>	<p>TUFC situation</p> <p>NB opened the meeting by expressing his admiration and thanks for all the hard work put in by board members since Clarke Osborne’s statement was issued on 22nd February. There had been great team-work and particular praise had to go to RB for all the time he had devoted to social media despite the demands of his employment.</p> <p>NB updated the meeting on the latest developments including the possibility that a 10 point deduction may have already been triggered by the Notice of Intention and FSA advice on this.</p> <p>He reported on this week’s meetings with Kevin Foster MP and cross-party members at the Council. All had been very supportive of the club and TUST.</p> <p>He also summarised the various media coverage given to the situation including interviews with himself and RC.</p> <p>Contact had been made with at least five prospective bidders and NB and RW provided details of these. One bidder in particular has a vision for a community focused club with a robust infrastructure to support this. It was agreed that, based on present knowledge, this bidder offered the most attractive proposition and TUST would support them in any way it could. MG is aware of another individual who may be interested in investing and NB has put him in touch with our preferred bidder.</p>	
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<p>24/2 6</p>	<p>Funding There had been some confusion over the generous donation from Weymouth FC and its Supporters' Association but this had been resolved and the funds would be coming to TUST as originally intended. They would then be passed on in full to the club towards this month's wages.</p> <p>There was some discussion about the use of the TUST Crowdfunding, currently standing at £5,200. Any decision on this was deferred until the next meeting but in the meantime we will seek the views of a few contributors who had donated large sums.</p>	<p>RW</p>
<p>24/2 7</p>	<p>TUST communications A full statement outlining the meeting with the club, TUST's position and funding proposals will be issued shortly but some clarification is awaited from the club's advisers. It was agreed to issue a statement by the end of the week even if such details were unforthcoming.</p> <p>The possibility of a fans' forum was discussed but all agreed that there was little benefit in the short-term as there are too many unknowns and nothing to add to the statement. A forum will be considered in due course if necessary and would certainly be requested of any new owner(s).</p> <p>An invitation had been received from Argyle Seniors to attend their next meeting at the end of the month to talk about the current situation at TUFC. RC JG BC or MT to attend depending on the date. RW to liaise.</p>	<p>RW</p> <p>RW</p>
<p>24/2 8</p>	<p>Torquay United Community Sports Trust An invitation had been received from TUCST for a TUST board member to join its board. It was proposed that RW and BC meet the chair of TUCST for an informal chat in the first instance.</p>	<p>RW/BC</p>
<p>24/2 9</p>	<p>Football pyramid guidance JG advised that he had spoken to an officer at Devon FA who had been able to offer guidance on which level a phoenix club might expect to enter the pyramid and the application process and deadlines.</p>	
<p>24/3 0</p> <p>a)</p> <p>b)</p>	<p>Any other business</p> <p>A suggestion had been received from a member and club employee for TUST to provide funding for balloons, streamers and confetti at a future game to improve the matchday experience in the Family Stand. It was agreed to meet the proposed costs of £107 from the residual monies left in the Premier League Fans Fund.</p> <p>Some suggestions about TUST marketing ideas were considered and it was agreed to put this on the agenda for the next meeting.</p>	<p>RW</p>

c)	RC reminded the board that he was still keen to take advantage of the community grant available to start a project on the oral history of the club. JG volunteered to assist with this.	RC/JG
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The date of the next meeting was fixed for Monday 18th March 2024 at 6.30pm

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