



MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

Monday 14th August 2023

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

Apologies: Rob Burkitt (RB)

23/60	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 19th June 2023 The minutes of the meeting were tabled and approved.</p> <p>Minute 23/55 – RW enquired if there had been any feedback from the Club regarding TUST’s sponsorship of the VIP Treats. NB replied there had not but it was noted that the Club were publicising the continuation of the scheme for the current season.</p>	
23/61	<p>Relations with the Club NB opened the discussion by saying that whilst relations were virtually non-existent again, we should be looking forward and not dwelling on the past.</p> <p>With the two disappointing team performances that had opened the season there was overwhelming supporter criticism of the management with a majority disillusioned with Gary Johnston’s continued appointment. Some fans were calling for a boycott of games but the board unanimously agreed that such a move would be counter-productive.</p> <p>It was agreed that TUST must be seen to make a statement about the current situation and NB said he was proposing to draft something for all to consider for release by the end of the week. BC expressed concern that failure to take a strong stance may lead to a new group taking up the mantle at a time when TUST should be uniting supporters. SD wanted the statement to address those responsible for running of the Club, not the Club itself or team affairs.</p>	NB

d)	<p>New member procedure AB to set out the sign-up procedure so that others can assist if we get a sudden surge in applications.</p>	AB
23/64	<p>Partner organisations</p> <p>a) Torbay Council NB, RC & RW met with the new council leader and deputy, Dave Thomas and Chris Lewis, on 20th June. It had been a useful meeting and the councillors had confirmed their intention to retain the freehold of Plainmoor. NB had informed the previous Council leadership of the discussion.</p> <p>b) Kevin Foster MP NB, BC & RD met KF on 30th June and he had indicated his continuing support for TUST.</p> <p>c) Community Sports Trust (TUCST) TUST had been unable to approve an earlier request from TUCST to contribute to an inflatable dart board as the level of available funding was uncertain at the time. The board did, however, confirm its on-going commitment to supporting TUCST.</p> <p>Some concern was expressed over the condition of some of the equipment purchased with the Premier League Fans' Fund in 2018 including the Speed Goal. TUST had facilitated this but TUCST was responsible for storing and maintaining the equipment.</p> <p>d) Women's Team It had been agreed by the board via e-mail to sponsor four TUWFC players at £250 each plus the home game against Exeter City at £200. The first league game is on Sunday 20th August at Portishead.</p> <p>e) Torbay Well-being Walk Dom Bryant of Step One had been in touch with the Club but had been unable to arrange a joint initiative. Instead a partnership had been agreed with Cary Park Tennis Club and the first walk will take place from there on 1st September. TUST will publicise the event.</p> <p>f) Partners networking opportunity BC & MT had researched potential venues for the proposed Flock of Gulls meeting and it was agreed to use the Crown & Sceptre where a private room was available at no charge. A buffet would be provided and a budget of up to £10 per head was agreed. Tuesday 17th October was proposed as the date subject to the pub confirming availability. SD will draft a 'flyer' and RW will arrange to send these invites to the proposed attendees. It is hoped to attract 20-30 people. An agenda for the event to be agreed at the next meeting.</p>	SD RW

<p>23/65</p> <p>a)</p> <p>b)</p> <p>c)</p>	<p>Media & PR</p> <p>Facebook All attempts to reopen the TUST Facebook account had failed so a new page had been launched. TUST was also seeking approval to post on the Yellow Army Facebook page.</p> <p>FAQs BC had finalised the Frequently Asked Questions and it was agreed to post these to the website as soon as possible and to highlight several at a time in the Fan Zone column.</p> <p>Ian Twitchin Trophy It had finally been agreed by the Club to allow NB to present the 2022/23 Trophy for the most appearances to Mark Halstead after the Chippenham game on 15th August. TUFC will provide a photographer.</p>	
<p>23/66</p>	<p>Board membership MT & RC both indicated their willingness to continue serving as board members. Consideration was given to the level of board membership and any skills gaps that needed filling. Whilst greater diversity in the make-up of the board was desirable, there was no need to actively seek additional members at the present time.</p>	
<p>23/67</p> <p>a)</p> <p>b)</p>	<p>Any other business</p> <p>BC had been looking at the FSA guidance on copywrite law and advised the board accordingly.</p> <p>NB had been approached by ECFCST to ask for assistance with overseeing its election procedure. RW had agreed to assist on a reciprocal basis but had heard nothing yet.</p>	

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Monday 18th September 2023 at 6.30pm.

Chairman's signature.....Date