

Sheffield Wednesday Supporters Trust

Minutes Trust Board Meeting

Virtual Meeting

7:00pm 7th July 2020

Present: Steve Walmsley (SW), Ian Brandwood (IB), James Silverwood (JS), Tom Scott (TS), Jenni Smith (JSm), Tom Hocking (TH), Matt Millward (MM).

		Action
1.0	Minutes of the last meeting The notes of the Board Meeting on 26th June 2020 were approved as a correct record	
2.0	Matters Arising	
2.1	There were no matters arising as all issues were on the agenda for the meeting.	
3.0	Engagement with the Club	
3.1	Ian and James reported back on the meeting with Mr Chansiri and Trevor Braithwait which had been principally about building relationships and planning for more regular meetings in future. A draft statement following that meeting had been discussed with the club. The Board considered the draft and agreed that we should go back to the club to seek an amendment in respect of the regularity of meetings.	IB/JS

<p>3.2</p> <p>3.3</p>	<p>We would seek for that meeting to take place as soon as possible and for it to focus on the content of the first survey and with particular reference to the issue of ticket prices as this had been a major feature of the responses to the survey.</p> <p>In preparation for this meeting we will use the ideas from the survey and those of Steve Williams in developing our ideas.</p>	<p>I B/JS</p> <p>JS</p>
<p>4.0</p> <p>5.0</p> <p>6.0</p>	<p>Urgent Action Decisions</p> <p>Ian had presented proposals to establish an Executive Committee rather than an Urgent Action Committee for consideration by the Board. It was agreed that Board members would consider and feed their views back to Ian and/or the next Board meeting</p> <p>Board Development</p> <p>Steve had not had the time to develop the promised proposal but agreed to table something for the next meeting</p> <p>Translating Trust Strategy into Action</p> <p>This is linked to item 5 above. Board discussed the issues concerning anti-racist activity and how we need to build some action on diversity into the relevant section of Trust Strategy.</p> <p>Jenni to make contact with @antiracistowls</p> <p>Steve to talk with other contacts who may be able to assist the Trust in this regard.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>SW</p> <p>SW</p> <p>JSm</p> <p>SW</p>

<p>7.0</p> <p>7.1</p> <p>7.2</p> <p>7.3</p> <p>7.4</p>	<p>Communications and Engagement</p> <p>The strategy is now focused on the on-line launch. The date for that is dependent on confirmation of the bank account details. Once we are happy that the membership system works with recurring payments we are good to go.</p> <p>The strategy will require further work after the on-line launch has taken place.</p> <p>Tom H to do some further work on the report from the second survey</p> <p>Ian and James to continue as Spokespeople for the Trust pro-tem.</p>	<p>TS/TH/JSm</p> <p>JSm/TH</p> <p>TH</p> <p>IB/JS</p>
<p>8.0</p>	<p>EFL Disciplinary Commission</p> <p>We are aware that the nature of that decision may cause concern amongst fans if it is significantly negative, although we hope for a positive decision for the club. It was noted this may have some relevance to the launch of the Trust. James had drafted various statements on the possible outcomes and if Board members had not already commented they are invited to do so. James to finalise a statement in the light of the actual decision when it is known.</p>	<p>JS</p>

<p>9.0</p>	<p>Budget Planning</p> <p>Matt had taken advice from FSA and Fulham Supporters Trust. Draft budget had been prepared and shared with Board members for comment. Board agreed to take out public liability insurance, set membership fees at £10 for 12 months duration, seek to expand the membership 'retail offer' as we move on, and to utilise Stripe as the payment system on the website.</p>	<p>MM</p>
<p>9.1</p>	<p>Audit or Independent Review</p> <p>Matt reported on the issues and choice. Board agreed on cost and logistics grounds to follow suit with the majority of Trusts and take the Independent Review approach.</p>	<p>MM</p>
<p>10.0</p>	<p>Next Board Meeting</p> <p>It was agreed to meet next in approximately 2 weeks time but this may need to be flexible given the timescale for the on-line launch and possibly an EFL Disciplinary Commission decision.</p>	<p>SW</p>