

SWFC Trust Board 21st April

Present: Steve Walmsley, Nick Hopewell, David Lee, Richard Marsh, Matt Millward, and Ian Bennett.

Apologies: Jenni Smith and Tom Scott

Draft Minutes of 20 January 2022 were approved as a correct record. Note: The February Board meeting had been cancelled, and the March meeting was inquorate so the January meeting was the last meeting.

Matters Arising: None

Trust Secretary Role

Following the recent recruitment exercise it was agreed to appoint Victoria Shin and Miranda Clark to the role of Associate Secretary on a job-share basis, with a view to them both stepping up to be the Trust Secretary after the Trust AGM in July. Between now and then Steve will work with them to ensure they are confident to step up in July.

Specification for a Good Club Owner

The Trust had agreed to produce as a response to the outcome from the Trust Member Survey last year. Steve had prepared a draft that had been previously circulated for comments from Board members. Amendments around defining community more sharply and the inclusion of good corporate governance/transparency were agreed. Steve to consult FSA on draft and then to share with Trust members for comments on the principle, not on all the detail. Member consultation to be over a 2-week period.

Planning for the Trust AGM

It was agreed the AGM will take place on 19th July 2022 via Zoom video conference. We will explore the possibility of a post-meeting Q&A, possibly around the FLR with FSA. Steve to develop the agenda and required paperwork etc.

Board Elections 2022

Consistent with Trust rules the board identified 2 out of 6 elected board members to be subject to rotational election in 2022 following the full election in 2021. The two Board members were identified as Jenni Smith and Steve Walmsley.

It was agreed to seek Neil Le Milliere's agreement to be Chair of the EMG and to seek volunteers from amongst the membership to serve on the EMG along with the Associate Secretary.

Community/Club/Fan Partnership

The club had responded to our first communication by pointing us to the work done by the Community Foundation Community Programme and by asking us to raise the matter with the Engagement Panel that the Trust is excluded from. A follow up communication clarifying what we were seeking was a partnership not a community programme had not received a response from the club. It was agreed to report the factual position to Trust members and to the Hillsborough Community Partnership.

Community Project

Richard updated the board on where we are with the AGE Concern Tackling Loneliness/Dementia Project. It was agreed that the Trust will focus on the content of the sessions with AGE Concern organising the sessions.

Finance/Membership Report

Matt had circulated a written report. The 21/22 accounts will be independently examined by the same person who did it for the 20/21 accounts – hopefully completed by mid-May.

Matt will produce a similar finance report for 2022 AGM as for the 2021 AGM.

Directors and Officers Insurance had been paid and has been renewed.

AOB

Noted that the Club Engagement Panel had met in February with the minutes being published late February. Noted that minutes of meetings in November and December 2021, concerning season tickets for 22/23, had not been published.

Discussed the possibility of a Trust social event and Ian agreed to look at this.

Next Meeting

19th May 2022 at 7.15pm

Meeting Closed