

SWFC Trust Board 22 September 2021

Present: Steve Walmsley, Gary Slinn, Jenni Smith, Nick Hopewell, David Lee.

Apologies: Tom Scott, Richard Marsh, Matt Millward and Paul Smith.

Draft Minutes of 18 August 2021 were approved as a correct record.

Matters Arising

- The Star did publish an article on season ticket refunds.
- Draft minutes of the AGM are now on the Trust website.
- The board discussed a request from a board member to take some time away from Board decision making due to pressures on time from work and personal circumstances. The Board were sympathetic to the approach and Steve to discuss the details with the person concerned. **SW**
- Trust Secretary. The person appointed at the last meeting has now withdrawn due to a change in personal circumstances. Position to be advertised again. **SW**

Co-opted Board Members

Opportunities to be advertised via the Trust website and via other opportunities such as Colleges and Universities. **SW**

In-Person Meeting

Agreed to target 12.30pm before home game on 23rd October. Primary purpose is to discuss animating and putting into action the content of the Trust Action Plan.

Trust Action Plan

Current draft has been re-circulated. Any comments on content to be sent to Steve in advance of 23rd October so that focus on the 23rd can be on delivery of the Plan.

Follow Up to Engagement Panel Issues

Board discussed information received regarding how the decision had been arrived at between the club and other Panel members, whether to respond, and if so, how. Agreed to leave the position open for now but if a response is needed a letter to the club seeking clarification may be the preferred approach. **SW.**

Board Officer Reports

- **Finance** – Matt had circulated a written report. Change of formal address and return to FCA are in hand. Bank account mandate to be updated with 3 signatories – MM, GS and SW. **MM/SW**
- **Communications** – Need to recruit volunteers to deliver on day- to- day communications matters, with Jenni leading on strategy. **JS**
- **FSA Liaison** – Steve had circulated a written report on the FSA L1/L2 Network Meeting. Still a lot of energy behind the FLR and development of the final report. Also discussed #HerGameToo campaign. Jenni to contact SWFC Ambassador for the campaign to explore joint opportunities eg the Women's Game Webinar. **JS.**

- **Community** – Richard had shared a draft communication to Trust members on their views on the plan. Jenni to comment on communications angle and then to be included in a communication to members.

Any Other Business

Key Issues coming up are the outcome of ACV application (expected in October), the Charge over the stadium and the associated debt (key date 30 September) and the Fan Led Review (final report due by end October). Steve to meet with Jenni to discuss timing and content of any messages to club/members. **SW/JS.**

Next Meeting

It was agreed to establish a forward programme of monthly meetings in the 3rd week of the month on either Wednesday or Thursday. **SW**