



Sheffield Wednesday Supporters' Trust (the "Trust")

Board meeting held by video conference

on Thursday 4 March 2021

MINUTES

Minute

Action

Interim Directors

Gary Slinn	(GS)	Diversity & Inclusion Coordinator
Jenni Smith	(JSm)	Communications Coordinator
John Dyson	(JD)	Membership Coordinator
Matt Millward	(MM)	Treasurer
Nick Hopewell	(NH)	Interim Director
Steve Walmsley	(SW)	FSA Liaison Coordinator, Chairman
Tom Scott	(TS)	Website & Communications

In attendance

Paul Smith	(PS)	Secretary to the Trust Board
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The meeting started at 19:00. All were present.

2021-26 Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from the Chairman, James Silverwood (JS) and the Community Coordinator, Christopher Macdonald (CM). It was noted that JS had asked SW to chair the meeting.

2021-27 Minutes of previous meetings

Paper 1, the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on 17 February 2021, was approved.

2021-28 Chair's Update

The following items were discussed:

- Advisory Panel Update – it was noted the progress that had been made to date in forming the Advisory Panel and the expectation is that details of the panel members will be published in due course.
- Asset of Community Value (ACV) Update – JSm reported that Steve Chu had introduced her to the Hillsborough Forum, which comprises of local businesses and residents, as well as the three local councillors that report to Bob Johnson, the leader of the council.

2021-29 FSA Liaison Update

The following items were discussed:

- Club Engagement / Mediation – SW provided an update regarding the mediation process with Sheffield Wednesday Football Club (the "Club"), in conjunction with the FSA. It was

noted that the Club was holding off publishing the minutes of the Fan Engagement Panel (the "Panel") meeting that was held on 13 February 2021 until a form of words had been agreed (regarding the outcome of the mediation process) for inclusion in those minutes.

After a lengthy discussion, the Interim Directors agreed (6 votes in favour; 1 against) that a form of words should be sought to be agreed with the Club for inclusion in the minutes of the 13 February 2021 Panel meeting; it would therefore be expected that the Trust would have sight of the Panel's Terms of Reference for future consideration. It was unanimously agreed that the Board would **not** accept any wording which admitted that:

- (i) any breakdown in communication was entirely on the Trust's side; and
- (ii) there were inaccuracies in the Trust's statement to members (which was released on 29 January 2021).

SW was asked to take this forward.

SW

- b) AGM Action Plan – it was agreed that the date of the AGM is to be Wednesday 14 July 2021, to be held by video conference call. PS stated that, on that basis, the Notice of the AGM, together with Nomination Forms and an Election Pack is required to be issued by 19 May 2021 (i.e. 8 weeks prior to the AGM). PS is to draft the required election material in due course.

PS

2021-30 Finance – 28 February 2021 Report

Paper 2, the Finance Report, was noted. MM reported that the cash balance is £4,089.

Regarding the end of year accounts (to 31 March 2021), it was noted that MM is due to meet with the Independent Examiner to provide the necessary details and that the aim is to sign off the accounts by mid-April.

MM reported that he had been in touch with a few brokers to seek quotations for Directors and Officers insurance and that the one quote received provides cover as follows:

- £100k cover: premium of £125
- £250k cover: premium of £175
- £500k cover: premium of £225
- £2m cover: premium of £600

MM is to chase for further quotes for comparison and then an Urgent Action Decision is likely to be required in order to proceed with one of the quotations.

MM

2021-31 Membership Update

MM reported that 45 members joined in February, giving a total of 594.

JD stated that the pin badges would arrive by the end of March.

It was noted that 110 people have registered to attend the Round Table event on 24 March.

2021-32 Communications Update

JSm reported that the #3forDC hashtag had been shared over 13.8k times on Twitter and had had a reach of 170.3k.

It was noted that some BAU items are currently on hold and that there are two blogs, on relegation consequences and finance, that are due to be published.

2021-33 Diversity and Inclusion Update

GS reported that he is still actively seeking to make contact with different groups, including the LGBT+ University group and Rainbow Blades, the latter in an attempt to establish contact with Proud Owls.

2021-34 Any Other Urgent Business

SW advised that Deborah Dilworth from the FSA could attend Board meetings and / or arrange resilience training for Directors as and when required. SW is to follow this up.

SW

JSm reported that Barnsley FC had published a ticketing structure for the 2021-22 season and suggested that the Trust ought to be prepared for issuing a statement on the Club's ticket prices as and when it is published.

2021-35 Plan for Next Meeting

It was agreed to hold the next Board Meeting on Thursday 18 March 2021 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 21:00.