

SWFC Trust Board 19 May 2021

Present: James Silverwood, Steve Walmsley, Gary Slinn, Jenni Smith, Matt Millward, Tom Scott, Nick Hopewell and John Dyson. Apologies: Chris MacDonald and Paul Smith

Draft Minutes of 28th April 2021 were approved as a correct record.

Matters Arising

- Steve Chu to attend a future Board meeting to discuss the possible museum project.
JD/SW/PS
- Hillsborough constituency MP had responded positively to letter for football governance.
- Awaiting Rebecca Garlick biography and photo for Advisory Panel page on website.

Planning for Board Elections

- It was noted that Paul had circulated the AGM notice and election pack.
- Matt volunteered to co-ordinate the nomination process. **MW**

Post Relegation Issues/Survey of Member Views

Board members shared views on where the club and Trust currently are and what the next steps might be. We believe we have some momentum now and that there is a commonly held view that the club needs to be run differently.

- It was agreed that we now need to consult Trust members on what possible next steps they might or might not support, this in order to inform future planning for the Trust. This will take the form of a survey of member views on a range of matters with a plan to get this out to members in the next 2 weeks.
- We will ensure the methodology has been independently checked before it goes out.
- Any costs to be approved by an Urgent Action Committee decision.
- **SW/JSm/JD**

ACV Update

James updated the Board on the meetings with local councillors, where we are with the club, meeting with the Council solicitor, contacts with local schools and charities. We will need to gather support from MP's and councillors across the city. We will also need to include evidence in the bid as to community value etc. **JS with support from others as needed.**

Support & Organisation of Trust Volunteers

Jenni needs to do some further work on this before a Board conversation, possibly involving one of the volunteers in this. **JSm**

Board Officer Reports

- Chair – Covered by ACV above. But agreed that we will engage with CT and BL to seek to offer their advice and support to the club on strategy matters. **JS.**
- FSA – Detailed written report had been provided. The report and actions concerning the Engagement Panel, Female Fans, Women's Euros 2022 and the Women's Game were

approved. Note to go to Ashley Brown for evidence to be submitted for Fan Led Review of Football Governance. **SW**

- Membership – 634 members now. Badges are here and will go out after half-term. Future board discussion with Steve Chu re museum project. **JD**
- Finance – Accounts for year ending March 2021 are completed. Payments made for badges. Still chasing HMRC re taxation status. **MW**
- Communications – Communications Plan has been updated but need comments on it and on priorities via the OneDrive. **JSm/All**
- Diversity – Gary reported on changes at SWFC Ladies' and we will be continuing to build connections them and tie into Women's Game and Women's Euros activities. **GS**
- Community – Noted positively that Chris is feeling better. Community Impact Statements and Networking with Charities are key priorities. **JS/JSm**

Next Meeting

It was agreed the next meeting will be on Wednesday 9th June 2021 at 7.15pm – 9pm. **SW**