



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE 1867 SUPPORTERS' SOCIETY LIMITED**

Registered under the Co-Operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014

(FCA Registration Number 8399)

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Society Members

Held on 19 July 2023 at 7pm via Zoom

1. Attendance

There were 20 members present, as named below, and therefore the meeting was quorate.

Ian Bennett (Chair), Paul Smith (Secretary), Nick Hopewell, Tom Scott, David Lee, Matthew Millward, Gary Slinn, Neil Seepujak, Peter Bradbury, Richard Marsh, Thomas Hocking, Stephen Rogers, Erik Shmukler, Howard Mills, Lynda Priestley, Rachel Antcliffe, Robert Clulow, Roger Smith, Richard Cooling-Brown, Phiroze Mackenzie

In addition, guests Chris Ledger (Rainbow Owls) and James Mappin (WTID Podcast) were in attendance.

2. Apologies for non-attendance

No apologies had been received.

3. Minutes of the AGM held on 9 August 2022

The Minutes from the 2022 AGM were approved.

4. Accounts and Financial Report for the year to 31 March 2023

The written accounts and a financial report for the period ending 31 March 2023 were received and formally adopted, including the report of the Independent Examiner.

5. Authorisation *not* to undertake a full professional audit of the 31 March 2024 accounts

The members present gave their approval for the 31 March 2024 accounts to be independently examined (rather than having to carry out a full audit). It was noted that this is in accordance with Section 84 of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014.

6. Annual Report of the Board

A written report presenting an overview of key issues / achievements in the year to end March 2022 was received and approved.

I Bennett stated that there had been a change in emphasis regarding the Trust's strategy following the election of new members to the Board at the 2022 AGM and, in this respect, it was noted that the Board approved a revised set of aims in November 2022.

Following a question from R Cooling-Brown, a discussion took place regarding the Trust's efforts to re-engage with the Club and the Club's Supporters Engagement Panel. I Bennett stated that his opinion is that the Club and the Engagement Panel have got a wrong impression of the Trust's current Board, which is based on relationships the Club had had with previous Board members; it was noted that the Engagement Panel is going to review the position in February 2024. In addition, I Bennett stated that the Chairman of the Club, Dejphon Chansiri, recently made comments at a Fans Forum about the Trust which indicated that he did not understand the purpose of the Trust (i.e. that the Trust is a supporters group that wants to work with the Club, and is *not* an investment vehicle that wants to take over the Club).

N Hopewell made some further comments regarding the Trust's work to secure ACV status for Hillsborough and issues regarding breaches of confidentiality when the Trust was part of the Engagement Panel. N Hopewell stated that the Trust's wish was for the new Board to establish a positive relationship with the Club and the Engagement Panel, and for all parties to work together in a constructive way.

7. Affirmative ballot regarding Board elections

P Smith stated that the elections had been managed by the Elections Management Group and was chaired by an independent person from outside of the Trust, Neil Le Milliere, of the Exeter City Supporters Trust.

P Smith summarised the election report and members voted to approve the five nominees en bloc. The following members were therefore appointed as Directors of the Society – Peter Bradbury, Tom Scott, Neil Seepujak, Paul Smith and Phiroze Dastur Mackenzie. The Trust now has eight elected Directors, which includes continuing Directors Ian Bennett, Richard Marsh and David Lee.

8. Members resolutions

No resolutions from members had been received by the Secretary before the deadline of 16 June 2023, so there were none to consider.

9. Board resolutions

There were no proposed resolutions from the Trust's Board.

10. Matters requiring no resolution and which may be put to a vote

P Smith stated that willing volunteers are always welcome to assist with the Trust's activities. No other matters were raised under this item.

11. Close of Meeting

The formal part of the meeting closed at 7:30pm.

An informal meeting of Trust members then took place, with James Mappin (WTID Podcast) and Chris Ledger (Rainbow Owls) providing an overview of their respective roles / organisations and taking related questions from members. The informal part of the meeting closed at 8:15pm.