



Board Meeting (virtual)

MINUTES

8:30pm – 7 May 2024

Present: Ian Bennett (IB), Paul Smith (PS), Peter Bradbury (PB), David Lee (DL), Phiroze Mackenzie (PM), Richard Marsh (RM)

Apologies: Neil Seepujak (NS), Tom Scott (TS)

Note: due to time constraints, no papers were distributed prior to the meeting and items for consideration were proposed during the meeting. The items listed in the Minutes table below were discussed.

Minute		Action
1.0	<p>SWFC 'Legends' event</p> <p>DL reported that the event is to take place on Friday 10 May 2024 at 7pm in the Derek Dooley suite at Hillsborough. PB and DL are to ensure that the attendee list is provided to the Club prior to the event.</p>	PB / DL
2.0	<p>The Wednesday Fans Alliance (WFA)</p> <p>PM reported that a manifesto was considered by the WFA at the meeting that was held on 1 May 2024. In addition, a statement has been drafted for public release; PM is to circulate this to the Board for comment.</p> <p>As a general update from the 1 May 2024 meeting, PM reported that Dave Rose (deputy CEO of the FSA) did a great job of chairing the meeting and Clive Betts MP gave a good update regarding progress of the Football Governance Bill. It was noted that an Open Forum is to be scheduled for some future point.</p>	PM
3.0	<p>Members</p> <p>PB provided the following update regarding the Trust's membership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Members: 484 - Previous Members now classed as Members: 108 - Total Members: 592 - Associates (signed up by handwritten form): 114 - Associates (signed up online): 26 - Total Associates: 140 - Grand Total (Members + Associates): 732 <p>DL mentioned that a QR code on the sign-up forms would help to make the sign-up process quicker.</p>	

<p>4.0</p>	<p><i>PS left the meeting</i></p> <p>Closed session</p> <p>A brief closed session was held without the Secretary (PS) present.</p> <p><i>PS joined the meeting</i></p>	
<p>5.0</p>	<p>Safety Advisory Group (SAG)</p> <p>A summary of the most recent SAG meeting was noted, alongside a resume from DL contained in an email dated 18 April 2024. A short discussion took place regarding the Club's approach to dealing with EDI issues; RM and DL are to consider this further.</p> <p>PS reported that a member of the Financial Planning Working Group potentially had some neurodiverse experience to share with RM. PS is to arrange contact in this respect.</p>	<p>RM / DL</p> <p>PS</p>
<p>6.0</p>	<p>Accounts</p> <p>PB reported that the Trust's 31 March 2024 accounts had been sent to Katie Hirst (ELM Financial) a couple of weeks ago and the audited accounts should be available in time for the AGM.</p>	
<p>7.0</p>	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>It was agreed to hold the next meeting via Zoom on Tuesday 11 June 2024 at 8pm.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9:30pm.</p>	