



## Board Meeting - Minutes

### Date:

14<sup>th</sup> February 2026, 11.30am

### Attended

Ian Bennett (IB)  
 Kelly Barrett (KB)  
 Steve Chu (SC)  
 Paul Taylor (PT)

Mark Johnson (MJ)  
 Jake Lee (JL)  
 Tom Scott (TS)

### Apologies

Otto Brookes (OB)  
 Rob Brookes (RB)  
 James Silverwood (JS)

Topic	
<p><b>1. Welcome and apologies</b></p> <p>SC welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted the apologies.</p>	
<p><b>2. Approval of Minutes – 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026</b></p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting were approved.</p>	
<p><b>3. Trust management accounts</b></p> <p>SC introduced the accounts and noted there is still over £16k in the bank account. The end of January position was £16.9k. Since then we have paid £500 for the Fair Game conference and £220 for the Hillsborough Memorial.</p> <p>It was confirmed that membership income should continue to come in through the year but not everyone is renewing. We need to accept that membership will drop to more usual levels but we should attempt to minimise cancellations. SC said the membership list was reconciled by Martin Cade up to the end of November. SC and TS need to update this and then Paul Smith is willing to support.</p> <p>It was agreed that we should not allow Trust funds to go below £5k.</p> <p>In respect of the Fair Game conference, we have 4 places. MJ and RB have previously indicated they would like to go for both days. JL and IB are also available both days and would like to attend. SC is available Wednesday and some of Tuesday. TS on Tuesday. SC to seek extra tickets. SC has been asked to speak on the Wednesday, he is happy to swap to someone else if they would prefer to speak for us.</p>	<p><b>SC/TS</b></p> <p><b>SC to notify Fair Game</b></p>

<p>MJ reported that a recently retired Wednesday fan who has been a career Finance Director is willing to help manage the Trust accounts. MJ to provide contact details to SC.</p>	<p><b>MJ</b></p>
<p><b>4. Update and discussion re preferred bidder/process to sell the club</b></p> <p>SC referred to the minutes of the meeting with the EFL, which had previously been circulated. IB referred to the discussion about the fan buyout option and asked if this needs to be reconsidered. SC said he understands that Clive Betts' belief is that Bord will be rejected and the remaining bidders will not pay the £30m, but will not go through with a purchase if a 15-point penalty is incurred – which means there is a possibility that we will be without a buyer.</p> <p>MJ said he feels a buyout option involving the Trust should be worked up confidentially in the background but that it should not be fronted by the Trust Board. We need to find someone independent of us to lead it, and work up what it could look like.</p> <p>All agreed we need to begin to work up something in the background. SC said he believed JS and RB would want to be involved. IB, MJ and SC would all like to as well. TS is willing to if needed.</p> <p>Regarding a meeting with the Bord group, all agreed we would await an invitation to a meeting from the consortium. It is recorded in the EFL minutes that Begbies Traynor would facilitate this.</p> <p>All agreed with the current public position being adopted by the Trust in respect of the takeover process, and with the research and influencing work being done in the background.</p> <p>It was noted that, this week, approaches have been made to numerous Board members by representatives of Charlie Methven, likely instigated by Symon Quick, seeking confidential information to help them develop a business plan to make a bid for the club. All agreed the Trust would not engage with these requests, and refer them to Begbies Traynor.</p>	
<p><b>5. Update of Trust Board and sub-group roles</b></p> <p>SC said that the original purpose of this face-to-face meeting was to work out how the Trust Board transitions from being a “war cabinet” to a peacetime one but, as things have developed in the past few weeks, it feels we are not ready to begin that process. All agreed.</p> <p>SC reflected that in the autumn we structured ourselves into clear roles and sub-committees but these have inevitably become less clear since going into Administration. He asked whether we need to reallocate tasks to make sure everyone feels involved and that they have a job to do.</p> <p>MJ said that some people do still have clear jobs to do, and need help with them. He feels we currently need more networking/buddying to ask others to help where needed.</p> <p>JL agreed that it feels like we have lost a bit of structure but is happy with how things are at the moment. TS and IB also said they are happy.</p>	

<p>PT said he feels the community and diversity side of the Trust's work is still moving on, particularly with the development of the Youth Forum</p> <p>TS said he feels we need to re-address issues that some fans are feeling with their mental health, given to prolonged nature of the Administration process.</p> <p>SC said we should continue as we are for now, but encouraged everyone to raise with JS if they feel excluded, or want to get involved in other parts of Trust work.</p>	
<p><b>6. AGM planning</b></p> <p>JL said James Todd from SWFC was going to suggest some dates in May. There was a discussion about the best time to hold an AGM.</p> <p>JL to ask SWFC for availability during WB 11 and 18 May</p> <p>SC/MJ to work on convening an election committee</p>	<p><b>JL</b></p> <p><b>SC/MJ</b></p>
<p><b>7. AOB</b></p> <p>JL explained that the supplier over-produced by 2,000 scarves – these weren't ordered by the Trust. The Club has sold 750 but the supplier is left with 1,250. We can't store them and don't want to commit Trust funds to buy them at risk.</p> <p>All agreed the first priority is to see if the club will sell them – they have been doing so with a mark-up. For any that are left, we are willing to take some or all of them dependent on the deal available. JL to negotiate with the supplier – the Board gave JL delegated authority to commit to spending up to £2,500.</p> <p>PT raised the request of interviewees for Luke Williams's documentary. All agreed we should only put forward volunteers who have been involved in supporting Trust work. Luke would have to source representatives from other groups.</p> <p>JL said that after initial issues, he is liaising with Rainbow Owls, SODA, the Women's Supporters' Group, and Armed Forces Owls to give them 10 tickets each to distribute for the Leicester game. The Trust tickets will go to the Youth Forum.</p> <p>It was agreed that OB should be asked to liaise with Leicester supporters' groups to see how we can best support them, given their ownership situation, particularly at our match on April 6.</p> <p>TS asked how best we can live stream the Youth Forum meeting. JL to liaise with WTID.</p> <p>MJ reflected back to the AGM discussion – we should develop ideas to use it as an opportunity to celebrate everything Wednesday.</p> <p>KB noted there 3 mascot vacancies left – JL to liaise with the Women's Group to enable them to use one at the Watford game in support of International Women's Day.</p>	<p><b>JL</b></p> <p><b>OB</b></p>
<p><b>Date of Next Meeting: Sat 14<sup>th</sup> March, 11.30-1.00, New Barrack Tavern</b></p>	