

MEETING NOTES

Board Meeting 2015-08

Monday 9th November 2015, 6:30pm

Attendees

Elected Board Members

M Gretton (Chairman)	✓	R Kerr	✓
M Scott (Secretary)	✓	A Mills	✓
A Hemingway (Treasurer)	✓	R Skelton	✓
G Bielby	✓	C Smith	✓
R Harmer	✓	Co-opted Board member	
		F Beill	☒

1. Apologies

Received from F Beill.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

R.Skelton minuted previously that the HCST board were not attending the away game at Sheffield Wednesday in lieu of the club's highest priority ticket pricing. This should have stated that none of the directors present indicated that they were planning to go – it was not any form of protest.

3. Matters Arising

The "Twenty's Plenty" banner was taken to the Nottingham Forest away game by C.Smith and Hull City and Forest fans met for a photo opportunity prior to the game.

4. Board Decision Making

The board discussed the recent communications through the website and newsletter and agreed on the required process for ratification. A minimum requirement of three board directors will approve contentious communication.

Also discussed was the regularity of Trust related articles hitting the website and it was agreed that we need more communication through the website on issues such as the Heritage Issue taken up with Supporters' Direct, use of "Hull City Tigers" by the club and the lack of FWG meetings.

Hull City Supporters' Trust is the trading name of Tigers Co-operative Limited, a Community Benefit Society registration number 29021R.

The registered address is

HCST, Suite 2, 117-119 Walkergate, Beverley, HU17 9BP.

Elected Trust Board Members (8): G Bielby, R Harmer, A Hemingway (Treasurer), R Richardson (Interim Chairman), A Mills, M Scott (Secretary), R Skelton, C Smith.

Co-opted Trust Board Member (1): F Beill

The Hull City Supporters' Trust Partners are:

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5. **Anlaby Road Project**

C.Huby met with board members C.Smith and A.Hemingway to discuss the project plan and has tweaked and re-issued the plan to the whole HCST board. C.Huby has also provided the HCST board with the first draft of the Artist's brief.

6. **HCST Membership Recruitment and Retention**

G.Bielby made some suggestions for membership renewals including founder member status and "Recruit a friend".

C.Smith suggested producing car stickers as a membership incentive.

R.Kerr suggested a longer membership period than 1 year.

7. **Partner of the Week Initiative**

A.Mills progressing new ways to publicise the partners on the website and the newsletter. He will also re-draft the partner of the week invitation.

8. **Middle Child Theatre Project**

The board discussed the project and agreed that its aims are still those explained to the Trust at the original meeting with MC. Chair M.Gretton spoke to MC and agreed with them that fans may want to move on from the name change leading to a slight change in the scope of the project. Research interviews will next take place on 16th Nov at Minerva.

9. **Action Plan Updates**

The trust was invited to host the Football Supporters' Federation roadshow but are struggling to find a suitable date based around a home game so will have to pass on this occasion.

The board discussed a proposal for an event in February from C.Smith.

10. **Board Updates**

Membership

> Current number of shareholders and junior members is 1,138.

11. **Any Other Business**

C.Cooper resigned from his board position. Chairman M.Gretton requested that the minutes recognise C.Cooper's contribution to the Trust and the "City Till We Die" campaign run prior to the Trust's formation. A replacement is not required immediately as number of directors remains healthily above minimum required by the constitution (six) but A.Mills will draft an invitation to members for a co-opted member interested in FSF.

R.Harmer requested that the newsletter be used to ask members if any issues need raising at the next Safety Advisory Group (SAG) meeting.

Note was made of communication from the club regarding the sale of embroidered shirts.

12. **Dates of next Board meetings**

- > Monday 25th January 2016
- > Monday 21st March 2016 (to avoid Easter Monday)
- > Monday 23rd May 2016