
MEETING NOTES

Board Meeting 2019-05

Monday 23rd September, 6:30pm

Attendees

Board Members Present

G Bielby (GB), Chairman
 P Fleming (PF), Treasurer
 G Cannon (GC), Vice Chairman
 S Pye (SP)
 D Johnson (DJ)
 D Batte (DB)
 R Anson (RA)
 J Cannon (JC), Secretary

Guests

M Frampton
 M Rayner

1. Apologies

No Apologies were received

2. Minutes of the previous Meeting

The minutes from the previous Board meeting on July 29th were reviewed and accepted as an accurate record.

3. Matters Arising

JC confirmed that she had received all required information/items from Rich Mathers regarding the Secretaries role. The Registered address will be transferred to JC.

No meeting with Hull City Council has taken place, but Stephen Brady has been approached for our annual meeting with him and Matt Jukes to include the renewal of the Asset of Community Value listing on the KCOM Stadium (Due in Feb 2020).

Members Consultation survey completed.

4. Report from EFL National Network Meeting

GB and Richard Farrow (Hull City Southern Supporters) had attended – There was a plea for more fans groups to affiliate to the FSA.

Working Group formed to look into Ticket Pricing & Safe Standing campaign is progressing.

GB distributed the Agenda earlier – minutes will be sent out when received.

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, 280 Ings Road, Hull East Yorkshire HU8 0LZ

Elected Trust Board Members (9): G Bielby (Chairman), G Cannon (Vice-Chairman), P Fleming (Treasurer), S Pye, I Bunton, D Johnson, R Anson, D Batte, B Hadgraft
Trust Secretary: R Mathers

The Hull City Supporters' Trust Partners are:

COMMUNITY – Dementia Friendly East Riding, Hull & East Yorkshire MIND, Hull City Ladies FC
RETAIL - Aspects Opticians, Brookes Menswear, Dinostar, Dutton Moore Accountants, EasyPeasyPrint, Essence Holistics, Finesse Internet, Frank Pullen Butchers (Cottingham), Frying Farmer Fish & Chips (Aldborough), Fudges Den Holiday Cottage (Filey), Hornsea Walking Football Club, Hull Kingston Radio, IT Forward, Leasing for Business, Nudge Websites, Photo Express, Rob McFadyen ADI, Ska & Soul, Skin Deep Aesthetics, The 'H' Shop, Wags & Whiskers, William Gemmill Social Club, Wine On-Line, Zip Dry Cleaners.



5. Minster Shirts

Designs sent out via Slack. There should be no copyright issues - Bonus have been approached on the use of their logo as a courtesy. **ACTION: GB to confirm with Community Partners that it was ok to have their logos on the shirts.**

6. Director Activities/Proactivity

DB stated that 3 Directors had not returned their Director Profiles. Some were not comfortable with the format of them. DB pointed out that there had been no feedback to that effect prior to the meeting **ACTION: Directors to fill out a Director profile in a format which they are comfortable with.**

More proactivity is needed from Directors.

7. Social Events Ideas/Donations

GB stated that he had received donations of memorabilia from Henry Priestman for auction. Mark Herman had contacted GB regarding an offer of a Film Night and Q & A afterwards. It is a possibility that the memorabilia could be auctioned at the same event.

8. Newsletter

New style newsletter had been issued – agreed that the new format and monthly frequency was good. **ACTION: Remember to include the Partners in it.(DB).**

It was agreed to publicise the need for local Junior Football Volunteers in the newsletter. **ACTION: DB to follow up**

9. Tigers Trust

DB & GB will be attending a meeting with the Tigers Trust on 1st October to explore how the two organisations can work together in the future. There was some concern as to how working with us might affect their relationship with the club.

10. Club Contact

JC stated that in light of the departure of Vicky Beercock from the club not approach had yet been made. It was agreed to wait a few weeks before approaching her replacement. **ACTION: JC to contact the club when VB's replacement confirmed.**

11. Hull City Ladies Football Club

GB has met Danny Johnson to discuss how we could work together. They were happy for us to be involved, but we considered that the current sponsorship seemed very high (£700 for Shirt Sponsorship) **ACTION: GB to approach and ask what could be done for our previous sponsorship amount (£350).**

12. HCST Partners

Business partners: **ACTION: Contact to see if they are still offering benefits to members (JC & GC) and publicise them as partners on Social Media.**

Google Drive Update: All working well.

13. HCST Sub-Groups

Due to the lack of recent proactivity by the various sub-Groups, all are required to have held update meetings prior to the next Board meeting. It was agreed that meetings can take any format including the use of Skype, Google chat, Skype etc

The Membership sub-group will meet on 8th October

ACTION: All sub-Groups to have met and prepared updates prior to next Board meeting.

14. HCST Media Requests

No requests for statements/interviews received from media.

15. Board Updates

Chairman

– No further updates

Treasurer

- PF stated that there had been no material change in the accounts - £200 in, £200 out.



Merchandise

- SP stated that the Shirts were on-going with MIND and Dementia logos on the sleeves.

Secretary

-JC advised that on examination of the Membership Spreadsheet, we appear to have fewer members than previously reported.

ACTION: Numbers to be checked (JC & GC)

16. HCST Aims & Objectives Review

The Aims & Objectives were reviewed and remain unchanged.

17. AOB

- GB Update re: Hull City Supporters Committee: Contact with Debora Dilworth (FSA) is chasing, but other clubs issues are more of a priority (Bolton, Bury etc.)

- No official response to Kieran McGuire's analysis of the recently released Club Accounts.

Next meetings

- **Board Meeting – Monday 11th November 2019**



HULL CITY SUPPORTERS TRUST AIMS & OBJECTIVES 2018/19

Short-term objectives

- (1) Bring about the return of concession tickets for the young, old and disabled Campaign to bring back proper concessions with no restrictions and fair prices across the board. This will be a big step towards Hull City becoming a happy club again and in the long-term could make a huge difference to the club's future support.
- (2) Restore the use of the club's proper name. Push for the consistent use of only Hull City, Hull City AFC or The Tigers by the club. The use of incorrect names is something that we know angers supporters and needs to be remedied in order to move forward.
- (3) Engage in continued meaningful dialogue with Hull City. Maintain a relationship with the club to consult on matters which affect supporters. This can prevent major, disruptive issues such as the concessions situation and associated fallout, but also quickly address more minor issues in calmer times.

Medium-term objectives

- (4) Strengthen FA heritage rules Engage with the FA to implement rules protecting the heritage of clubs to prevent future unwanted name change attempts or similar.
- (5) Support national supporter initiatives This includes pressing for legislation to reform football and including supporter representation on club boards as well as the campaign for safe standing and the 'Twenty's Plenty' ticket price initiative.
- (6) Anlaby Road Tribute Project Develop a lasting tribute to the original Anlaby Road ground and potentially some of the players who played there.

Long-term objectives

- (7) Giving supporters a voice on the Board In football things can change fast and we need to be ready. This isn't about grabbing power for the sake of it, this is about ensuring that fans become positively involved with the Club and exert influence at the highest level.
- (8) Bringing benefits to community assets Hull City is more than a football club, it is part of the community. It is part of the city's soul, and in the Stadium, it is part of the city's infrastructure. We want to explore how we can ensure supporters get a say in how these community assets are managed and developed in the future.