

MEETING NOTES

Board Meeting 2020-01

Monday 13th January 2020, 6:30pm

Attendees

Board Members Present

G Bielby (GB), Chairman
 P Fleming (PF), Treasurer
 G Cannon (GC), Vice Chairman
 S Pye (SP)
 R Anson (RA) via Telephone
 J Cannon (JC), Secretary

M Frampton (MF)
 M Raynor (MR)

1. Apologies

None Received as all Board members were present.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

The Minutes from the previous Board meeting on 11th November 2019 were reviewed and accepted as an accurate record.

3. Matters arising

No matters arising that would not be covered within this meeting.

4. Aims and Objectives (GB/All)

It was agreed that the short term objectives should be reviewed and that the old objectives on concessions and consistent use of the club's proper name should be removed, as these had now been implemented. Discussions ensued regarding the new aims and wording that should be used. GB provided a possible draft and Board members were asked to consider these and report back. **(ALL)**.

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 (8): G Bielby (Chairman), G Cannon (Vice-Chairman), P Fleming (Treasurer), S Pye, M Frampton, R Anson, M Raynor

Trust Secretary: J Cannon

The Hull City Supporters' Trust Partners are:

COMMUNITY – Dementia Friendly East Riding, Hull & East Yorkshire MIND, Hull City Ladies FC
RETAIL - Aspecs 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.



The medium and long term objectives should also be reviewed and amended or re-worded as necessary. Board members were asked to review and provide feedback. **(ALL)**

5. Allam letters and Club contact.

After GB's letter to the Allams regarding a reconciliation a response had now been received from the vice-chairman of the Club. GB to respond with New Year greetings.

It was agreed that shirt sales should be brought up in discussions, mentioning the charity donations, and that permission be sought regarding the use of old Club crests.

A new request would be sent regarding the Trust having a seat at the supporter's committee and it was suggested that perhaps a face to face meeting requested with the Vice Chairman of the Club to discuss how we could progress. GB would put a letter together and agree with Board Members before sending.

It would also be mentioned when the Trust AGM is taking place.

It was considered that a motion regarding the Trust's leadership be put to members for comments at the AGM. Wording should be agreed on slack **(GB, ALL)**.

A possibility to be considered is that GB remain on the Board, but not as Chairman, possibly as National Liaison Officer. **(GB, ALL)**.

6. AGM Planning and Annual Report.

The AGM is planned for 14th March 2020 at the William Gemmell.

The Annual Report format is already set up and will be produced as last years.

The Secretary's Report should be prepared.

Content headers should be supplied by all Board Members. **(ALL)**.

7. Election Management Group.

JC gave an overview on the current Board election process, where 6 positions need confirmation.

SP had completed 3 years service and therefore would be required to stand again, if he wished to continue.

As MF and MR had initially been co-opted members they would also need to stand, if they wished to continue.

If all 3 stood and were elected there would therefore be 3 new board members would be required.

The Electoral Management Group (EMG) had been formed as per the rules and would consist of the Secretary, one existing member (not a member of the Board) and one non-member, who would act as Chairman.

8. Minster Sports - Shirts

There were questions over the number of shirts sold. This had been taken up with J Uttley.

Payment had also been chased and had been advised that it was on its way.

There are questions regarding the commission paid to the Trust. This appeared to have been capped, however when queried it was said there was a new proposal. A meeting had been arranged for Thursday when hopefully the position could be clarified.

The Twitter account for Minster Sports had been run by Mark Leighton of S Ferriby and had now been closed but was not of concern.

Minster Sports had asked when a new design was wanted. It was proposed that the Arrow Air, Ridings Bitter and possibly a 1970's shirt should be next. A suggestion was made that a poll be taken to ask members and fans which they would prefer. Alternatively that we ask fans for their suggestions. It was felt that we should restrict the number of shirt designs so as not to flood the market all at once.(GB).

9. Newsletter.

It was agreed by all that David Batte had done a good job whilst editing the Newsletter.

GC recommended that we go back to the previous format, sending it out on a weekly/ fortnightly basis by e-mail, as he felt it got to more members in this way.

This was felt to be the right way and it was suggested that Hull City Early Years should be contacted on Twitter to ask if they would be willing to contribute. Likewise Martin Batchelor should be asked regarding programmes. **(GB)**

10. Fantastic Fanatics.

This is a retail kickback site from which the Trust could generate some income. Their website is now up and running and is successful in Scotland, however they wish to expand into the English market, beginning in the North. Anyone buying from the site would generate income for the Trust. GB would view the possibility of becoming retail partners and possibly introduce local retailers to them.

It was agreed and they would be asked to contact RA to set this up. **(RA)**

11. ACV Renewal.

GC had telephoned Hull City Council however had difficulty in finding anyone who knew anything about this. GC had then emailed Nick Howbridge at HCC to clarify if this should be treated as a new application or a renewal. GC would follow this up and proceed as necessary. **(GC)**

12. HCST Sub Groups

Community

No Community meeting had been held, but there had been activity regarding the shirts and charity partners as well as Hull City Ladies. A meeting would be arranged before the next Board meeting. **(SP)**.

Business

Fantastic Fanatics to be added as a new business partner.

Membership

Sub group meeting to be organised shortly.



Communications

n/a.

12. Board Updates.

Chairman.

The only update was regarding shirts which had already been covered

Treasurer

The Board had been e-mailed copies.

Bank account £8000

Pay-Pal £3000

There had only been one renewal to report and it was agreed that there should be an e-mail shot and a membership drive. It would be useful if some ex-players could give some support.

Expenses related to domain renewals.

Secretary

Nothing to report apart from the lack of renewals.

Merchandising

A few scarves had been sold and 2 of the Trust's shirts had been sold to New Zealand

13. AOB

No matters were raised.

14. Next Meeting

Board Meeting Monday 17th February 2020 6:30 p.m. at the William Gemmell.

The meeting closed at 8:15 p.m.



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.