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# **MEETING NOTES**

Board Meeting 2020-04

Monday 29th June 2020, 6:30pm (Held via Zoom)

#### **Attendees**

Board Members Present
G Bielby (GB), Chairman
P Fleming (PF), Treasurer
G Cannon (GC), Vice Chairman
S Pye (SP)
M Frampton (MF)
J Cannon (JC), Secretary

R Anson (RA)) M Raynor (MR)

# I. Apologies

None Received as all Board members were present.

## 2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

The Minutes from the previous Board meeting on 11th May 2020 were reviewed and accepted as an accurate record.

## 3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising that would not be covered in the meeting

# 4. AGM Review (All)

The AGM having been conducted on-line which consisted of the publication of the Annual Report and Accounts, together with a video of the Chairman/Secretary/Treasurers report had been well 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, 4 Queen Elizabeth Way, Barton, North Lincs DN18 6AJ

**Elected Trust Board Members (7):** 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.



There had been votes cast by 65 Members who unanimously agreed that no audit would be required and that the three nominees should be elected to the board of the Trust.

No gueries had been raised.

It was agreed that this way of proxy voting had worked well and it should be considered to do something similar next year in addition to the normal AGM at the William Gemmell as it enabled those members who do not live locally to participate more easily.

#### 5. Post AGM Board Structure

M Raynor and M Frampton were welcomed as full members of the Board and S Pye confirmed as being reelected.

G Bielby had previously considered his position as Chairman, however the Board re-elected him as Chairman as a temporary measure. This would be re-considered when the season had finished and we knew which league the Club would be in. This could have ramifications regarding the Trusts representation on the National Council which GB was a part of.

GC was re-elected as Vice Chairman

PF was re-elected as Treasurer

SP was re-elected as merchandising officer

JC was to remain as Secretary

## 6. World Retro Shirt Designs

World Retro were keen to introduce new shirt designs and had asked for feedback on their website and through social media.

It was suggested that the Trust ask for feedback on our own media platforms to obtain feedback on the next 2 shirt designs. This was also seen as a way of engaging fans. (GC & SP).

#### 7. Funds Distribution

There was an amount of approx. £400 owed by World Retro from shirt sales. Three local charities had been earmarked for donations from these proceeds. PF was to look at the funds available and advise on a suitable amount to be given to each. (PF).

# 8. The Athletic/ Fallout/ Club reactions

The article which had been published regarding the running of the club had attracted a lot of media and public attention.

The general reaction had not been detrimental to the Trust and there had been positive feedback regarding the Trusts professionalism.



The FSA have been very supportive toward the Trust and its Chairman (GB).

# 9. Membership

There had been a good increase in membership renewals, particularly noticeable after the article in The Athletic. There had been an increase in Life members and there had also been some new members.

It was noted that the list of Life Members on the website had not been updated for some time. The up to date list would be forwarded to RA and SP for updating. (GC, RA, SP).

## 10. Newsletter Resumption

The newsletter had been on hold whilst there had been no football. It was decided that now the season had resumed the newsletter would begin again. (GC).

## 11. ACV Renewal for KCOM Stadium

There had still been no response by Hull City Council regarding this. GC would chase them up again and GB would contact property department to try and get things moving again. (GC& GB).

#### 12. AOB

No items were raised.

The meeting closed at 7:35 p.m.



# HULL CITY SUPPORTERS TRUST AIMS & OBJECTIVES 2019/20

## **Short-term objectives**

- Encourage Hull City to engage in meaningful dialogue with Hull City Supporters in accordance with the Department of Digital Culture Media and Sport (DCMS) Guidelines and as directed by the EFL (Currently Regulation R118). Maintain a relationship with the club to consult on matters which are important to supporters and enable potential issues to be avoided with successful outcomes. The Aim is for Hull City to become a harmonious club again..
- Through effective dialogue with FSA, EFL and the Club encourage the reintroduction of Disabled Concessions. Although a minority of other clubs have similar policies ensure Disabled fans are treated fairly in accordance with common practice.
- Monitor and encourage 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.

# **Medium-term objectives**

- 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.
- 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.
- 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

- 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.
- 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.