



MEETING NOTES

Board Meeting 2022-10

Monday 3 1st October 2022 at 8:30pm (via Zoom)

Attendees

Board Members Present

P. Fleming (PF)
C. Stern (CS)
G. Bielby (GB)
A. Northgraves (AN)

M. Frampton (MF)
P. Thornes (PT)
M. Bateman (MB)
R. Gay (RG)

P. Tarbitten -Secretary
(PJT)

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from R. Anson.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting (03/10/2022)

The minutes were unanimously approved without amendment.

3. Matters Arising from previous Minutes not on Today's Agenda.

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

4. HCST Aims and Objectives.

GB reported that feedback was still to be received from 2 Subject Matter Experts. A set of comments had been received and would be distributed to Board Members in the next couple of days. It was confirmed that the completed Aims and Objectives would be distributed to all members with a chance to comment prior to be ratified.



5. Club Contact – Update.

- Ann Holland, the Club Supporter Liaison Officer has confirmed that Support Committee meetings will be reintroduced (initial meeting probably in the week commencing 14th November. CS will attend as the Trust's representative.
- PJT has sent an email to Ann Holland to see if anything is planned for the 20th Anniversary of the MKM. As of yet, no response has been received.

6. Sponsorship sub-committee.

No update provided by RA.

7. Working with Her Game Too

GB has been in discussion with Her Game and is looking to be appointed the Hull City Ambassador in the near future. This plays well into the Trust's drive for equality and inclusivity in all areas of the game.

8. Director Skills Audit

Still 2 sets of input missing - please update asap. Over the coming weeks, PJT will be discussing the role of Director with all Board members to set expectations and set expectations on possible workloads. There will be a lot of initiatives that need to be supported over coming months so it is key to understand what level of support can be given by the Board.

9. Disabled Supporters / Level Playing Fields (LPF)

Still waiting for the LPF Survey to be able to approach the club.

Unfortunately, the proposed co-opted director for Disabled Supporter Liaison hasn't enough time to take the role on, so the search for someone continues. PJT will propose a job specification and a recruitment drive.

10. Newsletter

Draft skeleton for the newsletter is almost ready and will be circulated in the next week. This will provide a clearer view as to how many articles are needed and who will be able to provide them.

11. Book Launch for Steve Massey

Tentative agreement on Saturday 17th December (before the Sunderland game). Further clarification is being sought as it may clash with the MKM anniversary and is also the last game before Christmas, which may reduce attendees. Pearsons is available and has a suitable area that can be used but needs to be finalised. GB and PJT to liaise next week.

12. Trust Approach to Abuse and Disruptive Behaviour.

- The Trust position on online and homophobic abuse has generated much positive support, including several interviews with CS on local radio and a statement by the club condemning abuse in general.
- It is recognised that the issue is on the increase, especially drug related incidents, and is prevalent outside



the game as well. However, action does need to be taken to work alongside the club to help educate fans.

- It was recognised that the issue appears to be worse at away games rather than home games, where “quieter” sections can be chosen.
- GB will engage with Amanda Jacks from the FSA to discuss setting up a plan to highlight issues and provide members and the club with talking points for an information campaign.
- **Action:** MF to work together with GB to prepare thoughts on educating supporters to be shared with the Club. Timeframe to be agreed and communicated to the Secretary.

Standing Items

Chairperson – No additional updates

Treasurer – No additional updates

Secretary – No additional updates

Hull City Ladies - RG reminded the Board of the upcoming cup game against Newcastle and hoped that Board members would attend. RG also reported the recent social media activity regarding the possibility of playing this game, and maybe 1 or 3 a year at the MKM. While the Trust supports the growth of the women’s game and the increased profile of the Tigresses in the local football community, the Ladies Club needs to continue discussions with the men’s Club regarding this.

Any Other Business.

- a) The Ladies’ Club has started the Tigress Lotto to help raise funds for the club. The Board supports this and will help publicise the initiative - details to be provided by RG.
- b) CS mentioned that future cuts to BBC local radio could have serious effects on the profile of the Trust locally, so attention needs to be paid to coming announcements.
- c) GB reported that a book is to be published regarding the Centenary Plaques that were placed around the city in 2017 - 2018. 3 of these are on the wall of the MKM Stadium. The publishers have only been able to trace a single photo of Raich Carter, but this is still in the possession of the photographer and needs to be bought. The Trust agreed that it would fund the purchase and look for some recognition in the book.
- d) AN reported that, sadly, long-term fan, John Kielty, passed away today. There are social media reports of Sean McLoughlin personally presenting John's family with a signed shirt. It was agreed that the Trust should highlight this wonderful gesture. AN will provide the necessary details.

Next Meeting – Monday, 28th November 2022, commencing at 08:30 p.m., via Zoom

Meeting Ended – 09:50 p.m.



HULL CITY SUPPORTERS TRUST AIMS & OBJECTIVES 2021/22

Short-term objectives

(1). Encourage Hull City to maintain a 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.

(2). 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.

Medium-term objectives

(3) 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.

(4) 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.

(5) 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

(6) Giving supporters a voice on the Club 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.

(7) 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.