



**Argyle Fans' Trust**  
**Board Meeting – MINUTES**  
**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2013; 5.30pm Lorenzo's restaurant**

No	Item	Agreements	Action
1	<b>Members Present/Apologies for Absence</b>	<p><b>Members Present:</b> Andy Symons, Tim Chown, Ed Shillabear, Paul Bartolini</p> <p><b>Also Present:</b> Sally Snow</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Jon Sparkes, Bob Wright, Linda Jenking</p>	
2	<b>Minutes of last meeting</b>	The Minutes of the previous meeting have been circulated and approved.	
3	<b>Matters arising</b>	None.	
4	<b>Chairman's report</b>	<p>AS reported on his meeting with Club CEO Martyn Starnes and welcomed its positive outcome.</p> <p>AS also noted the recent and upcoming positive actions of the Trust, including player sponsorship, the My Argyle photo competition and the Greens on the Big Screen cinema night (Sep 16<sup>th</sup>).</p> <p>AS confirmed that LJ is stepping back from her Secretary role and that the Trust will thus be advertising for a new/assistant Secretary. AS wished to put on record his thanks for her sterling work for the Trust since taking over from Laura Starr.</p>	
5	<b>Membership Report</b>	<p>PB relayed the membership status as prepared by BW.</p> <p>Entries in database: 1,741</p> <p>Paid-up adult members: 1,138</p> <p>Lapsed members: 459</p> <p>Junior members: 144</p> <p>Total members: 1,288</p> <p>In light of the results of the Close Season Fans' Survey, which highlighted the lack of new and junior supporters, a discussion was held on encouraging younger memberships. It was proposed and agreed that Trust membership would in future be made free up to the age of 21.</p> <p>The board agreed to consider planning an event aimed at a younger audience, perhaps a junior sports day involving</p>	RW



		<p>multiple sports at/around HP.</p> <p>SS reported that the Life Centre were keen to boost their weekend family memberships, and would discuss options with them.</p> <p>The board agreed to consider co-opting a member with a brief for young supporter engagement. Though it was noted the next elections are due at the end of the year.</p> <p>AS suggested that the benefits of the sponsorship package for Jamie Richards be used to help boost membership and engagement with local groups. This includes 10 match tickets, a signed framed shirt, a player visit to an event, and two tickets for the sponsors' dinner.</p>	<p>AS</p> <p>SS</p> <p>AS</p>
6.	<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	<p>PB reported on the Trust's accounts:</p> <p>Money in the Coop bank: £ 7,090.80          Money in PayPal: £ 4,401.64          Money to pay in: £ 368.00          Total funds: £ 11,860.44</p> <p>The player sponsorship fee is included in the above status.</p> <p>The upcoming elections will also need to be funded, the main costs being printing and postage for announcements and papers to members.</p> <p>An independent financial check is required, which should be prepared in advance of the AGM. The Trust will approach Bishop Fleming, as well as the same accountancy firm as per last year, and also investigate the service provided by SD. Cost is up to £ 500.</p>	PB
7.	<b>AGM/Election</b>	<p>It is expected that the elections will again be scheduled to coincide with the AGM (as per SD advice) and thus be in late November 2013.</p> <p>A timetable of action leading up to the AGM/election weekend will be drawn up asap. This will include formation of an Election Management Group (EMG). The Trust will again approach Adrian Green to lead the EMG.</p>	TC/AS
8.	<b>GotBS Event</b>	<p>PB reported that the Greens on the Big Screen event is being advertised by Peninsula Arts/the University. The evening of cinematic nostalgia is on Sep 16<sup>th</sup>, and includes guest legends Steve Davey and Tommy Tynan.</p>	



		<p>The specific schedule is not being advertised, as it was felt better to have an element of surprise to the content.</p> <p>The club has found a number of boxes of memorabilia, some of which will be put on display on the evening. The Trust will offer to help catalogue the material. Longer term the material may go on display in the new grandstand. PB will write to the CEO.</p> <p>The board felt that while auctioning such memorabilia may raise funds for the club, it is in the longer term interests to keep the material for display at the club for all fans to see.</p> <p>SS reported that she has been given a number of large posters/framed photos from the Far Post club.</p> <p>VIP invites are to be mailed out asap.</p> <p>PB reported the Trust has bought 10 tickets for VIP guests.</p> <p>The board intends to thank GoS for their “helping hand” in preparing the material to be shown.</p>	<p>PB</p> <p>SS/PB</p> <p>AS</p>
9.	<b>‘My Argyle’ photo competition</b>	<p>SS reported that the competition is now open, and that some entries had already been received.</p> <p>SS and PB will continue to work on the event and publicity for it. Flyers were handed out at the gazebo before the match today.</p>	SS/PB
10.	<b>Report from PASB meeting</b>	<p>The PASB held a meeting on the morning of August 10<sup>th</sup>, which was attended by AS and TC as Trust representatives. Minutes of the meeting will appear on the PASB web site in due course (<a href="http://www.pasb.org.uk">www.pasb.org.uk</a>).</p> <p>The PASB will soon be discussing the format and nature of its next elections and how it will be constituted. Elections are due summer 2014. There are a variety of opinions within the PASB as to whether the current scheme should continue, or whether members should be hand picked, or whether more supporter groups should be represented. The club’s funding level for elections is not yet clear (the PASB will be asking for clarification).</p> <p>The PASB intends to raise the issue of travel arrangements on match days with the club, as part of a wider environmental picture.</p>	
11.	<b>Other events</b>	The Foodbank collection will again be run this year, but may	



		<p>require a different venue depending on placement of temporary portacabins etc. while the new grandstand is being constructed.</p> <p>SS suggested using the 'Can a Fan' slogan.</p> <p>SS/PB to determine the data and contact the Foodbank.</p> <p>PB reported on Tesco "Green Day" plans. Further discussions are required with the Club. The board agreed that this was an exciting possibility.</p>	<p>PB/SS</p> <p>PB</p>
12.	<b>AOB</b>	<p>AS reported that many fans have been asking about bar facilities in the new grandstand, including the future for the Far Post club, and whether/where Fanfests will continue. AS stated that the issue of a sports bar within the new grandstand was raised in his meeting with the CEO, and that the CEO shares the Trust's enthusiasm to see a good facility in the plans, one open throughout the week for a variety of sporting events and as a focal point for supporters. AS will follow up with the CEO.</p> <p>PB suggested inviting Ro to the Big Screen event to allow the Trust (and supporters there) to express their thanks to him for everything he has done for the club.</p> <p>The Trust would like to explore SD's campaign for club stadiums to be registered as 'assets of community value". AS will contact the CEO to explore the club's views on this.</p> <p>TC reported that the Close Season Fans' Survey results have been passed to the club, and should be published by the Trust soon. TC will liaise with John Lloyd who has provided invaluable help with the survey (as did John Petrie in past years).</p> <p>The PCC meeting on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> regarding the grandstand/HHP plans was discussed. The Trust has encouraged supporters to make their views known. AS will prepare a draft statement to be released w/c 19<sup>th</sup> August. It was agreed that the Trust should continue to try to represent supporter views and requirements in the ongoing development.</p>	<p>AS</p> <p>PB/SS</p> <p>AS</p> <p>TC</p> <p>AS</p>
13.	<b>Date of next meeting</b>	TBD	