



Argyle Fans' Trust
Board Meeting - MINUTES
Saturday 7th May 2016; 10:30am
Ed's house.

No	Item	Discussion/Summary	Action
1	Members present / Apologies for absence	Members Present: Bob Foale (BF) Chair Celia Ellacott (CE) Vice Chair Virginia Pike (VP) Tony Cannan (TC) Secretary Anthony Sherlock (AS) Treasurer Apologies: Ed Shillabeer (ES) Frazer Lloyd Davies (FLD) Tom Moore (TM)	
2	Minutes of last meeting and matters arising	Previous minutes agreed. As we were pressed for time today due to needing to be at Home Park for 12:00, all items were discussed but very briefly.	TC
3	Constitution of the Board	AS raised the question of whether himself and TC should be made full voting Board members as it was felt that their current duties went beyond the realms of 'support' roles to the Trust. BF agreed and put it to vote. All were in favour of TC and AS becoming full co-opted Board members. TC to report back in next meeting whether this was in the Constitution of the Trust and would check with Supporters Direct, as it is unusual	AS



		for Treasurers and Secretaries to have full voting rights on the Board.	
4	Financial Report	<p>AS presented the following:</p> <p>Income: £479.75 Expenditure: £1535.50</p> <p>Balance at Bank: £8286.50</p> <p>There is more money to be transferred over from the PayPal account into the main bank account however AS does not have access to this yet. TC to liaise with Bob Wright about getting the password/username for it and get the money transferred across.</p>	AS
5	Secretary's correspondence	<p>TC raised concern that membership tasks were falling seriously behind. He praised the former Membership Secretary – Bob Wright – who is still helping out with a lot of the online jobs. The main problem at the moment is putting packs together and getting them out.</p> <p>TC had also asked Bob Wright how many hours he would have spent on average in a week performing membership duties. The answer was that it was not unusual sometimes to spend 15 hrs per week. TC explained that as he normally works 50+ per week at his job, this is not something that he can commit to on top of Secretarial duties and that finding a new Membership Secretary was now of utmost importance.</p> <p>The Board realised this and that steps would be taken to find one from within the membership.</p>	TC



		Failing that, it could be that we look to employ someone to do the job as a paid role. TC agreed to carry on with Bob Wright as best as he could in the meantime.	
6	Membership Report	TC reported numbers as follows: Full members: 844 Junior members: 143 Total: 987 Lapsed members: 919	TC
7	Feedback on Pedal for Pounds 20th – 23rd April	BF offered praise to ES and Mark for representing the AFT in their completion of the P4P's bike ride. As ES was not present we were unable to discover how much they had raised in their efforts. Will be discussed in next meeting.	ES
8	Eviction of Argyle fans in hospitality at Exeter City	BF explained that the issue has now all but been resolved and that the complainant was very thankful to the AFT for getting involved in what was a very traumatic experience for them.	BF
9	Hartlepool sponsored game	All moneys have now been collected and we now have confirmed our full list of attendees	AS, BF
10	Player of the year award	All votes had previously been counted and verified, and Carl McHugh has been declared the AFT's supporters Player of the Year. TC presented the trophy to BF with Carl's name inscribed.	All
11	The Morecambe fiasco	The reply from the Football League has more or less said that nothing can be done about this and that Argyle's game was initially on the Saturday but that Argyle had requested the Friday instead.	All



		Depending on what division Argyle are in, it is likely that this may be a problem again as so far, Swindon are the closest club to us which will probably be on Boxing Day. We feel that we must wait for the fixtures to come out before we lobby the club about any actions if required.	
12	Two new directors	BF has only briefly met the two new members and says they are keen on fan engagement. He is due to meet formally with them in Exeter next month.	BF
13	End of season survey	Despite a recent request not to host it, PASOTI now <i>will</i> host the survey on their website. We will be asking John Lloyd to do it again as it's always an excellent one.	All
14	Fanzine report and manning of the gazebo	As with a lot of things at the moment, all were in agreement that we're very thin on the ground, people wise. Manning the table on match days is becoming a problem. All agreed we need to start a recruitment drive to be discussed in the next meeting. CE asked that now we know we'll be in the Play-Offs and possibly Wembley, that perhaps we should now look to produce a fanzine? We were not going to previously. Timing, and distribution would be an issue considering our low numbers but Celia would look into this.	All
15	Proposed Action Plan for the next 3 -5 years	BF conceded that there hasn't really been much time to meet with Celia to hash this out but agreed that it needed urgent priority, especially as we are looking to present it at the AFT Open Fans Forum. Another item for the off-season in the summer.	All



16	Date and venue for open fans forum	Again, something for the next meeting where we MUST set this in stone.	All
17	Next Board meeting	At Ed's house (or Tony's), 10:30am Saturday 16 th July. Date and time confirmed but venue yet to be decided.	All