

The Argyle Fans Trust

Minutes of Board Meeting

24th February 2018

In the absence of the Chair due to illness, the Vice-Chair took the meeting. She welcomed all members to the Stoke Social Club, including guest John Demellweek who was invited to talk about new data protection rules.

Present

Celia Ellacott (Vice-Chair in the chair); Tony Sherlock (minutes); Richard Blight, Tony Cannan, Virginia Pike, Roger Willis.

In attendance

Sam Down; John Demellweek (invited).

Apologies

Bob Foale, Tim Chown, Stan Beal, John Lloyd and Susan Clark.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Previously circulated

Matters Arising

None

Treasurer's Report

Balance at the Bank £9,791.65 and PayPal £1,024.90. During the Treasure's recent indisposition, the Chairman had been acting in his stead. As the Chairman was not at this meeting, a full report will be given at the next meeting on 17th March.

Fanzine

The next edition of the Fanzine will be ready for sale at the Bristol Rovers match on 17th March 2018. It was agreed that members with no email address who had lapsed or who were shortly due to renew would be forwarded a free copy of the current edition.

Communications

The recent survey conducted by John Lloyd received 452 replies. The results will be published shortly and comments from members invited. Fortnightly information emails will be sent out which will be actioned by Sam Down. The new website should be up and running in the next two weeks using the .com facility and this will be linked to the Trust Facebook page.

Membership

The Trust's PO Box address is to be changed: Roger Willis will obtain agreement to a new registered address. John Demellweek gave a briefing on the new Data Protection Act which comes into force on 25th May 2018. This will change the way in which organisations are required to hold, use and distribute personal information, including on lapsed and underage members. The membership form will need altering and a privacy notice included on the website. The Trust will be required to have a data protection officer but it is possible that Supporters Direct will provide this. Tim Chown is to be asked to obtain advice from SD on the parameters and implications of the new rules.

Richard Blight is continuing to try to sort and rationalise the InTouch database which contains a number of anomalies. Lapsed members are to be sent a letter encouraging them to rejoin. Members due for renewal are also to be sent a reminder letter.

Women at the Game

It is proposed to keep this subject live and to try to activate by the start of the new season.

Special Projects

Tony Cannan is researching the feasibility of a fanzone (open air bar) for home and away fans prior to a home match.

Far Post Club and GTs Investment

It was agreed to obtain the business plan for discussion at the next meeting before any decision or recommendations on investment can be made.

Date of Next Meeting

Saturday 17 March 2018 at the Stoke Social Club, Plymouth commencing at **1100**.

C Ellacott

Vice Chairman

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Minute Secretary

