

MINUTES OF ARGYLE FANS' TRUST BOARD MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY  
20TH JANUARY 2018 AT THE STOKE SOCIAL CLUB AT 11.30 AM

In the Chair: Bob Foale

Minutes: Virginia Pike

Present: Richard Blight (RB); Celia Ellacott, Vice-Chair (CE); Bob Foale, Chair (BF);  
Virginia Pike (VP); Anthony Sherlock (AS); Roger Willis (RW).

1. Apologies - Stan Beal, Tony Cannan, Tim Chown, Sue Clark, Sam Down, John Lloyd.

2. Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a correct record.

3. There were no matters arising other than those on the current agenda.

4. Chair reported that £200 had been sent to the Hartlepool United Fans Trust to support their fundraising against administration, as agreed at the last meeting. A bucket collection at today's game has been agreed with the Club. There will be a bucket at the table and three volunteers will collect inside the stadium at half time.

Neil Le Milliere of Exeter Trust had requested support for nomination to the national executive of Supporters' Direct but we were unable to do so due to alleged subscription arrears. However, on checking, this was found not to be so, but it was then too late to back Neil. Apologies had been sent. Need for the new Secretary to establish clear line of communication with SD.

BF and TS attended the sponsors' lunch and had warm conversations with Sonny Bradley and Jakob Sokolik, our shirt sponsored players.

BF was co-commentator for the Milton Keynes away game.

5. Treasurer's report: £9,824.65 in the bank and £741.30 in the Paypal account.  
Recent expenditure - £476 on fanzine printing; £200 to Hartlepool Trust and £65 to the Financial Compensation Authority - a legal requirement.

Tony Sherlock will be standing down from the Treasurer role at the end of the season.

Roger Willis agreed to consider taking over and will work with Tony to this end.

6. Membership/Website: Richard Blight is working on InTouch, going back over old emails and updating. The website @email is not working properly - the system needs a lot of work to sort it out.

Lapsed members need to be identified and their details deleted in compliance with data protection rules—these need to be checked.

Agreed: once system has been updated, the details of identified lapsed members who have not responded to two reminders, are to be deleted as of 31st May (end of Trust financial year). Subsequent rejoiners would get new numbers.

Agreed to remain with InTouch unless and until other options have been identified as more suitable. RB to contact Bournemouth Trust with a view to going up there and looking at their membership system.

Agreed: RB to check with Bob Wright about updating PO Box address forwarding.

RB to check with TC about email addresses, in conjunction with the new website.

Discussion on new website—lack of information among those present. John Lloyd is still waiting for login details from TC.

Agreed: Roger Willis to contact TC about this and to try to fix meeting with the designer of the new website.

7. Fanzine/merchandise: CE reported good sales of the Robby Bullen calendars. Robby had designed a card in support of Ryan Edwards which would be on sale today. Next fanzine planned for 17th March.

8. Future meeting with Club - discussion deferred.

9. Loyalty card - discussion deferred

10. Storage update. VP reported on the possible 'bike store' in the carpark and will pursue this.

11. Discussed - more information required.

12. Discussed - secretary to find out from SD. Tim Chown to be asked to do this.

13. Payment to Foodbank. TS reported that he had forwarded the money collected by the Trust. Need to check with Ian Newell whether the cash collected by PASOTI had gone direct.

14. Women at the Game - still to be pursued. 100-year anniversary of votes for women ideal focus for an event.

15. AOB: a) TS is about to have an eye operation so BF will act as substitute Treasurer while TS is indisposed. b) RW agreed to set up closed Facebook group for Board members as email threads are becoming complicated and confusing. c) Green Taverner are holding a meeting before the Wimbledon game on 13th February about the new supporters' bar and its funding. Board members will attend.

16. Dates of next meetings - Saturday 24th February and Saturday 17th March at the SSC at 11.30. VP to book; CE to advise those not present.

Meeting closed at 1pm.

VP/CE