



Argyle Fans' Trust
Board Meeting – MINUTES
Saturday 24th November 2018; 11.30am, Ed's House

No	Item	Discussion/Summary	Action
1	Members Present / Apologies for Absence	Members present: Tim Chown (TC, Secretary), Susan Clark (SC), Bob Foale (BF), John Lloyd (JL), Virginia Pike (VP), Tony Sherlock (TS), Ed Shillabeer (ES, arrived at noon), Roger Willis (RW).	
2	Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes and Matters Arising	<p>The minutes of 3rd Nov 2018 were agreed.</p> <p>BF sent the signed AR30 paperwork to TC, who has submitted a scanned PDF of the form to the FCA.</p> <p>BF sent the Board's decision on election numbers and the rationale to the EMG.</p> <p>TC (EMG) and RW (Membership Secretary) liaised regarding the valid member list for the election.</p> <p>TC posted the new election Notice and timetable for the EMG.</p> <p>The AGM was advertised with an incentive for attendance of a draw for a signed Sokolik shirt, and 24 free pasties.</p> <p>RW has investigated the PO Box arrangements and had received a letter (via the PO Box) asking for payment for the service to continue. JL and RW agreed to contact Royal Mail to arrange for the PO Box to be kept (afresh if necessary) and be directed to RW (receiving the most post as Membership Secretary). The cost is quoted at £267 p.a. TS and BW can sign a cheque to pay.</p> <p>TC is updating the AFT Share Certificate; to retain the existing style will require the purchase of a font for approx £30. The certificate needs to reflect that the AFT is now a Community Benefit Society rather than an Industrial & Provident Society.</p> <p>BF has confirmed with the club that the foodbank appeal can be held outside the Devonport End on 8th Dec.</p> <p>TC has set up a Google account and drive for the AFT Secretary to share documents from. TC to share details once new Board is in place. Some template files are currently in JL's DropBox.</p> <p>The AFT email forwarders have been reviewed and updated. Further changes can be made on request.</p>	<p>JL, RW</p> <p>TC</p> <p>TC</p>



		The update to the AFT's main Rules will be actioned once the new Board is established after the election. This needs to be completed in time for them to be approved at the 2019 AGM.	
3	Chair's Report	BF thanked the six people around table without whom the AFT would have folded. Everything is now back on track, with a full election, the AR30s submitted, and membership down but under control.	
4	Meeting with Michael Dunford (22nd Nov)	<p>VP, SC, TS and BF as representatives of the AFT Board met with Michael Dunford (MD) on 22nd Nov.</p> <p>It was a good, open meeting, with many topics covered.</p> <p>On the issue of the manager, it is the Board's view that it always supports the team and players; it is not qualified to comment on on-field matters. BF has stated support for the manager in a TV interview (and correctly predicted a 3-1 win!).</p> <p>The Board shared the result of the stewarding survey, which both MD and Simon Hallett (SH) appreciated.</p> <p>TS asked about premier seating, for which a detailed explanation was given. A sketch of the premier seating area has been published. MD said those who will be relocated back will be allowed to sit in or as near as possible to the same seats as before the redevelopment.</p> <p>The club is supportive of safe standing and tolerates standing behind the goals. Standing in the Lyndhurst causes a vision issue, and complaints had been received.</p> <p>The public address (PA) system is poor but is now 12 years old. It will be updated as part of the grandstand redevelopment.</p> <p>The cost of the club buying back the rest of HHP (other than the ice rink area) has been agreed, but no money has changed hands yet. No price was mentioned.</p> <p>MD believes the GTs will start construction in January, and that the new club shop will be with us in January. The grandstand redevelopment will be completed by September 2019.</p> <p>MD is happy for the AFT to organise separate focus meetings. One such meeting is planned for SC and VP with the club's Disabilities Officer.</p> <p>BF will draft a report of the MD meeting for the web site and members.</p>	BF



		<p>JL to draft a summary of the stewarding survey result. While the result was better overall, the opinion of 24% of respondents had fallen (most of whom were in Block 14).</p> <p>VP suggested a possible AFT survey on premier seating, including the acceptable price differential. JL to consider.</p> <p>The Board will meet MD again in January.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Board needs to make comments and raise issues well in advance of these meetings to allow plenty of time for material to be considered.</p>	<p>JL</p> <p>JL</p>
5	Meeting with Simon Hallett (8th Dec)	<p>The new AFT Board will meet with SH at noon on Sat 8th Dec.</p> <p>TS gave apologies in advance.</p>	
6	Foodbank collection (8th Dec)	<p>The new AFT Board will make the foodbank collection arrangements.</p>	
7	AGM arrangements (24th Nov)	<p>Arrangements for the evening's AGM were discussed.</p> <p>BF suggested a short meeting after the AGM to appoint new officers and set dates for future meetings (currently set for 19 Jan, 9 Mar and 4 May).</p> <p>TC commented that such a meeting has not been advertised in advance, so could only be formally held if all new Board members agreed.</p>	
8	Financial Report	<p>N/A.</p> <p>The financial status will be reported at the AGM.</p>	
9	Membership Report	<p>N/A.</p> <p>The membership status will be reported at the AGM.</p>	
10	AOB	<p>RW pointed out that like Forest Green we play in a park. We're are the greens, we should be green! While FGR have a "first" here, we should look to follow. E.g., could we have solar power on the grandstand roof?</p> <p>The Board needs to recover its "stuff" stored in Mike Perry's garage. This includes Argyle memorabilia, and – we believe – other items such as the AFT seal. BF and VP will look through</p>	<p>BF, VP</p>



		<p>the materials; some may be donated to appropriate causes or organisations.</p> <p>BF reported a request for the AFT to donate its Michael Foot scarf to the new Argyle Heritage charity; it was agreed that the AFT would be happy to loan the scarf to be displayed.</p> <p>RW reported receiving via the PO Box a new book "Love in the Time of Brit Pop" by Tim Woods; the main protagonist is an Argyle fan!</p>	
11	Next Meeting	The next board meeting is scheduled for 19 th January, venue TBD.	

TC
4 Dec 2018