



**Argyle Fans' Trust**  
**Board Meeting – MINUTES**  
**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2020, 10am, by Zoom (online)**

No	Item	Discussion/Summary	Action
1	<b>Welcome and Apologies for Absence</b>	<p><b>Members present:</b>  Keith Brown (KB), Tony Cannan (TCa, part), Chris Dean (CD), Celia Ellacott (CE, part), John Lloyd (JL), Virginia Pike (VP), Emma Sellick (ES)</p> <p>The meeting was quorate (5 of 9 Board members present for whole meeting). Chris Dean took minutes in TC's absence.</p> <p><b>Apologies received:</b>  Tim Chown (TC, Secretary), Sue Clark (SC), Roger Willis (RW).</p>	
2	<b>Approval of Minutes and Matters Arising from previous meeting</b>	<p>VP pointed out that approval for Car Windscreen Stickers had NOT been agreed. The updated minutes are available at:  <a href="https://www.argylefanstrust.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/AFT-Board-Minutes-22Aug2020.pdf">https://www.argylefanstrust.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/AFT-Board-Minutes-22Aug2020.pdf</a></p> <p>Calendars were now available and ready for sale with proposed free delivery for AFT purchasers in the Plymouth area. VP has arranged for the purchase of a card reader (£19) and will collect.</p>	
3	<b>Membership Secretary's Report (RW)</b>	RW apologised for absence from the meeting, but reported we have recruited 7 new members, work is continuing to identify & contact "lost" members.	
4	<b>Treasurer's Report (VP/KB)</b>	<p>The PO Box is expensive (annual payment) and KB queried whether this is necessary as membership cards could be sent by email and printed by recipients. However it was felt that as not everyone has access to the relevant printing facilities and that a valid Membership Card represents tangible proof of membership and VP suggested it is the only way we are alerted to members' change of address when annual membership cards are returned so it was agreed to continue to send cards for now. VP advised that an alternative to the PO Box might be possible if we are allowed by Rob Martin to attach a Post Box costing from approx. £50 to the exterior of his property.</p> <p>VP reported that savings could be made on signage for the kiosk by using some of the existing banners and fixing them using command.</p> <p>KB reported that PayPal figures were not available. Unbudgeted expenditure includes the AFT contribution (£800) to the Jack Leslie Appeal, which in turn had affected the ability of the AFT to commit to all of its planned player sponsorships. As there</p>	

		<p>were so few 1<sup>st</sup> team players still available, it was agreed to sponsor one lady player and one Under- 18 player, emphasising our intention to raise more funds for the academy.</p> <p>CD suggested that, as the Jack Leslie contribution was effectively made at the expense of sponsoring a current 1<sup>st</sup> team player, the AFT could nominate Jack Leslie as their “Honorary Sponsored Player” for 2020-21.</p> <p>KB requested that the Board should approve, in principle, the “close to break-even” budget as prepared by him. After much discussion it was agreed that, allowing for expenditure which would reduce the balance to under £5k, and provided that the anticipated returns from such expenditure would restore the balance, the budget was approved.</p> <p>Proposed by KB seconded by VP.</p>	
5	<b>Secretary’s Report</b> (TC)	<p>In TC’s absence, the provisional date for the AGM was set for 28<sup>th</sup> November 2020.</p> <p>As required by the AFT’s Rules, VP &amp; CD (and later by email SC) volunteered to stand down for re-election at the AGM.</p> <p>Proposed by VP seconded by KB.</p>	
6	<b>Events planning</b> (ES)	<p>ES will increase social media activity in accordance with received suggestions.</p> <p>ES &amp; TCa expect to have the Zoom match-day terrace link activated shortly.</p> <p>VP, TCa and CD are to provide individual photos to publicise the delivery scheme as it was not possible for them to get together. VP to draft a new Chairman’s Update</p>	
7	<b>Social Media Update</b> (ES)	<p>ES will ramp up social media activity as far as possible when the season begins. When the plans for the platinum benefits are agreed these will be put out to social media.</p>	
8	<b>Communications and Marketing</b> (CE)	<p>VP has 50 copies of the AFT season-long Robby Bullen calendar. CE advised she is working on a possible two books with Robby but then had to leave the meeting.</p>	
9	<b>Governance</b> (KB)	<p>The report produced by KB in March was still under consideration.</p> <p>Any concerns regarding the board election are to be relayed to Neil Le Milliere (EMG chair) and TC.</p>	



10	<b>AOB</b>	The late Tony Hooper's Argyle collection had now been collected/received from his family; SC has catalogued the programmes, and it is proposed that other items (including shirts) will be dealt with in accordance with the wishes of his family.	
11	<b>Date of next meeting</b>	TC will issue a doodle for the next meeting.	TC
12	<b>Close of Meeting</b>	The meeting closed at 12.20 pm	

CD

25<sup>th</sup> September 2020