



Argyle Fans' Trust
Board Meeting – MINUTES
Monday 12 September 2022, 7.00pm, by Zoom (online)

No	Item	Discussion/Summary	Action
1	Welcome and Apologies for Absence (VP)	<p>Members present: Tony Cannan (TCa), Sue Clark (SCI), Chris Dean (CDea), Chris Dennis (CDen), Virginia Pike (VP), Emma Sellick (ES) Tim Chown (TCh, Secretary)</p> <p>Apologies: Sally Cockell (SCo), Sam Down (SD), John Lloyd (JL), Ray Stidwell (RS) and Roger Willis (RW).</p> <p>The meeting started at 7.13pm, with TCa, SCI, CDen, VP and TCh present.</p>	
2	Approval of Minutes and Matters Arising from previous meeting (VP)	<p>The minutes of the previous meeting were discussed and approved, as proposed by CDen and seconded by SCI.</p> <p>These are now available at: https://www.argylefanstrust.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/AFT-Board-Minutes-08jun2022.pdf</p> <p>VP reported that she had discussed the GTs £1,000 loan with them, which the GTs are looking to return. VP to finalise.</p> <p>The sponsorship fee for Adam Randell (home, £700+VAT) has been paid to the club. The fee for Kaylee Lane still needs to be paid; this might happen with a FanFest presentation.</p> <p>The Close Season Survey didn't go ahead, as time to liaise with the club ran out. We will look to run more surveys in the future to get value from our SurveyMonkey subscription, but also test our InTouch surveys for member-only consultations.</p> <p>The parking situation is ongoing. VP talked to Dan Pippen at the club and fed in some ideas. The park and ride has been cancelled. There are now more spaces in HHP, at an annual fee; these have all been taken.</p> <p>The next South West Trusts meeting will be by Zoom on the evening of 19th October. CDen attended last time and found it very good. Multiple reps per Trust are allowed; all are welcome.</p>	<p>VP</p> <p>VP/RS</p> <p>TCh</p> <p>ALL</p>
3	Secretary's Report (TCh)	<p>ES joined at 7.28pm, making the meeting quorate.</p> <p>TCh reported that he returned the FSA's Fan Engagement Survey, for which we gave an overall positive response, pointing to the two Fans' Forums, two Fans' Assembly meetings, and the open</p>	

		<p>way in which finances were reported for the 2021/22 season. It was agreed to add an area to our web site to collate this material, as it's otherwise not easy to find.</p> <p>The AFT needs to hold its AGM within 6 months of its financial year end of 30th May 2022. The World Cup means that there are no Argyle home games later in November. It was thus agreed to hold the AGM by Zoom on Wednesday 30th November at 7.30pm, the night of Saudi Arabia vs Belgium and Poland vs Argentina.</p> <p>The Board elections will run in the 8-week period up to the AGM. It was agreed that TCh will approach Neil LeMilliere of the ECFC Trust to ask him to be the independent Election Management Group (EMG) Chair again. The number of existing Board members needing to stand down (and who may be re-elected) is one third of the Board. TCh will check with the EMG Chair on the specifics given one of the current ten Board members is co-opted (rather than elected) and another has stated that they are standing down. We would also want ideally to fill all available (twelve) Board places. Therefore it was agreed that the number of election posts to be filled is to be 5 or 6, depending on the EMG Chair's advice. The most recently re-elected members are VP, SCI and RW.</p>	<p>TCh</p> <p>TCh</p>
4	Treasurer's Report (VP/RS)	<p>CDea joined at 7.43pm.</p> <p>VP reported that there is £7,806.61 in the bank, and £643.90 in our PayPal account. The sponsorship fee for the Ladies' team of £350 is still to be paid.</p> <p>VP and RS are finalising the AFT's 2021/22 accounts, year ending 31 May 2022.</p>	<p>VP</p> <p>VP/RS</p>
5	Membership Report (VP/RW)	<p>In RW's absence, TCh reported the membership as standing at about 370. He also reported that when sending the last newsletter, some 60 email addresses were shown as inactive; we need to check through these and look to contact members (by phone if necessary) to update the contact details.</p>	
6	Events (ES)	<p>ES reported that no events are currently planned.</p> <p>VP is talking about options to the GTs. There is an event this Friday, which is open and free to GT and AFT members, which we will advertise in a newsletter email before the Oxford match.</p> <p>TCh suggested we progress the Christmas Foodbank collection, working with project 35. The natural date would be 17th December at the Morecambe home match. VP will speak to the Project 35 liaison.</p>	<p>TCh</p> <p>VP</p>



7	Communication and Marketing (JL, ES)	<p>TCh will speak to our web hosting company about simplifying the site design especially the home page.</p> <p>TCa and ES will continue to post our social media. We will seek extra helpers to report from matches.</p> <p>CDea offered to help script future newsletters.</p>	TCh
8	AOB	<p>TCh noted that the Jack Leslie statue unveiling will be on 7th October. VP has been invited.</p> <p>SCI reported that the Level Playing Field charity met by Zoom on 8th September, and a survey will be coming from them soon.</p> <p>TCh suggested following up actions from SWT and PAFA meetings to check that supporters' issues are being followed up appropriately.</p> <p>All need to think about ideas for raising membership levels.</p> <p>VP raised the idea of creating Associate Membership for other organisations. To be discussed further by email.</p> <p>VP asked if InTouch can create lists of members by area of country. TCh to ask InTouch.</p> <p>SCI reported that the female Argyle Ambassadors - Emma Potter, Megan Stone, Joanne Nancekivell and Hayley Borman - are part of the Her Game Too initiative, and there is a new female supporter Facebook group. It was agreed we will help to promote and assist these.</p> <p>TCh reported a communication from PAFC Displays. It was agreed we should look at how we might help.</p>	<p>VP</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>TCh</p>
9	Date of next meeting	The date of the next meeting will be determined by an online poll.	
10	Close of Meeting	The meeting closed at 8.20pm	

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