



Argyle Fans' Trust
Board Meeting – MINUTES
Wednesday 3 May 2023, 7.00pm, by Zoom (online)

No	Item	Discussion/Summary	Action
1	Welcome and Apologies for Absence	<p>Members present:</p> <p>Tony Cannan (TCa) Sue Clark (SCI) Sally Cockell (SCo) Chris Dean (CDea) Chris Dennis (CDen) Virginia Pike (VP) Emma Sellick (ES) Roger Willis (RW)</p> <p>Tim Chown (TCh, Secretary)</p> <p>Apologies:</p> <p>Sam Down (SD) Ray Stidwell (RS)</p> <p>The meeting started at 7.00pm and was declared quorate..</p>	
2	Approval of Minutes and Matters Arising from previous meeting	<p>The minutes of the previous meeting were discussed and approved, as proposed by VP and seconded by TCa. The minutes are available online at: https://www.argylefanstrust.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/AFT-Board-Minutes-19dec2022.pdf.</p> <p>VP has been talking to the GTs about our £1000 investment, which can be returned any time.</p> <p>We have not yet renewed SurveyMonkey.</p> <p>VP reported on some people who are willing to help the board. This will be followed up.</p> <p>Tony Cannan was re-elected unanimously as vice chair, proposed by RW and seconded by SCI.</p> <p>A discussion was held on co-opting new board members.</p>	VP
3	Secretary's Report	<p>TCh reported on email votes since the last meeting.</p> <p>On 4 Jan 2023 the vote to sponsor Oscar halls passed 5 votes to 4.</p> <p>On 21 April 2023 the vote to continue to sponsor Adam Randell passed 8-0, to sponsor a development player was rejected 7-1 and to sponsor a women's team player passed 8-0. It was agreed that</p>	

		<p>as finances became clearer we might revisit the development player sponsorship if an opportunity arises.</p> <p>TCh also reported that we will need to adopt a new set of Model Rules at the 2023 AGM. We have received some initial guidance from the FSA. The changes are relatively small. TCh will circulate more information nearer the time.</p>	TCh
4	Treasurer's Report	<p>The PayPal account details have been updated with a new main contact. Around £1,440 was transferred to the main bank account, leaving a float of £100 or so.</p> <p>The bank balance was £7,449 as at the end of March.</p> <p>Our bank has been requesting additional information. VP is working to supply this.</p> <p>VP has paid our web hosting fee of £120.</p> <p>The PO Box is still active but goes to West Park. TCa will check the arrangements and fee which is due in April each year.</p> <p>Ray Stidwell is kindly finalising the end of year accounts (for 31 May 2023). These need to be put to members at the AGM but the sooner they are finalised the better.</p>	VP TCa
5	Membership Report	<p>TCh reported that there are 360 members currently active, though some renewal updates are pending.</p> <p>TCh has caught up to March with posting out letters and cards and will send out more at the weekend.</p> <p>SCo is now helping with memberships. TCh, SCo and VP will look to meet periodically to review membership matters.</p> <p>TCh proposed putting material in the mailshot, such as an AFT flyer, or a sticker. TCh will get quotes from VistaPrint and other suppliers.</p>	TCh
6	Events	<p>We will aim to restart events this coming season.</p> <p>It was suggested we could buy season tickets or match tickets as prizes for competitions or events. VP will speak to the club.</p>	VP
7	Communication and Marketing	<p>We would like to resume the Close Season Survey, which was suspended due to lockdown. VP will speak to the club to explore a joint survey.</p>	VP



		It was agreed unanimously to renew SurveyMonkey if the close season survey is agreed, and to conduct more fan surveys on 'hot' topics.	
8	AOB	<p>The issue of flexi tickets ending was discussed. Holders will need to get Evergreen for priority or upgrade to full season ticket holders.</p> <p>A young AFT member sent in a wonderful drawing of Pilgrim Pete. It was agreed VP would follow up with the parents to see if we could use the picture.</p> <p>The Project 35 link with the club seems to be continuing; we will aim to work with them on areas such as the Foodbank.</p>	VP
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 8.25 pm	

TCh
10 May 2023