



Argyle Fans' Trust

Annual General Meeting – MINUTES

Wednesday 30th November 2022, 7.30pm, by Zoom (online)

No	Item	Discussion/Summary	Action
1	Welcome by the Chair and Apologies for Absence	Virginia Pike (VP) welcomed the members to the meeting, which was again held via Zoom. The meeting was declared quorate with 19 members present. A total of 27 members had registered for the meeting. Apologies were received from Tony Cannan and Roger Willis. VP reported further apologies from Dan King, Roger Hutchinson, and Jan Walaszkowski.	
2	Chair's Report	VP gave her report, which included the following points: • The club is currently in good hands and the AFT is very happy with the way the club is being run; • Zoom watch parties during COVID let us meet new people and members from around the world; • The AFT had been proactive in the Fans' Led Review and had contact on the matter with local MPs • We have worked with the FSA on many other topics including safe standing; • The AFT has had discussions with Simon Hallett and with the club via the Fans' Assembly; • We are sponsors for Adam Randell and Kayley Lane; • We have provided some assistance to Project 35; • The AFT helped run a foodbank collection for the Morecambe match; • We are open to ideas from members for further activities to support the club and its community.	
3	Secretary's Report	Tim Chown (TC) explained the result of the 2022 Board election, as led by the independent chair of the election, Neil LeMilliere from the Exeter trust. His report, along with the candidate statements, is available online at the 2022 Election area at https://www.argylefanstrust.com/events/election-2022/. The AFT thanked Neil again for his assistance in overseeing the election process. As last year, not enough candidates stood to trigger a vote; there were 6 places available, and 3 candidates stood. The members provisionally elected by the process – Chris Dean, Tony Cannan and Emma Sellick - were all affirmed by the members present. The minutes of the 2021 AGM were also approved.	

4	Treasurer's Report	VP is currently acting as Treasurer and is assisted by Ray Stidwell, who she thanked for his excellent work. The AFT accounts for the year 2021-22 (1 June 2021 to 31 May 2022) were presented and approved by the meeting. The accounts are available online at https://www.argylefanstrust.com/events/agm-2022/. These will be submitted with the annual AR30 return to the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) by the end of December. The Society's Mutuals returns and documents can be seen freely at https://mutuals.fca.org.uk/Search/Society/12389. The AFT has repeated its modest surplus of last year, this time of £532, up slightly from the £408 of 2020/21. VP reported there is currently £9,594.45 in the AFT's accounts. In response to a query, VP confirmed that the AFT had paid £2,500 for a Platinum package to support the club during COVID. The meeting approved the accounts. The meeting also approved that Rule 83.7 of the Trust's rules be applied again as per previous years; this removes the requirement for the AFT to formally audit its accounts for 2022/23, given the scale of its turnover. [The cost of an audit could easily be £1,000. The AFT provides a detailed breakdown of its income and expenditure.]	
5	Membership Report	There are 360 active AFT members (adult and junior) as of 30 Nov 2022. Despite some new members, this represents a drop of 23 members since last year. There followed a discussion on attracting new members. The prize draw was then held.	
6	Open Q&A	Several topics were discussed by the members present. `these included: • The AFT trying to get more content into the match day programme; • Considering restarting the fanzine; VP noted the fanzine lost money; it was suggested we could explore either a posted subscription and/or an online version; • We should run more member surveys to solicit feedback to pass to the Club; • The AFT could facilitate fan group meetings, like PASALB and other regional groups;	



		• We could collaborate with PAFC Displays who are doing some great work; • We could try to get featured on the Argyle podcast, and/or an Argyle Life podcast; • Could the AFT get priority on match tickets? • The AFT should raise issues about the grandstand seats with the Club; • The AFT should help the club better publish outcomes of the Fans' Assembly meetings.	
10	Close of Meeting	The meeting closed at 7.52pm.	

TC
12 December 2022