

MEETING SUMMARY

of the Pompey Supporters' Trust Board Meeting on Monday, 21st March 2016 at 6.30pm
held at Pompey Study Centre, Anson Road, Portsmouth



Board Members present: Ashley Brown (AB), Eric Coleborn (EC), Simon Colebrook (SC), Johnny Ertl (JE), John Kimbell (JK), Clare Martin (CM), Scott McLachlan (SMc), Bradley Saunders (BS), Mark Trapani (MT), Pam Wilkins (PW)

Officers present: Secretary Mark Farwell (MF), Assistant Secretary/Legal Advisor Jo Collins (JC), Membership Secretary Steve Hatton (SH)

1. Welcome by the Chair

AB welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Board Members: Mike Saunders (MS); Officers: None

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 29th February 2016 were approved and signed.

4. Matters arising from Previous Meeting

- The open meeting has taken place and the Strategic Plan was well received by the attendees. The full 5 year plan will be completed for the AGM in September and formal approval.
- The FCA have been notified of the change of registered office. MF will notify the previous secretary Tony Foot as the previous addressee as a courtesy.

5. Correspondence

- A member emailed the Trust with some questions regarding sexism in football and domestic violence. AB has replied with details of work carried out by the Club in these areas.
- MF has received a report on Women's Football from Supporters' Direct which he will circulate

6. Co-option of Bradley Saunders

BS was officially co-opted and welcomed to the board

7. Audit Report action progress

The audit group will be contacted to review progress against the report. The remaining open actions were reviewed in the meeting and nearly all have now been completed.

8. PST Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy

MF will draft an Equality, Diversity and Inclusion policy using the PCFC policy as a template to ensure we are aligned.

9. PST Strategic Plan 2016-21

MF is continuing work on this plan and will communicate with relevant BMs to facilitate completion

10. Intermediate PST Strategic Plan 2016-17

Following feedback to the Trustmatters email, SC and MF will collaborate on a few minor amendments.

11. PCFC report

MT gave a detailed explanation of the financial performance of the club so far this season. Overall there has been improvements in overhead reduction and increased income. The club has also invested further in the player budget this season.

The season ticket prices for the 2016-17 season are close to being finalised. The discount on season tickets for Community Shareholders had been raised as part of the PCFC Board discussions on Season Tickets. The discount will remain in place for the 2016-17 season. A number of BMs expressed their views that this should remain indefinitely, or that other special discount arrangements should also be reviewed. Nothing has been decided regarding future seasons beyond next year and therefore the appointed Directors will update the Board as and when the matter arises. The Board agreed that the Club could ask Community Shareholders if they wished to opt out of the discount,

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so that those that wished to receive the discount would benefit from it whilst those that did not could pay the additional cost.



12. Football Governance Supporters Participation Bill

MF will forward a summary of this proposed legislation that will impact on the participation of supporters' groups in football club boards

13. Member votes on PCFC reserved matters

The board discussed the situation where the Trust may have to call for a member vote to decide how the Trust should vote on a PCFC shareholder resolution, or if there were ever an offer to buy the PST's shareholding in the club.

MF and JC will draft a policy on how the member vote will be carried forward to a PCFC vote, and on whether the vote should be of all members or restricted to Community Shareholders.

14. Other Reports

i. **Communications and Marketing (JK/SM)**

The Trust and Club will issue a joint statement regarding the various incidents of bad behaviour by supporters

JK will discuss sponsorship options for the Trust for next season.

Detailed web profiles are requested for several BMs

There are poster sites around the ground available for the Trust to use

The EA sports tournament is proving popular

JK/CM are discussing the Junior Blues with the club to identify costs and feasibility

Discussions are ongoing to improve the family section

The Fan of the Year has had a good response and a short list will be decided soon and then members invited to vote on a fan that will be recognised for their efforts and support.

SMc is investigating the viability of a Golf Day to raise funds for the Trust

ii. **Community (CM/SM)**

As well as the Junior Blues work, CM is working on a schedule for next season for which matches will be dedicated to specific issues or awareness

iii. **Membership (SH)**

The membership report was circulated prior to the meeting. There have been 1560 replies to the Wall of Fame circular. Our membership database is being upgraded.

iv. **Next Generations**

BS is investigating match day entertainment. Ticket pricing has been under discussion. The Next Gen group will continue to be actively engaged for input.

v. **Presidents' Group and Wall of Fame (EC)**

EC shared a mock-up of a section of the wall. The BMs gave some feedback and EC will discuss with supplier.

vi. **PST Secretary's report (MF)**

MF has received a briefing from Supporters' Direct about changes to the Community Benefit Society legislation. MF will forward to the Board.

vii. **PST spokesman's report (JE)**

JE has met with the News and also spoke at UCFB, a university dedicated to football and business. This may be something worth engaging in further

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viii. **Stadium and Infrastructure (MS)**

The stadium group has been launched

ix. **Treasurer's report (SC)**

There has been a significant jump in memberships in February.

The 12th man account has been closed down.

15. AOB

- Ticket prices for 2016-17 were discussed
- The subject of additional investment into the club was raised. A number of areas of discussion arose around the purpose, timing and nature of the investment. The matter was carried forward to be discussed at the next meeting.
- The Trust has received notification from the lawyer handling the cases of fans that were kettled at Shrewsbury. The Trust will publicise this so that other fans affected can contact the lawyer
- The issue of Premier League B teams entering the JPT has arisen again. Mark Catlin has previously spoken against this concept at Football League meetings. AB will request that he does so again.
- The Trust board elections are upcoming. MF will advise the board on the number of BMs that need to put themselves up for re-election.
- JC has booked the Victory Lounge for this year's AGM