

MEETING SUMMARY

of the Pompey Supporters' Trust Board Meeting on Monday, 31st May 2016 at 6.30pm
held at Board Room, Fratton Park



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), Mike Saunders (MS), 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 and also Millstream Productions who filmed the meeting for a short period

2. Apologies

Board Members: None; Officers: None

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th April 2016 were approved and signed.

4. Matters arising from Previous Meeting

- MF will inform the Board Members on the information required to complete the 5 year strategic plan
- Rule changes now allow logos on corner flags, and hence the Trust has agreed with the club to have the PST logo on them for next season
- AB is meeting with the LGBT group to discuss Portsmouth Pride day

5. Correspondence

- The audit group has asked for copies of the risk register and other matters. The board feel that the audit was completed with the publication of the audit report. All further requests will be forwarded to AB.
- The PST registered address change is confirmed with the FCA
- MF has contacted Neil le Melliere to request his assistance in the PST election
- Colin Farmery has contacted the board regarding a potential PST/PCFC diversity week, with possible funding. PW will progress.
- The member that had requested information by post was happy with the compromise to pay to cover postage and generously donated £100 to cover this.

6. Society Board Elections

The board discussed the upcoming election and who is required to resign and stand for re-election. After some debate the following was agreed.

- BS and EC will not be required to stand for election and will be co-opted back to the board following the election
- JK and AB will stand for re-election and an additional Board Member will also be elected

MF notified the board of the timings of the election. There was further discussion on the timing and format of the hustings. JC is to contact Tom Jeffs to check dates.

7. PST Strategic Plan 2016-17

i. Future Investment Model

Following the previous board meeting and an investment proposal prepared by SC, the board discussed the format and process for inviting further investment into the Trust.

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There was a lot of discussion over the price of the Shares and how payment plans would be structured while remaining legal with the FCA.

The board agreed:

- PST shares will be valued at £1000 as with the previous share offer
- Shareholders will be lifetime members but will not receive the season ticket discount
- SC will finalise the proposal and identify what help is required for the scheme

ii. **Stadium Development**

MS gave a briefing on the 3 working groups for the stadium, which are looking at short, medium and long term options.

The long term group, which includes two ex pcc planning officers is looking at locations for a new ground together with the Portsmouth Plan that the council works to. A draft report is in progress.

MS has also looked at Milton End developments that could increase capacity and will contact the SAG to discuss.

iii. **Academy**

MT has developed a clearer understanding of the costs of running the Academy and together with JE will bring a proposal to the next meeting

iv. **Youth support**

A new youth/singing section will be located in the North Upper toward the Fratton End. Existing season ticket holders are being asked if they wish to remain to move.

v. **Community**

CM is working on improving the Family Section to allow the club to contend for the Family Excellency Award again. Recent reports have downgraded the family experience at matches. A number of ideas were discussed and CM, JK, AB and MT will take them forward.

vi. **Membership**

Membership has grown throughout this year, and this was felt to be in part due to having a higher profile due to carrying out more work. Also the advertising has helped. PW felt that having more Board Members around the ground on match days might help continue this growth.

8. Other Reports

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

The Victory Bar is booked for a shareholder pre-season event.

SMc has developed a merchandising proposal for the Trust in conjunction with Brilens. Examples of these have been circulated to the Board prior to the meeting. A contract is being developed for review by the Board.

ii. **Membership (SH)**

There are 3883 members. A member has proposed different levels of membership, but this was rejected by the board.

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iii. **Presidents' Advisory Board**

The location for the Wall of Fame is in poor condition and requires building work.

EC had previously circulated a response from the Presidents' Advisory Board to the trust paper on investment and safeguarding of the Club's legacy. A vote to finalise this paper will be held at the next meeting.

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

MF is to make a proposal for an Inclusion Advisory Board as a sub committee

MF will draft a safeguarding policy

The Football League has proposed a change to the league Structure. Further information is required before a formal decision on a response is made. Additionally, the next FL AGM will discuss Premier League involvement in the JPT. PCFC and Mark Catlin are opposed but the feeling is that it will be carried anyway.

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

The Trust has approx. £50k of reserves and SC asked for opinion on using some of this for either new shares in the Club or to pay a contribution for the Wall of Fame costs. SC believes that £20k reserves will be sufficient.

9. **Voting on reserved matter**

SC has circulated a proposal on the voting policy for PST members on reserved matters. The Board will write a policy and put to the members at the next AGM.

10. **PCFC report**

A report of the last PCFC board meeting has been posted on the Forum.

11. **AOB**

- It was agreed that there would be no meeting in June
- The SD/FSF supporters summit will be held on 16th July and PW will attend, possibly with SMc.