

MEETING SUMMARY

of the Pompey Supporters' Trust Board Meeting on Monday, 30th January 2017 at 6.30pm
held at Pompey Study Centre, Anson Road, Portsmouth



Board Members present: Ashley Brown (AB), Eric Coleborn (EC), Simon Colebrook (SC), Harrison Dunks (HD), Johnny Ertl (JE), John Kimbell (JK), Clare Martin (CM), Scott McLachlan (SMc), Phil Sandys (PS), Mike Saunders (MS), Mark Trapani (MT), Pam Wilkins (PW)

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

1. Welcome by the Chair

AB opened the meeting.

2. Apologies

Board Members: None; Officers: Membership Secretary Steve Hatton (SH)

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th November 2016 were approved and signed.

4. Matters arising from Previous Meeting

- MF has drafted an amended election timetable. This was discussed and will be amended for further consideration.

5. Correspondence – significant items

- Arrangements for the PST to have a table at the Hall of Fame dinner were discussed

6. Charity Match

Mike Briscoe from the Next Generations group gave a presentation on a Charity match he is arranging between ex-PCFC players and celebrities. He requested assistance from the PST in the arrangements and publicity. No financial support was required and the Board indicated it was happy to support this endeavour.

7. Future focus areas for the PST

There was a wide-ranging discussion on the areas of focus of the PST, the balance between PCFC related activity and non-PCFC related activity and the workload of the Membership Secretary

Several activities currently being carried out by SH will be reallocated to other board members to allow him to focus on membership management.

AB gave an update on recent discussions within the PCFC Board on funding, share issues and the costs facing the club, including playing budget.

Focus will be given to pushing forward with gaining an amendment to the Shareholders Agreement to strengthen the protection on heritage matters for the club. SC and JC will proceed to obtain quotes from solicitors for this to be drafted.

SC also requested and received offers of assistance with preparing the prospectus with the aim of having a draft ready for the February meeting.

8. PST Strategic Plan 2016-17

i. Future Investment Model

Discussed under item 7

ii. Stadium Development

MS is continuing to work with the stadium group and liaise with the club on the future plans.

iii. Academy

MT led a discussion on ways to raise money for the academy. Unfortunately, with Brilens having gone into liquidation, the planned merchandising scheme has ceased. Several ideas were discussed and MT will develop these further.

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iv. **Youth support**

HD and SMC are working to revitalise the Next Generations group and seek new members.

v. **Community**

Due to time constraints this topic was passed over

vi. **Membership**

JE will work on a membership benefit scheme

9. Other Reports

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

The Q&A evening with Paul Cook went very well with 120 people attending.

Further events were discussed.

The video about the PST has been well received and ideas were discussed for wider circulation

A request for nominations for the Ken Malley Fan of the Year will be made shortly

PS had prepared a paper on legacy funding and how to sensitively handle the marketing of this funding stream. PS, EC and MF will work further on this matter and also seek advice from Supporters Direct

ii. **Membership (SH)**

There are 3910 full members, of which 1484 are ordinary paying members.

iii. **Presidents' Advisory Board**

The next Advisory Board meeting is on 11/02 and SC will attend on behalf of the PST

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

The annual return and amended constitution are with the FCA awaiting confirmation.

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

PST finances are slightly up on the previous year.

SC met with Tony Brown to discuss club finances and suggested that PST, PAB and PCFC should be putting down long term strategic plans to structure the funding requirements for the future.

SC has been in contact with the liquidator of Brilens and ensured the merchandising website is shut down. The PST was owed approximately £200 from merchandising royalties, which will not be recoverable. No Trust money had been committed to the project and hence there were no losses of pre-existing funds.

vi. **Next Generations (HD)**

Covered earlier

10. PCFC report

PCFC matters were discussed in item 7 above

11. AOB

AB briefed the board on the proposed reforms to the FA by parliament

It was agreed that in the light of the significant financial support he has provided for the Wall of Fame and other activities that EC should be mentioned on the PST website as a Sponsor