



MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC PART A OF THE TRUST BOARD MEETING HELD ON 28 September 2023 at 7pm at MONTY'S BAR AND VIA ZOOM.

Present: Nigel Kingston (NK) Chairman of WWFC Trust Board (Chair)
Tony Hector (TH) Trust nominated member of the Football Club Board, Society Secretary
Alan Cecil (AC) FALL Director, Website, Twitter and Facebook supporter interaction
John Workman (JH) Marketing the Trust Leader (via Zoom)
Lisa Bowker (LB) Assists with Volunteers
Emily Isaac (EI) WWW Representative
Ben Dunlop – Trust Table and other Trust Matters
Chris Harvey (CH) FALL Director

Apologies: Bob Massie (BM) Vice Chair, Communications, Fundraising and Commercial
Martyn Broughton (MB) Trust Treasurer, FALL Director
Trevor Stroud (TS) Trust nominated member of the Football Club Board
Russell Jones (RJ) Membership Secretary

Plus 7 Trust Members who joined the Zoom meeting and 9 Trust members present.

NK welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Items outstanding from last Meeting.

Item about Service Level Agreement having been sent to David Smith – detailed reply received and the SLA is basic and allows Women's team to use the IP of the Club. No commitment to expenditure on behalf of the Football Club. This will now be drawn up by D Smith.

AOB – report that the Club was being positive in promoting themselves in Local Schools and Bob Massie organised one of the men and women's players to Wycombe High to talk to the school sixth form. This went well and Wycombe High School pupils have now bought 90 tickets for the match this weekend.

Comment about what is happening with All Quarters – NK has set up and will meet the Foundation on a Bi-monthly basis to get updates on what they are doing and will then update Trust Members via the Newsletter. Peter Lerner will attend the October Trust board meeting to advise members what is happening at the Foundation.

AC said that 3 Trust members completed Wembley Walk to Adams Park and the Wycombe Fans raised £20k and the complete walk fundraising total is standing at £231k + £45k in Gift Aid.

Comment raised that the Origin Stands toilets was unpleasant on Tuesday at the Crystal Palace game Toilet 14 was not working at all and has been reported to the Club. NK has already reported to Neil Peters who is checking into this and hope to sort this out. Any other issues at Saturday's game please let NK know and he will advise the Club on your behalf and report back to you..

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 31 August 2023 were unanimously agreed and NK signed them on behalf of the Trust Board.

Agenda:

WW Women: Circulated to Board and on Trust Website. EI added that women's Team will be at the game on Saturday running a Penalty Shootout in the Car Park before the game and helping with face painting.

Season Tickets are on sale and WWFC season ticket holders get £5 discount.

Thursday 21 September saw Chesham Brownies at the training session and they really enjoyed it. 21 brownies and 18 parents attended. A lot of their parents said that they will bring the Brownies to a Women's game soon. Anyone with contacts with other groups please let either EI or NK know as they are always welcome at Women's training.

The Trust and WWW are actively working to find schools/clubs who are interested in providing mascots for our games. If either you or any contacts you have are interested in this please contact Emily Isaac on emily.jane123@yahoo.co.uk

Trust Finance Summary. Circulated to Board and on Trust Website. MB is away so AC reported. Still receive donations from members and very grateful for their support. Subscription renewals started and will continue to come in during October. Other income – bank interest is more significant due to new interest rates. QBC lottery payout and small monthly commitments have gone out. Closing balance £117k of which commitments of £17k.

DSA Oxford Away Coach; This is happening and NK would like to put forward a proposition to the meeting. If you go on the OWWSA coach to Oxford it is cheaper than going on the DSA minibus as this minibus is specially adapted for wheelchair use. Non-members can travel with OWWSA for £18 but the DSA coach is £36. NK would like to suggest that the Trust subsidises the to the tune of £224 so that anyone travelling on the DSA minibus will also pay £18 and are not penalised for their needs. The Trust membership present and Board agreed to this proposal. N Vickery (DSA Chair) thanked everyone on behalf of the DSA.

EDIS Steering Group - NK is a member. A statement has been put together and will be soon on the ticketing website and will be publicised to raise awareness.

"If you are considering attending Adams Park for the first time and feel apprehensive about doing so or have concerns about safeguarding, equality, diversity and inclusion or just need a seat in a controlled environment where you are less likely to be bothered by discriminatory behaviour or where you can gain access to a quiet room when you need it, then the following ticket options are available to you:

- Controlled Environment location – Block S in the Upper Tier of the Frank Adams (South) Stand
- Quiet Room location – Block C in the Origin Stand.

Stewards will be available at both locations to assist you as required.

When ordering tickets at the Club or online, just make it clear that you need seats in one of the above locations!

Hummel Replica Shirts Update: BD said that there is a problem with the shirts as the logo is disintegrating after first wash. Hummel have agreed responsibility. You can return your shirt to the Club if you purchased it in the shop. There are instructions on the website on how to return your shirt if you bought it online. The replacement shirts will be available at the end of October. It's hoped that the Women's Team shirts will not have the same issue but Hummel are producing a second set as a contingency.

Future Trust Strategy Review

JW has been driving this on behalf of the Trust Board and it is work in progress. Full detail will be shared at the AGM in November. The overall aim of the Trust is to support a positive future for Wycombe Wanderers through three strategies:

1. Increasing Supporters base
2. Good Landlord to Adams Park
3. Act as a trusted friend to the majority shareholder.

We want the Trust to be here in the future as the Trust can ensure that we have a football club at AP for many years to come. We are in a unique position to work with the owners going forward.

All will be shared at the AGM.

We have 1080 Trust Members and if anybody new joins the Trust there is a discount on the membership for new members up to the end of November and everyone is encouraged get friends to join the Trust. Full details are on the Trust website.

Club Update: TH advised that there is not a lot to say from the Club side specifically. The next Club Board Meeting is tomorrow. Good sponsors photo day on Tuesday which went very well. All the squad were there apart from Joe Low. Weather was good and sunny.

Sustainability in Football – David Wheeler has been nominated in BBC Sports Green Sports Award and is one of 5 nominees. Winner will be announced 5 October.

Fan Led Review – government has issued response to White Paper and confirmed remained committed to introducing a Regulator post and likely be included in King's Speech in November.

Small progress made regarding finance in terms of revising distribution model. Premier League put forward a proposal to add a further £915m to the EFL over 6 years and is in addition to the annual £110m solidarity payments. There are some caveats and the EFL say these are not acceptable. Increase in amount of time U21 and U23 play in EFL trophy, the way funds are distributed and the regulation as to who gets what, including continuing parachute payments and 80% of any additional monies to go to Championship Clubs. There is still a long way to go to get an agreement which hopefully will be completed before the Regulator comes into being.

Fan behaviour – been announced there has been c. 2200 football related arrests during 22/23 season which is highest number since 2013/14. C.680 Football Banning Orders issued which is highest since 2010/11. Behaviour continues to deteriorate and if we become aware of anything please report it to the Club.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Announcement today from Arriva regarding contract from Bus Station to AP finishes on this Saturday. Will have to use Service 4 which will drop off at the end of Hillbottom Road and then return to the Bus Station on Service 2 from outside Tesco Express. TH said that this is the first he has heard of this. NK will go back to the Club and ask them to report about why this is happening now.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FROM TRUST MEMBERSHIP

1. Wi-Fi -sometimes there are certain items that come up on the AP screen as available but never come up on individual phones. Some of the Trust members use it successfully. Go onto: Adamparkwifi and the code is wyw1887! Do not forget to include the !.
2. Do we know how many people use the Arriva service. NK will speak with Neil Peters and respond.
3. Congratulate supporters and Trust Board members who did the Prostrate Cancer walk. The walk created excellent positive publicity for the Club.
4. Any update on progress on road to Car Park – CH advised not at present, but would report back to the October meeting..

QBC Draw Timing

Draw will be made on Saturday 30 September at 1.30pm at the Trust Gazebo and the Mayor of High Wycombe will be doing the draw. He will then appear on Wycombe Sound and they will announce the ball number. The Mayor will then stay and watch the game. The number of people signing up monthly continues to increase.

Meeting finished at 7.36 pm.

Tina Davis

Trust Minute Taker for Part A.