



## **MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC PART A OF THE TRUST BOARD MEETING HELD ON 31 August at 7pm at MONTY'S BAR AND VIA ZOOM.**

Present: Nigel Kingston (NK) Chairman of WWFC Trust Board (Chair)  
Trevor Stroud (TS) Trust nominated member of the Football Club Board  
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  
Bob Massie (BM) Vice Chair, Communications, Fundraising and Commercial  
Martyn Broughton (MB) Trust Treasurer, FALL Director  
Emily Isaac (EI) WWW Representative  
Ben Dunlop – Trust Table and other Trust Matters  
Chris Harvey (CH) FALL Director

Apologies: Russell Jones (RJ) Membership Secretary  
Lisa Bowker (LB) Assists with Volunteers

Plus 18 Trust Members who joined the Zoom meeting and 6 Trust members present.

NK welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **Items outstanding from last Meeting.**

Service Level Agreement for Women's Team has been sent to RC and Club Board and is being considered. NK is progressing this with David Smith.

1887 Group will attend the first Women's game on 10 September.

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 27 July 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 said 10 September is first home game at Burnham FC. Entry £4 for adults, cash or card on the day at ground – Chips on sale in kiosks. 1887 group are attending and bringing a drum and flags so hopefully will be enjoyable. 17 September is also at home. Season Tickets- £35 an adult (or £30 for Men's Club Season Ticket Holder). Chairgirl Champion is £500 and has lots of benefits – please email EI if interested. [emily.jane123@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:emily.jane123@yahoo.co.uk)

**Trust Finance Summary. Circulated to Board and on Trust Website.** Received interest owed by WWFC on the Loan. Received £240 bank interest, now better due to rates increase. Made some payments; one to JJ for Testimonial (£250 voucher) and paid ICO Registration Renewal £35 and some sundry charges. Have £115.5k in bank. Year-end accounts are now complete and will talk about these and adopting them for the Trust during Part B today. FALL Accounts adopted at Board meeting this morning. Should all be ready for AGM. TH was asked to ask if all legal costs have been paid. MB said all those received have been paid but there is an outstanding invoice for £1600 and will decide whether we pay it when it is presented. Approved accounts once signed by the Auditors should be on the trust website within the next 4 weeks.

**Future Trust Strategy Review:** JW update. Reminder that have core team to see what future of Trust looks like now that our position has been changed to 10% shareholding and have no liabilities for any cash calls. JW said is still working and talking with various stakeholders and will give a presentation in November with the purpose of the Trust to support positive future for Wycombe Wanderers. Key strategies are; to be a good landlord of Adams Park, increase our membership, (both Trust and Club) and to act as a trusted friend to the majority shareholder.

**External Funding Update:** NK said that BD and TH have been looking at this. BD reported the Trust is a Community Benefit Society and can approach companies for donations and investment. Met with Rothchild Foundation and happy to talk to us regarding investing in Adams Park. Met with Heart of Bucks but felt that our status meant they were not able to support us. Do have other organisations that we are setting up meetings with. Opportunities are being investigated. Rothchild Foundation said that we need to put in a submission on an annual basis when we are ready.

**Emily Isaac – Co-option onto Board:** TH advised that EI was co-opted onto the Board on an annual basis and this needs renewing and should have been done last month. EI is willing to continue to act as the WWFCW Women's Team representative onto the Trust Board. The Trust Board unanimously agreed and EI was co-opted.

**Club Update:** TS advised that we got our first win on a Saturday under Matt Bloomfield, which was very good news especially as it was against Bristol Rovers. Quite a lot going on and biggest is the Code of Practice which the EFL are insisting every Club completes before June 2024. Our assessment date is 24 September and we hope to get Bronze. Had a meeting yesterday and all feedback was positive and assessor sent an encouraging email today. If we do not do this we could be fined or have points deducted. Covers all areas of EDI, Safeguarding, DSA and all the things we are trying to do on an ongoing basis. The Quiet room (Wembley Suite) is up and running and quite a few people are using it and equipment is still to be added. Live feed of match in the room which is quieter. If anyone feels intimidated by the Football Ground then we will now have a dedicated area in the Frank Adams upper and will have stewards on hand to help. Trying to make it all inclusive. Nothing to add to the transfer rumours but Tom Holder, Club Secretary will be available until 11pm tomorrow night.

Trust funds of £100k donated to Club - This has been allocated to specific projects. Grow Lights have been purchased for use where natural light doesn't reach the pitch, especially in winter. Equipment is now in for kiosks and working better. Chips being sold in Frank Adams Upper and fire alarm issues have been resolved. Toilet project is ongoing – those at ends of Family Stand are completed and other areas are being updated but TS does not have timescale currently. TS will update at next meeting.

TH reported that the Prayer Room is actively used. Had players, staff and away team players making use of this. It is great that it is growing and he emphasised it is an All Faith Room.

TH said that fan behaviour has not been too bad so far this season generally, however it has been reported that at three clubs this season items have been thrown at the away fans coaches. Please if you see or hear anything amongst our fans or within the Stadium, report it. FA is continuing to promote sustainability. David Wheeler is PFA Sustainability Champion and is doing what he can to promote and help WWFC to become more sustainable.

FSA are continuing to monitor what away fans are being charged for away games. Two club are charging over £30 to away fans. Couple of Clubs (led by Leeds) have started a reciprocal charging scheme with Clubs they play. Only 2 clubs actively promoting this but this might creep in. Downside is if Club are charging less than usual then it may cost Clubs money.

## **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FROM TRUST MEMBERSHIP**

AC has been asked by fans to say pleased to see Hummel Shirts being sent out. He asked how long the deal is for – 1 or 2 years? As far as NK is aware it is a 2-year deal. Charter does say should not change more than once in any 2 Football Seasons but this can be done if there is a change of sponsor or logo or clothing manufacturer. NK will confirm this and add it to the minutes. TH had asked RC if 2-year deal and he replied Yes.

NK confirmed for the minutes that it is a 5-year deal with Hummel.

Q. When are shirts likely to be in the Club Shop – NK cannot give exact answer but they are due any time now. NK now confirmed that the kit will be on sale in the shop from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September..

Q. Who are the core Team who are working on the Future of the Trust – John Workman, Ben Dunlop, Alan Cecil and Russell Jones.

Comments for members that EI doing excellent work – thanks for all she does for WWW.

Comment from members - Origin Stand toilets were very unpleasant on Tuesday. This will be reported back to the Club. Done awaiting response.

Q. Any other news on All Quarters – no recent communication from Foundation regarding this. NK said that All Quarters is being fronted by Foundation and the Trust are being kept aware of what is going on. An update will be sent out in the next Trust newsletter..

Q. Why is the Trust looking to bring money in. NK said that it is vital for the Trust to have a reserve fund. If the Club did at some stage become bankrupt, then as the Trust owns Adams Park and memorabilia of the Club it can restart the Club under Trust ownership. If this happened, we would talk to the fans first but if a sizeable reserve existed, we could get this underway very quickly.

If more funds come in then we can help the Club in numerous ways through fan facing projects that need doing. BD said that because we are a Community Benefit Society there will be conditions on any grants that we were given and these may well be linked to supporting local communities. These funds would be grants and would not be loans.

Q. Do Trust have any feedback about the 1887 and are they happy for the Trust to be linked on the new website when it is developed? We talk about the 1887 on the Trust website and the Trust would be happy to be linked. Good feedback so far. Going to attend the Women's games.

Q. Any further update on the road. NK said nothing to report this month.

### **QBC Draw Breaking News:**

AC advised this month's QBC is a record breaker. This month had record number of entrants, 339 (1119 balls) and a record number of sign ups and only 1 drop out. £895.20 was won by Beth Rogers and the draw was done by Colin Baker (Dr Who fame) who is a season ticket holder, on Tuesday and a personal message was sent by him to the winner. Rollover pot is £5200. If blue ball appears the jackpot will be over £6300 for September. Any suggestions for someone to do the draw please let AC or BM know. Next draw will be on 30 September and done by Paul Turner, Wycombe Mayor.

### **Any Other Business**

Ex Player's Association have annual Dinner on 24 November. Martin O'Neill will be there and is 30 years on from double winning team.

1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of passing of Bill Turnbull today. Since then we have worked with Prostate Cancer and on Sunday 17 September Jeff Stelling is leading a march from Wembley Stadium to Wycombe Wanderers. TH, BD and AC will represent the Club and Trust. Should arrive at the Club at 7pm. Club will send a message out so look out for communications. Available for sponsorship via a Just Giving page. A number of other Wycombe fans plus Steve Copp, Safety Officer and maybe the Club Secretary will take part. Alan Parry is also talking about taking part. All funds to Prostate Cancer UK. Biggest single killer of men in the UK. If diagnosed early it can be treated and life can carry on. This walk is being done in Bill Turnbull's honour.

The Club is being positive about promoting in local schools and hopefully some players and women's players will be going into schools to promote attending a game. Some discounted tickets have been made available for schools for the Carlisle game in September.

TH will be forwarding invoice for £5k next week for WWW sponsorship by the Trust.

NK asked to please add in your diary Annual Trust AGM which is on 16 November in Caledonian Suite.

Meeting finished at 7.50 pm.

**Tina Davis**

Trust Minute Taker for Part A.