



MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC PART A OF THE TRUST BOARD MEETING HELD ON 26 October 2023 at 7pm at MONTY'S BAR AND VIA ZOOM.

Present:

Trevor Stroud (TS) Trust nominated member of the Football Club 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
Emily Isaac (EI) WWW Representative
Ben Dunlop – Trust Table and other Trust Matters
Martyn Broughton (MB) Trust Treasurer, FALL Director

Zoom

Lisa Bowker (LB) Assists with Volunteers
Nigel Kingston (NK) Chairman of WWFC Trust Board

Apologies:

John Workman (JH) Marketing the Trust Leader and vice chair
Chris Harvey (CH) FALL Director
Bob Massie (BM) Vice Chair, Communications, Fundraising and Commercial
Russell Jones (RJ) Membership Secretary

Plus 7 Trust Members who joined the Zoom meeting and 5 Trust members present.

1 - Intro & Apologies

TS

Trevor welcomed everyone to the meeting as chair. Nigel Kingston is abroad and John Workman (vice Chair) is away.

Minutes of September meeting

TS/All

Minutes are available on the Trust website and Trevor asked if there were any comments on these minutes that were not coming up as part of the Agenda? There were no comments, so the minutes were approved and signed.

<https://wycombewandererstrust.com/2023/09/trust-board-meeting-thursday-28th-september>

Matters Arising

TS & TH

AC mentioned that a payment to the WWFC Trust DSA (Disabled Supporters Association) had been made to cover the DSA coach cost to the Oxford game.

TH – Huge congratulations to David Wheeler for making the short-list for Green Sports Award.
<https://www.wwfc.com/news/2023/september/25/wheeler-nominated-for-green-sports-award/>
This was won by Pat Cummins, Australia cricket captain.

EI – Women's update. Sadly, the women's team have bowed out of the FA Cup; however they are still active in the Berks & Bucks Cup as are the U18 team. Next Match this Sunday U23 v Penn & Tylers.

Finance report

MB

MB – Audit fee of £3k paid this month. £5k to women’s team will be paid. So outflow of £8k as expected and forecast. £112k in bank; £9k liabilities, £102k free cash. Liabilities of £5,400 in QBC. Cash is still in the account for the Muslim project. Cash is still in account for the Box 1 project. Interest c. £220 / £230 a month. £30k in HSBC, £80k in Redwood bank.

Foundation report

PL

Peter Lerner was welcomed to the meeting as Trustee of the WWFC Foundation, nominated by the Trust. <https://wycombewanderersfoundation.co.uk> There are 8 +1 trustees Peter is pleased to be an active director alongside Yvette Thomas who he works closely with, also Arif Hussain (Chair and Councillor), John Shaw (Chiltern Rangers), Mimi Harker, Adam Velasco, Derek Lovelock, Alan Parry, Colin Hayfield.

The foundation has a ‘New Look’ under Mark Gaitskell who is doing a great job having taken over from Paul Foley. They interact with thousands of people from all walks of life, many communities, and are very much part of the WWFC Family. Projects include working with the unemployed.

Anyone who wants to know more about the WWFC Foundation can contact Peter Lerner.

Investment by ML in Feliciano EFL Ltd

TS

Nothing additional to report following the statement put out by Trust earlier this month.

Trust AGM/ Strategy Update

TS

The Trust Strategy Review is complete and will be presented to the Trust AGM on Thursday 16th November. Note - Due to the AGM there will be no Board meeting in November. <https://wycombewandererstrust.com/2023/10/trust-agm-16th-november-director-nomination-form-available>

Club Update (Including fan facing projects)

TS/TH

TS - The matchday bus service from the railway station is still under negotiation by the club. Arriva service has ceased and discussions are in hand with Carousel, including calling at the bus station. As a public service this needs to be a published service which takes time and due process. The club are working to get the service up and running ASAP.

TS - Catering – a social media frenzy by an away fan at the Bolton game over the price and presentation of a hot-dog has led to an in-depth investigation by the club to validate. Is it a legitimate picture or not? the claim; Rob Couhig is taking an active interest.

TS - Shirts – New supplies of perfect shirts will be in the shop for Tuesday 30th October.

Car Park Access Road – This is at the pre-app stage. The club are working with the council as they go through their process. A transport report is being submitted re. the 100 – 200 car movements likely to occur every week.

TS - EFL Code of Practice for football clubs – the club have made a first submission and two issues resolved. David Cook is leading on this and confident on meeting the target for Bronze accreditation ahead of the submission deadline of 20th November.

TH – Proposed EFL / Premier League financial contribution has made some progress. No formal offers have been made so far but they are getting closer to agreement with some of the Premier League conditions being pulled back.

TH - Independent Regulator for Football – An advert for a Chief Operating Officer (COO) is being advertised which shows intent and some progress. This needs to get through parliament and in the Kings Speech. There is strong cross-party support so even with an election should continue and progress.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-outlines-preferred-structure-of-new-independent-football-regulator>

Bodger

NK (by Zoom)

Bodger has not been much in attendance lately. A season ticket holder and Trust member, Sally Anne Yates, has offered to take over appearances at all Saturday Home Games; in the car park, pre-match on the pitch, also leading the team out. Neil Peters, Matt Cecil and NK are working to finalise this.

AOB

ALL

AC – Catering issues at the Tuesday evening Bolton game with some kiosks running out of Tea, Coffee and Hot Chocolate. Also, very long queues at the bar in the Caledonian, meaning many fans could have only one trip to the bar between arriving and getting out for the start of the game. It appeared some bar staff were being trained on the spot as they served leading to slow service and the ensuing queues.

AC – Ian Mitchell's family have offered some of his club memorabilia to the Trust. This could be added to other memorabilia being collected by Lisa Bowker, for the next Trust pre-Christmas auction. Action Lisa B.

?? – Safety nets – Volunteers needed to take down the safety nets 15 minutes prior to the kick-off. Volunteers please to Nigel Kingston nigemart2019@gmail.com several needed to share the load..

Also, if anyone is willing to help with pint pulling pre Saturday games (from approx. 1pm to 2.45pm), please also contact Nigel.

TS – 24th November for the Ex-Players dinner. <https://www.wwfc.com/club/wwepa/> This year will feature the 1990's promotion team with Martin O'Neill in planned attendance. Tickets are £55 which via John Bignell, 01494-524272 / johnbig@btinternet.com Previous attendees have said is a great evening.

Q&A

Members

Box 1 - The Trust is holding the Box 1 money. How much is it; Who should it go to? A. It is £1,500 and came via the All Quarters project. This is being held by the Trust in case funds are required for the fitting out of the Wembley Room (Quiet Room). TS finalising.

DSA Coach – 1 spare seat left for Oxford, contact Alex Vickery if you wish to use it. alexandervickery@hotmail.com

Andrew via Zoom – Can the Trust organise the match day bus? TS no, the club are more than capable.

TH – Peter Lerner was asked how the Foundation helped with the unemployed? A. helping with mental health, life skills, job skills, a fit state to work and support in seeking employment. Also using their time as volunteers whilst being careful of their health and safety.

QBC Draw Timing October AC – Entries closed Wednesday 25th October. Prize money of c.£900 with the draw taking place on 31st October by Suzanne Shaw, Star of this year's Wycombe Pantomime. <https://wycombewandererstrust.com/home-2020/qbc> Thanks to all who subscribed.

TS – Thanks to all for attending here and on Zoom. Next meeting is the AGM on 16th November 2023.

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Minutes taken by Jeff Brydon