



**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC PART A OF THE TRUST BOARD MEETING HELD ON 24 April 2024 at 7pm at MONTY'S BAR, ADAMS PARK AND VIA ZOOM.**

**Present:**

Jon Workman (JW) Marketing the Trust Leader and Vice Chair - Meeting Chair  
Nigel Kingston (NK) Member Engagement  
Alan Cecil (AC) FALL Director, Website, Twitter and Facebook supporter interaction  
Ben Dunlop (BD) Member Engagement, Trust Table  
Tony Hector (TH) Trust nominated member of the Football Club Board, Society

**Zoom:**

Apologies to all Trust Members who would have liked to have joined the meeting tonight but due to technical issues it was not possible. The meeting has been recorded and will be available on the Trust website and the end of Season Q&A will be held at the next meeting.

Plus 8 Trust members present.

**Apologies:**

Bob Massie (BM) Chair; Trevor Stroud (TS) Trust nominated member of the Football Club Board

**Intro & Apologies** JW welcomed everyone to the meeting..

**Minutes of 28 March 2024 meeting**

JW - All Minutes are available on the Trust website. There were no comments and the minutes were approved and signed.

**Matters Arising**

AC said Auction was successful but one payment outstanding but all other money banked. JW thanked everyone again.

**Published Reports.** Finance Report and Wycombe Wanderers Women reports are on the Trust Website.

**Trust Finance Summary :** AC summarised.

Income exceeded expenses by £1500. Usual monthly donations, members subscriptions and net income from QBC Draw was £1022. Raised £37 for Prostate Cancer UK and £313 bank interest.

Sundry costs were £462. Top up payment for sanitary products that are provided by the Trust in all the ladies toilets around the stadium Thanks to Lisa Bowker and Emily Isaac for keeping this going.

**QBC :**

£900 prize and potential jackpot just under £8k. Draw will be made on Saturday at the game at the Trust Stall at approx. 11.30am.

## **Club Update**

Pitch – RC mentioned that they are looking at upgrading West Terrace and Origin Stand not looking to relay pitch this summer but greater volume restitch and replanting exercise.

Parking has been an issue with Millbrook School venue but trying to get facility back next season.

Sky Broadcast Deal will start 24/25. EFL and Sky said League 1 and 2 will receive £430k extra income. As part of the deal each weekend there will be 10 EFL fixtures shown live, 5 from Championship and 5 from League One and Two. EFL and IFollow will not be able to broadcast any games to domestic audiences even mid week ones. EFL are expecting to announce a free to air highlights programme. 3pm blackout to remain in place. EFL are committed to 7 of 12 Championship matches and 19 of 24 League 1 and 2 games being played at 3pm on a Saturday. At present international broadcasting arrangements are being unchanged. FSA have taken this up as far as they can and the National Council have called an emergency meeting to discuss this and the FA Cup. This will be detrimental to our elderly and disabled supporters who were able to watch the midweek games.

Independent Regulator – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Bill in Parliament yesterday and will now go to Committee for closer discussions and any changes that need to be introduced. Premier League were joined by the National League to host a drinks reception in the House of Lords to discuss how the Bill is not a good idea. EFL were not invited to this reception.

Bill has highlighted concerns re financial redistribution. The Regulator will not have any say on parachute payments which will not be part of their remit. The Regulator is supposed to be there to assist with financial stability in EFL Football.

FA Cup – FA and Premier League said that all rounds will now be played on weekends and no replays. EFL had approached various fan groups and Trusts for their views on various issues when prospect was first raised. Neither the FA or Premier League consulted the EFL over any change. Therefore the EFL consultation was completely ignored. Mixed but overwhelmingly negative response regarding no replays. EFL have announced that it will seek compensation over frustrating and disappointing decision. FA say changes led by European Calendar. However, history shows that this has never had a particular impact on Premier League teams and only 1 Premier League Team was involved that was in Europe at that time.

RC is in a group of American UK Club Chairmen and they are making a documentary which will come out later. It was mentioned by one Chairman that there is a possibility that some of these clubs will be taking part in a tournament in America but nothing concrete at the moment.

Premier League and EFL have been in discussions regarding finance. Premier League have effectively taken the discussions regarding replays off the table. It is incumbent on the FA if pressured sufficiently by the EFL and the Government to see whether they can be persuaded to change their mind. RC will advise the Club's position on this in his end of season speech. About 130 Clubs have come out with statements from Championship to Lower League clubs so there are many more Clubs to respond.

## **Wycombe Wanderers Women : Change of Management Structure**

NK said that on website it has been announced that WWW and the WW Foundation have come to an agreement regarding the management of the Women's Teams. This is positive move as the Foundation has good standing in community, strong safeguarding and management structure. This will be in effect from 1 June 2024. NK will be involved from the Trust side on the Foundation's Management of WWW. This will boost the Ladies to try and move up to a higher level. The better coaching and pathway (including Women's Development Academy from age 7 – 26) to feed to the women's team. TH said that there has been a very positive reaction to the change.

## **Trust Donation to WWFC (update on how money was spend)**

TH advised as part of the agreement for the Trust to sell 15% of the stake holding we converted the £100k loan that was made to the Club into a donation. Those monies would be used for fan facing projects. Firstly restitching of pitch and repair to undersoil heating and boilers. Club purchased Grow Lights to assist the growth of turf particularly along the side by the Frank Adams Stand. Needed to spend on upgrading some electrics and cabling. Refurbished the disabled and other toilets around the ground. Repairs to the Whiffaway Stand. This is how the money from the Trust members has been used. The refurbishments to the rest of the toilets not already completed will be done during the summer. NK says that we will ensure that the Football Club keep to this timetable.

Some money raised from membership subscriptions may be given to the Club for future fan-facing projects and other sums allocated to the Phoenix Fund. Future projects will be more specific and the Trust will advise how much they will assist.

### **Volunteer Season Review**

NK said that the volunteers are a strong group, weekday volunteers who paint and repair (at least twice a week) and sort out issues advised by Neil Peters. Team of about 10 of them. There are matchday volunteers with people in upper car park, in the shop, pulling pints and people organising mascots and also people who put up the nets and take them down before the game on the pitch. On a Sunday morning there are a group of litter pickers. Total of volunteers is about 35 and they are dedicated and work really hard. The Trust and Club are grateful for their input and on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April there is a Volunteer evening with dinner which the Club is funding as a way of thanking them. Always looking for extra volunteers please let NK know if interested.

### **Safeguarding**

No new news on Safeguarding and nothing to report but always on the Agenda.

### **AOB**

No AOB

### **Trust Members Q&A**

On behalf of the DSA big thanks to the Trust for the support with funding for coaches to away games. Thanks to Alexander Vickery for all his hard work.

Date of next Meeting: 30 May 2024

Meeting closed 7.40 pm