MINUTES OF PART A OF THE TRUST BOARD MEETING HELD ON 30 MAY 2024 AT 19:00 AT ADAMS PARK AND VIA ZOOM

Present:

- Bob Massie (BM), Chair
- Nigel Kingston (NK), Member Engagement
- Alan Cecil (AC), FALL Website, Twitter, and Facebook Supporter Interaction
- Tony Hector (TH), Trust Nominated Member of the Football Club Board, Society Secretary
- Trevor Stroud (TS), Trust Nominated Member of the Football Club Board
- Jon Workman (JW), Vice Chair

Plus: 14 Trust members present in person and 49 via Zoom, total attendance: 69

Apologies:

• Ben Dunlop (BD), Member Engagement

1. Minutes of the Meeting Held on 24 April 2024

BM confirmed that the minutes are available on the Trust website. There were no comments, and the minutes were approved and signed.

2. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Update on New WWFC Owners

- 3.1. TS reported limited new information beyond what is publicly available. Eduard and Dan Rice were at the stadium earlier today, meeting staff and familiarising themselves with operations. TS is encouraging Eduard to schedule a board meeting.
- 3.2. TH noted that the season ticket announcement included a breakdown of Club expenses, which was positively received for its transparency. TH and TS will promote this level of openness.
- 3.3. TH clarified that the new owners have purchased Feliciana EFL Ltd, owning 90% of the Football Club, with the Trust retaining 10% and maintaining two Trust Directors on the Club Board.

4. Members Q&A on New Ownership

4.1. Members inquired about the new owners' plans for stadium development and the new road. TS indicated no changes to current plans.

- 4.2. Members expressed disappointment over the lack of information from the Club. TS and TH acknowledged the frustration but assured ongoing efforts to engage the new owners. NK noted the need to convey members' desire for more information to the Football Club.
- 4.3. TH explained Mikhael's limited time in the UK due to other business commitments and tax regulations.
- 4.4. Members should communicate specific concerns to TH and TS for discussion in upcoming meetings with the new owners.
- 4.5. BM acknowledged the interest from supporters, hence the inclusion of this item on the agenda despite limited new information.

5. Club Pitch and Infrastructure

- 5.1. S Phelps queried about the pitch. TH explained plans to relocate the pitch closer to the Frank Adams and Away End to improve access and facilities, pending necessary permissions and coordination
- 5.2. No immediate concerns about the Club's business operations were reported. Recruitment of players is ongoing.

6. Wycombe Wanderers TV

6.1. The impact of Wycombe Wanderers TV on the EFL was discussed, highlighting restrictions on domestic broadcasting but continued international and audio broadcasts.

7. Future Plans for Disabled Fans

7.1. Questions about disabled seating following pitch relocation were raised. TH assured that this will be part of the development plans, and TS will keep the Disabled Supporters' Association informed.

8. Increasing Attendance

8.1. BM mentioned a fan survey and working group to attract and retain fans, currently on hold due to the ownership transition.

9. New Owners' Vision

9.1. Members requested an overarching view of the new owners' plans. BM referred to the aim of reaching the Championship and developing academies.

10. Engagement with New Owners

10.1. BM and TS emphasized the need for face-to-face meetings with the new owners to enhance transparency and relationship-building. Eduard prioritised meeting with the Trust during discussions with staff.

11. New Road Planning

11.1. TS updated on the positive progress regarding the planning application for the new road.

12. UK Academy Plans

12.1. TH confirmed the strategic aim of the new owners of establishing a UK academy, though specific details and sites are yet to be finalised.

13. Financial Summary

13.1. AC provided a financial summary: Gross income of £4,084, costs of £3,480, with substantial donations, bank interest, and 'easyfundraising' contributions. Total funds available are just under £133k.

14. Future Financial Contributions to the Club

14.1. Discussions about future financial support from the Trust for the Club were noted. AC stated that any contributions would be for fan-facing projects, with no liability for the Club's costs for the Trust since the new investment agreement last year.

15. QBC Draw

15.1. AC updated on the QBC draw's continued success, with an increased prize pool.

16. Club Update (Other than New Ownership and Including Football Governance Bill)

- 16.1. Season tickets launched with no price increase. The Club is awaiting further guidance on the Football Governance Bill.
- 16.2. The Club is awaiting further guidance on the Football Governance Bill.
- 16.3. The Club received a Silver Family Excellence Award and an overall score of 8/10 based on strong family engagement.
- 16.4. Highlights from the English League will be shown on ITV4 for the next two years.

17. Trust Donation to WWFC

17.1. Updates on how fan-facing funds were spent included repairs to kiosks in the Frank Adams stand.

18. Safeguarding

18.1. Ongoing efforts in safeguarding were reported, with the Steering Group aiming to achieve Silver Level compliance.

19. AOB

19.1. G McCleary has signed for another year.

20. Trust Members Q&A

20.1. The scrapping of FA Cup replays was discussed. The Trust criticised this decision in a statement.

21. QBC Draw

21.1. The DSA's Nigel Vickery performed the draw. Ball No 72 was pulled, and the winner, Sally Capper, received £920.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, 25 July 2024. No meeting in June unless significant information arises from the new owners. **Meeting closed at 20:10.**