



BWFC Supporters' Trust

MEETING NOTES

Subject: Board Meeting
Venue: Teams
Meeting Date: 11 03 2024 @ 6.30pm
Present: Martin Parnell (MP) – Chair
Maggie Tetlow (MT)
Mike Smith (MS)
Shane Stopforth (SS)
Ian Pegg (IP)
Paul Wood (PW)
Alan Houghton (AH)
Robin Fletcher (RF) – Acting Secretary

Apologies: Sue Higson(SH)

1. Annual General Meeting (AGM)

- 1.1 After discussion and a vote it was agreed to hold the AGM on the 18th of April 2024, probably in the Roy Hartle suite. The Q&A to be deferred until September. **RF** to inform Neil Hart and check availability of the room.
- 1.2 **MT** to provide a draft statement to the Members explaining the postponement.

2. Accounts/Treasurer

- 2.1 It was suggested by **RF** that the position of Treasurer, and Secretary, should be passed to another Board Member each year so that the experience/work load is shared. No decision was arrived at on this point but was left over for future discussion. In the meantime **MP** was chosen as Treasurer. In addition to **MP**, **PW** & **RF** are to be signatories to the Bank Account.
- 2.2 **MT** to arrange a meeting, preferably in person, with Mike Egan with **MP**, **PW** & **RF** in attendance.

3. Early Bird Season Ticket Promotion

- 3.1 **PW** was of the opinion there should be further push to get fans to purchase Season Tickets for 24/25. It was agreed this will be raised at the earliest opportunity with Neil Hart.

4. Board Elections

- 4.1 **RF** advised that further notifications of the upcoming elections had been emailed out to the Members and put on the website. Furthermore, **RF** has asked Marc Iles to place an article in the Bolton News giving the time line for the elections, which he has confirmed he will, albeit it has not yet appeared.



4.2 RF reminded the current Board members who are seeking re-election to submit their nominations before the 26th of March 2024.

4.3 It was agreed that any members properly nominated would be elected to the Board up to the maximum allowed of 12 in the interest of broadening the Boards experience and representation of the fans as a whole.

5. Members Forums

5.1 RF proposed members are invited to attend forums with the Board at which various topics can be discussed. It would provide the opportunity engage and allow a wider consultation process. It was agreed it was worth pursuing a couple of times in the year. The first one being in September 2024.

6. Packages to present to potential sponsors

6.1 PW requested consideration should be given to what we can offer existing and new sponsors to recognise their contributions. It was agreed that their logos would be produced on our published notifications. **MS** is making a banner/display board which will promote our sponsors,

6.2 **Post Meeting** SS put forward :-

- a) Joint venture with the Club/Bolton at home/ST to have a food bank in the Fan Zone.
- b) A summer gala for Bolton Lads & Girls Club with 'meet the player', 'beat the goalie', etc.

7. Bolton Lads & Girls Club (BLGC)

7.1 **PW & IP** to make contact with BLGC to establish if there any opportunities for them to offer sponsorship and ways and means of engaging with the younger fans

8. End of Season Dinner

8.1 It was agreed the Trust would look to take at least one table and sponsor the Fan of the Season Award. **MS** to use a What's App message to gather the number of eats/tables required. **RF** to contact the Club regarding the nominations for the Award, which are required by Judging Panel by the 29th of March 2024

8.2 **MS** will contact Karl Robinson on behalf of MP regarding the seating arrangements for the Affiliates table.

9. Any other Business

9.1 **RF**, having checked the TFGM bus timetable is to respond to the fan enquiry re buses from Leigh ,including suggesting a 'car share'.

9.2 **IP** to liaise with Bryan Lomax and issue a survey to members to assess the extent of seats affected by the leaking roof.



- 9.3 The next Structured Dialogue Meeting is scheduled for 10am on the 5th of January 2024. RF advised he would be on holiday. **AH** offered to take the minutes. **RF** to prepare an Agenda for the Board's approval before his holiday departure.

10. Next meeting date

- 10.1 To be arranged..

