

Exeter City AFC Supporters Society Ltd

Trust Board Meeting Minutes Part A

Meeting held in RGB Legends Lounge and on Zoom

Date: Monday 7 August 2023

Trustees present: Nick Hawker, Will Barrett, Julen Beer, Steven Chown, Mark Cordell, Nick Edwards, Pete Ferlie, Clive Harrison, Richard Knight, Jamie Pelmeur,

Apologies: Doug Gillard

Officers Present: Steve Chudley (Finance Officer) Pete Cordwell (Minutes Taker), Ryan Ilott (Membership Secretary)

Apologies: None

Amendment to Minutes

None

Approval of minutes from July meeting

Approval of Part A Minutes for July meeting proposed by MC, seconded by NE.

The minutes were unanimously approved

Matters Arising

Podcast. JT inviting Paul T. to participate. Interviews ongoing.

Chairman's Update: NH

20th Anniversary Dinner

Dinner on Sunday 3 September for supporters. Representatives of all Grecian Groups to be invited. CCT and ECI to have static displays. Dinner on Monday 4 September evening. TB meeting to be moved. Trust will be sponsoring the Leyton Orient game.

VeryConnect

Going well but work is still needed, especially for Junior Grecians.

Opening of the Cliff Hill Training Ground

Thanks to all who came to this event and helped to make it such a successful day.

Special thanks to John Street who made things happen, especially for the local dignitaries.

Annual General Meeting & Elections (NH)

Proposal for AGM – 18th November 2023 (Peterborough Utd.) Agreed.

In the next few days NH will distribute a timetable of the various dates needed in the build up to the election.

Torquay Utd Supporters Trust will supervise the election so that John Street, as an employee of the Club, is not compromised. (Thank you Torquay).

NH will book Exeter Phoenix and offer them a stand to promote their work. There will be a 5 minute slot for ECI.

August 30th event at ECI Jelly shop, Fore St

Kit, mainly children's has been donated to Jelly shop. Players will be there to distribute and autograph shirts, including donated first team kit. NH to write to Carpetright and Eagle One to invite their participation. This is also part of a branding exercise, which will include offer of two free tickets for the first people seen in City kit in City centre when Club reps set out.

Working Group Updates.

Minutes of recent Working Group meetings can now be found at weownexetercityfc.co.uk

***then* Trust Board**

***then* Meeting July (or any month's) agenda here**

You will then be able to read the minutes of the Working Groups as part of the meeting pack

Working Group Updates

Finance & Governance

Interviews for new CFO taking place.

Question raised at last meeting about who would represent Club at Josh Key tribunal. It is Marcus Flitcroft

Still no successors to current accountant and auditor. These are needed before AGM. We might have to go searching.

In the accounts, it is important to note that the City For All outgoings are covered by previous donations.

Owners & Members

Minutes available at above location.

New focus on behaviour messages, in line with EFL initiative, "Love Football, Protect the Game."

Trust achievement boards have been unveiled and are looking good.

Catering. Westlers hot dogs sold well, despite low-key launch.

Community

An opportunity has arisen to sponsor one (or more) of the Disability Counts tournaments for the current season. It will take £500 sponsorship budget.

We won't be able to have our networking evening this year, mainly because of changes at ECI. The best way forward is to use one of the EFL Trophy games for a smaller event this year and make better plans for next year. There is scope to use both our home fixtures but this will be dependent on SWST.

Hoping to use any surplus money in the budget to purchase a collection bin for the ECI recycled sportswear.

Communications

Minutes available at above location.

Trust Achievement Boards completed.

VeryConnect. A meeting has been arranged to discuss further. A Player of the Match vote has been started. Should be a useful trial of the system for voting. Explore Fanbase for this.

Podcast docuseries interviews have been taking place. We've been in touch with Rotherham about MT. Hoping for interviews with PT and AI.

Kit launch has finally happened. Good support from Pro Direct. Now working to get shirts with winners of the competition. Nick, in shop, has been a big help.

We'll look at promoting Jelly Shop event.

Any Other Business

A trustee wants to make a donation of the value of his season ticket to away supporters, in the same way as City for All. This was agreed to be a good idea and could be done through the SLO.

Date of next meeting. TBA