



Minutes of the Cardiff City Supporters' Trust AGM

Held at The Llandaf Insitute on the 25th May 2023

Registration/Attendance

Michael Brown[163];Jane Cooke[1385];David Craig[254]Andy Davies[805];Paul Davis[644];Phil Dooley[551];Chris Edwards[1287];Gethin Evans[1637];Robert Jeffery[1559];Lynda Jeffery[1635];Karen Jones[457];Gareth Jones[697];Jeffrey Mansfield[1327];Richard Martin[389];Keith Morgan[162];Anthony Mulhern[379];Phillip Nifield[211];John Pascoe[1430];Rhys Price[1104];Michael Spear[1577];David Thomas[1666];Ron Williams[500];Sylvia Williams[1273];Nick Williams[1677];John A Young[982];David Young[1192]

Apologies

Apologies were received from Jon Day[1181];Jeremy Williams[942]

Chairman's Annual Report

The important points arising were:

The Trust is registered with the Financial Conduct Authority as a Community Benefit Society under the Cooperative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 with effect from 18th May 2022. Its formal name is the Bluebirds Supporters' Society Ltd but it will continue to operate as the Cardiff City Supporters' Trust.

It had to be recognised that the 2022-2023 season had been an extremely disappointing one. Change is required and the Trust will play its part in trying to ensure that this happens. The size of the task must not be under-estimated.

The main EFL Board has to reverse its current position with regard to the transfer window embargo. Its position is that a three transfer window embargo will remain in place even if the Club pays the two remaining instalments due to FC Nantes on the Emiliano Sala transfer.

CCFC are awaiting a decision from the Swiss Federal Tribunal on the Sala legal case and the case against the Club's insurers/brokers is ongoing.

Following the Fans Led Review Report on football governance a Government white paper is likely to come fully into law for the 2024/25 season. The main proposal in this is for an independent regulator to oversee football authorities such as the FA, Premier League and the EFL.

Another significant proposal is for the establishment of fans' advisory boards. These boards will give fans more say in the strategic decisions of their clubs in all matters which impact on fans. The Trust will work with the Football Supporters' Association to produce a model for such boards. A key aspect of a board will be that a fans' representative will be chosen by fans. Clubs will have no say in who is elected. The Trust will endeavour to work with CCFC senior management to ensure that this proposal is implemented ahead of the statutory requirement to do so.

The Trust's relationship with the Club board has been problematic but in the past year that relationship has improved and a number of meetings have taken place.

The Trust has continued to expand its community support/development role. This is evident in the work it has undertaken with foodbank collections, the Memorial Garden, the CCFC Foundation Sensory Room at the Stadium and the support given to the Disabled Supporters' Association.

Minutes of 2022 AGM

The minutes of the 2022 AGM were approved as a true record

Annual Accounts

Nick Williams, Treasurer, gave a brief summary of the financial position using the papers in the Members' Pack as reference. The Treasurer drew attention to the fact that there were two sets of accounts reflecting the Trust's change of status in 2022. Those sets were for the periods January 1st – May 17th 2022 and May 18th – 31st December 2022. He reminded the meeting that the Trust was formally confirmed by the Financial Conduct Authority as the Bluebirds Supporters' Society Limited on 18th May 2022.

For the period January 1st – 17th May 2022 the Trust's retained surplus or reserves were £35,051 which were carried forward into The Bluebirds Supporters' Society. At 31st December 2022 the Society's retained surplus, after incurring a deficit of £3,368 in the period amounted to £31,683.

The 2 sets of accounts were unanimously approved by the meeting

Independent Examination of Accounts

The Treasurer informed the meeting that an independent examination of the accounts had been carried out by Evans Entwistle, Chartered Management Accountants & Tax Advisors. The Chair reported that the proposal to carry out an Independent Examination of the Accounts as opposed to Full Statutory Audit was first approved at the 2022 AGM and such approval would need to be renewed on an annual basis.

The proposal to continue with an Independent Examination of the Accounts was approved

Disciplinary Policy

The Chair informed the meeting that the Trust had been subject to a Governance Audit by the Football Supporters Association (FSA). One of the recommendations was that the Trust adopt the model Disciplinary Policy issued by the FSA but, as the Policy impacts directly upon members it should be put forward for their approval and then displayed on the Trust Website.

The Disciplinary Policy was approved by the meeting

Board of Directors

The Chair reported that all current Board members had stood down and that all those wishing to continue had put themselves forward for election. He also noted, with disappointment, that only 7 members had put themselves forward for election to the 9 seats on the Board thus obviating the need for an election. The Chair introduced those who had put their names forward. They are

- Keith Morgan
- Phillip Nifield
- Jon Day
- Nick Williams
- Mike Spear
- Gethin Evans
- Jeremy Williams

The appointment of these 7 members to the Board was approved by the meeting

Issues with PayPal

The Chair informed members of problems with the PayPal system of renewing membership. He apologised to members about these issues and, whilst there were temporary measures in place to continue the service, every attempt was being made to resolve the situation with PayPal.

Closure of Meeting

The Chair took the opportunity to thank specific members who work hard behind the scenes for the Trust, specifically Mike Morris (Webmaster) and Paul Evans and Clive Harry (Membership)

He also informed the meeting that Vice-Chair David Craig was standing down after 14 years of significant contribution to Trust activities. He paid tribute to his hard work down the years, in particular being instrumental in the Fred Keenor Statue project and also setting up the Trust Foodbank collections. He made a formal presentation to David in recognition of his work over the years.

The Chair then thanked members who had attended and closed the meeting