

Saints City Trust Annual General Meeting
Saints Bar 3rd October 2018 19:30



Saints City Trust Board members present: Ian Rogers (IR); Barry Hilliard (BH); Aaron Paea(AP); Gavin Rumble(GR) and Duncan McLeod (DM)

1. Welcome and Introductions

DM opened the meeting at which 12 Trust members attended. A full list of attendees is available from DM. DM then gave a brief explanation of the format of the meeting and the documents previously circulated. He also confirmed that no nominations had been made to the invitation to stand for election to the Trust Board.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from 21 members: Michael Holland, John Sylvester, Dave Church, Frank Godman, Iona Hilliard, Sarah Hilliard, David Willacy, Joan Willacy, Stella Winters, Ted Winters, Bryan Tomlinson, Steve Whiting, Roger Aggett, David McLean, Jack Press, Dave Miles, Barry Spinks, Bob Johnson, John Bracken, Ian Oakley and Anita Rana.

3. Minutes of last AGM 27th September 2017

DM reminded the meeting that the main item of business at the last AGM was the use of the Trust's reserves. There were no specific matters arising.

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record.

4. Chair's Report

IR then spoke about the Annual Report that was made available to all present and was on the Trust's website.

IR began by thanking all volunteers who had helped on match days and on other activities. He set out how funds raised had been spent including repairs to the floodlights and pitch reinstatement.

IR described that transport had been arranged to a number of games and take up had been good.

He stated that the relationship with the Club owners remained positive and they remained optimistic that the new ground would happen. IR was to continue to review any proposals and share with Trust members as well as seek proposals for a plan B if plans did not materialize.

IR set out what the Trust aimed to do in the next year. This included increased fund raising activities and he asked the meeting for any ideas.

5. Treasurer's Report

DM presented the Treasurer's Report including an explanation of the final accounts for 2017/2018. Again these were made available to all present and on the website. JB highlighted the income and expenditure account with a surplus of £1,281 for the year compared with £1,346 in 2016/17. The accumulated balances amounted to £16,242 which was raised entirely by subscriptions and donations.

It was noted that Bryan Tomlinson had undertaken an independent examination of the accounts and his statement was included in the documents. It was noted he was to stand down and a replacement was required.

The accounts were unanimously adopted. A vote of thanks was also given to Bryan Tomlinson. DM then moved a resolution to disapply the obligation to appoint auditors for 2018/2019. This was unanimously adopted.

6. Consideration of Trust Objectives

IR set out the need to update the Trust's objectives from those originally agreed at the Trust's formation. The reasons included advice from Supporters' Direct and legislative updates. A resolution had been circulated setting out the current and proposed objectives. This was unanimously agreed by the meeting.

7. Report on Membership

DM gave details of membership numbers. There were 98 paid up members in 2017/18. For the current year 81 members had joined to date. Further numbers were expected.

8. Questions and Answer Session

Gary Ruse provided an update on the activities of Stand By Your Saints. This included Boost the Budget and events in the bar.

IR asked members to suggest possible uses of £436 raised in memory of Clive Churchhouse. It was intended that it would support an ongoing project or investment.

The end of season awards was discussed and it was agreed to pass over the administration to SBYS. IR to arrange.

9. Any Other Business

The meeting was formally closed at 8.30 and thanks given to those who had attended and to Gary Ruse for opening the Bar.