

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF SAINTS CITY TRUST BOARD ON MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup>  
DECEMBER 2021 7.30 PM**

Present: Ian Rogers (Chair), Jake Ellacott, Duncan McLeod, Barry Hilliard and Julie Scott.

Apologies: Gavin Rumble, Ian Oakley and John Bracken

**1. Welcome and Apologies.**

Apologies above.

**2. Minutes of Meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

Draft Minutes of the meeting had been circulated and were agreed.

Matters Arising:

- Club were now pursuing floodlights at Oaklands College.
- Amended parking signs had not been installed in York Road.
- Other items are on the agenda.

**3. Fan-led Review of Football Governance**

IR had received a communication from Football Supporters Association (FSA) concerning the above that had recently been published. They wanted the Trust to write to local MP Daisy Cooper to ask her to support the review and to help ensure the Government implemented the recommendations. The Board supported the findings and DM would write to the MP. We also agreed to meet her, if she wanted further information.

**4. Social Media and Website**

JE had reviewed the website and social media presence of the Trust. He believed a few simple changes would make navigation more straightforward, particularly around membership. IR would discuss with the website administrator and JE would provide a summary of required changes.

JE had also looked at Facebook access and would be able to start this along with a Twitter feed to post update messages from the Trust. The Board agreed to monitor responses and JE would update at the next meeting.

## **5. Update from Leadership Team Meetings**

IR set out the main points of the weekly meetings. Much had centered the Boreham Wood Cup Tie. It had been agreed that the Club would not respond to some of the more inflammatory communications from BW.

JS reported that efficiency on turnstiles had been much improved with debit card entry and updated equipment at both entrances.

There had been some complaints about stewarding at matches and the Board related their experiences. The Club were aware of problems but IR would raise again at the next meeting.

Volunteering remains an issue both on match days and during the week. The email from the Trust had not seemed to have brought in new recruits. We discussed other channels to try to attract help. This included social media and utilising Duke of Edinburgh award participants.

Board members also raised other issues for IR to raise at a future Leadership Group meeting. This included the ground PA system and the confusion for supporters over future fixtures.

## **6. Any Other Business**

- Revenue from match day fund raising was significantly down on past seasons. This seem to reflect a new generation of fans and a cash not being carried. We agreed to try to rejuvenate the raffle with more prizes linked to the shop and advertising in advance on social media.
- JE raised the equipment from the soft play area in the bar which had been removed. IR to ask Club if it can be donated to a local nursery or play group.

Next meeting in late January with DM to arrange.

The meeting closed at 8:35 pm.

IAN ROGERS  
CHAIR