

MINUTES OF MEETING OF SAINTS CITY TRUST BOARD ON MONDAY 16th JANUARY 2023 7:30 PM

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

Apologies: Ian Oakley, Phill Coates, Julie Scott, Gavin Rumble and John Bracken

1. Welcome and Apologies.

Apologies above.

2. Minutes of Meeting of 7th December 2022

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

Matters Arising:

- Player of the Month was sponsored by the Board at £5 per head. DM to collect from those still to pay.
- Intrusive lighting in main stand had been addressed in recent games. A watching brief to be maintained.
- IR to pursue Trust shed in ground for next season with safeguards included for the asset raised at the last meeting.
- Fans' Forum has still to have a date set. The Club also wanted a Members' Forum. IR to continue to pursue.

3. Increase in Trust Membership

IR had previously circulated a draft leaflet, which was discussed at the last meeting. It was agreed to bring it back to this meeting. Comments had been received from Phill Coates about distinguishing between potential Junior Membership of the Trust and the benefits offered by Junior Saints. IR and PC would seek to clarify this. We agreed to seek to launch this next season and to work on an introductory offer and leaflet in the interim.

4. Update from SACFC Leadership Team meetings

IR updated on the meetings he had attended since the Board last met;

- Key Performance Indicators for Leadership Team being worked on.
- New Commercial Manager being recruited. IR to raise kit sponsorship when they are in post.
- IR had raised concern about delays in food service on match days.
- There were issues about obtaining replica kit from Hummel due to production problems.

5. Fans' Forum

See Matters Arising.

6. Fundraising

Under 12's raffle at Hemel Hempstead Town game had produced a grateful winner of a signed shirt. JE to put details on Twitter.

Club to be pressed to put more details of match day fundraising and away travel in its match pack.

New sponsors are required for Player of the Month.

7. Away Travel

The minibus to Oxford had been relatively successful. There were a few last minute cancellations, due mainly to illness.

Plans for Taunton Town on 28 January are being formulated. The cost will be £40 and sufficient numbers to make it viable are still to be confirmed. JE had suggested Club be asked about possible subsidy for big games in future.

8. Any Other Business

- BH reported that the latest membership figure was 89.
- DM raised that some supporters were concerned about searches and scans at gate for Tonbridge Angels game. The Board understood the reasons for this after flares had been launched at the Hemel Hempstead Town match but felt the Club should have publicised the reasoning in advance.
- JE raised concerns about the number of single use plastics utilised at each home game and if more sustainable alternatives were available.

Next meeting was provisionally arranged for Monday 20th February at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8:20 pm.

IAN ROGERS
CHAIR