

Saints City Trust Annual General Meeting
Saints Bar 27th September 2017 19:30



Saints City Trust Board members present: Ian Rogers (IR); John Bracken (JB); Barry Hilliard (BH); Aaron Paea (AP); Ian Oakley (IO) and Duncan McLeod (DM)

1. Welcome and Introductions

DM opened the meeting at which 14 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.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from 20 members: Michael Holland, John Sylvester, Dave Church, Frank Godman, Iona Hilliard, Sarah Hilliard, Mike Roberts, David Willacy, Joan Willacy, Stella Winter, Ted Winter, Bryan Tomlinson, Steve Whiting, Roger Aggett, Ken Allen, David McLean, Jack Press, Peter Lines, Gavin Rumble and Richard Stanwell.

3. Minutes of last AGM 26th October 2016

The only matters arising were to be dealt with under item 4 on the agenda.

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. He referred to the matters arising from the 2016 AGM minutes and that the Management Committee had not met recently. IR then described the varying positions of Trusts across the country and their relationship with their football club. He reminded the meeting that share ownership of the Club remained the long-term objective.

IR discussed the generally positive relationship with the owners. However, there were no regular Board meetings that a supporter's representative could attend. He was though consulted regularly.

He also raised how the Trust had recruited match day volunteers from the community although more were needed. Over £4000 had been raised for the club through match day activities such as the raffle and golden goals. This had gone directly to fund pitch reinstatement and the home dressing room floor.

IR described future activities including events for non-league day. He also outlined a planned meeting with Lawrence Levy to discuss the club's finances and plans to arrange a fans' forum.

IR also discussed current progress on the new ground development and plans for future events in the Saints Bar.

5. Treasurer's Report

JB presented the Treasurer's Report including an explanation of the final accounts for 2016/2017. Again these were made available to all present and on the website. JB highlighted the income and expenditure account with a surplus of £1,346 for the year. The accumulated balances amounted to £14,966 which was raised entirely by subscriptions and donations. In response to a question JB explained the nature of the investment account.

It was noted that Bryan Tomlinson had undertaken an independent examination of the accounts and his statement was included in the documents.

The accounts were unanimously adopted. A vote of thanks was also given to Bryan Tomlinson. JB then moved a resolution to disapply the obligation to appoint auditors for 2017/2018. This was unanimously adopted.

IR then introduced the item relating to the following resolution:

To confirm that a major objective of the Trust remains to seek and obtain a shareholding in the Football Club to help promote the views and interests of supporters. To support this the Trust's reserves will be retained for this purpose. This ambition is to be pursued in discussions with the Club to try to find viable options and progress will be reported regularly to members.

IR stated that under the current ownership model no shareholding options were open but this may change in the future. The meeting discussed other options for the use of the funding but unanimously agreed the resolution put to the meeting.

6. Report on Membership

DM gave details of membership numbers. There were 92 paid up members in 2015/2016 and 103 in 2016/17. For the current year 72 members had joined to date. Further numbers were expected.

7. Appointment to Society Board

DM explained that the Trust had the opportunity to appoint up to 7 elected Board members and that the rules requires, that after 2 or 3 years following election, half of the members of the Board are to resign and seek re-election. Allowing for vacancies and resignations up to 4 new nominations were sought for 2017/2018. 2 nominations were received and these were the current Board members Barry Hilliard and Aaron Paea seeking re-election. DM asked the members present to ratify these appointments and this was agreed unanimously.

8. Questions and Answer Session

Trust members then raised plans for future away travel. The meeting also requested that the Trust seek to arrange a fan's forum.

9. Any Other Business

The problems with the timely production of match posters was raised and IR agreed to raise this with the Club.

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