

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF SAINTS CITY TRUST BOARD ON MONDAY 23RD
AUGUST 2021 7.30 PM**

Present: Ian Rogers (Chair), John Bracken, Duncan McLeod, Aaron Paea, Barry Hilliard, Julie Scott and Ian Oakley.

Apologies: Gavin Rumble

1. Welcome and Apologies

IR welcomed Julie to her first meeting. Apologies above.

2. Minutes of Meeting 19th July 2021

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

Matters Arising:

- None not covered on the agenda.

3. Finance

JB circulated draft 2020/21 accounts and went through the main points. He asked Board members to review and pass on any comments. JB then would pass on to the independent examiner.

HSBC had sent a letter informing the Trust that the main account used for transactions, the Community Account, would be converted to a Charitable Account from 1st November 2021. It would incur charges for the first time. These included a £5 a month fee, 0.4% on all cash deposits and 40p per cheque. It was agreed that membership forms and prediction league forms should include details of how direct bank transfers could be made to help reduce charges.

4. AGM

DM had circulated a draft timetable for the 2021 AGM. It was agreed that Monday 1st November be agreed as the provisional date for the meeting and that other dates in the timetable were therefore agreed.

IR would check availability of Clubhouse for the AGM.

5. Contact with Club

IR had a number of items to raise following the first home game against Dartford on 14th August. The main concern of supporters had been admission at the gate. Communication from the Club that tickets had to be bought in advance had not reached everyone especially away supporters. As a result, there were long

queues. Julie, who worked on the Hatfield Road gate, highlighted other problems. These included inexperienced staff, a lack of stewards, only one debit card reader available and delays when fans were trying to purchase online tickets at the gate. IR agreed to raise these with the Club. The meeting recognised that these may only be teething problems heightened by the large crowd. Feedback should be given to IR of the Board's experience at the Welling game.

The small supply of match day programmes promised were unavailable, due to printing deadline problems.

IR ran a raffle at the Dartford game, which was successful. It was agreed to also sell Golden Goal tickets and a scratch card and the next home match.

There had been a racist incident at the game, which the Club had condemned quickly on the website. The Board stressed that it would also reiterate its support for the Club's zero tolerance policy towards racism, discrimination, abuse, or harassment of any kind in the next newsletter.

IR informed the Board that the Club was running a volunteers' day in September to try to increase the numbers helping on match days.

Parking for more than 2 hours in York Road was still restricted on Saturdays despite the Council agreeing to a change. IR would follow up.

The Club had sought supporters' feedback on the temporary structures behind each goal. IR had requested views and was coordinating responses.

6. Any Other Business

- Jake Ellacott had offered to help increase the Trust's Social Media presence. IR will the proposals with Jake proposals and bring to next meeting as the Board was unsure of how or if to move forward.
- IR had raised the floodlights at Oaklands again with Leigh Page. No progress had been made.

Next meeting Monday 20th September 7:30 pm at the Conservative Club.

The meeting closed at 8:45 pm.

IAN ROGERS
CHAIR