

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF SAINTS CITY TRUST BOARD ON MONDAY 24th JULY
2023 7:30 PM**

Present: Ian Rogers (Chair), Duncan McLeod, Phill Coates and Ian Oakley.

Apologies: Julie Scott, Aaron Livingstone, Jake Ellacott, Barry Hilliard, Gavin Rumble and John Bracken.

1. Welcome and Apologies.

Apologies above. The meeting wished Barry a speedy recovery.

2. Minutes of Meeting of 12th June 2023

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

Matters Arising not covered on main agenda:

- IR still pushing the Club for an early Fans Forum.

3. AGM

Following the publication of the 2023/24 fixtures, we agreed that the AGM would take place on Wednesday 11th October in the Clubhouse. This could be changed if other factors changed.

JS, JE, IO and AL had agreed to seek (re)election at the AGM. DM had prepared a notice to go out for others who may seek election. IR had obtained members list and would send this out and post on website.

4. Update from SACFC Leadership Team meetings

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

- There had been some adverse feedback from some supporters that a specific women's replica shirt was not available. The Club had marketed a unisex shirt, as it was believed that it was financially unviable to produce a women's shirt as the minimum order was 500. The meeting felt the Club needed to explain this to fans.

5. Increase in Membership

IR had circulated an action plan and this was progressing well. The Trust Hut had been installed and painting and signage were in preparation. Ground signage and flyer distribution was also nearly ready.

The membership form redesign was being finalised. PS had access to the youth teams and the relevant material would be sent to them.

6. Fundraising/Finance

IO to be added to bank account as extra signatory. DM to contact bank.

The Board agreed that production of specific Trust lapel badges was not economically viable.

Prediction League forms for 2023/24 being produced.

Automatic handheld payment machines should be available to use.

7. Away Travel

IR had had successful conversations with ALM coaches to provide away travel. Payment on line in advance was being developed with Michael Hill.

IR to ask Club to put details of each match on website and social media. The new hut should help simplify bookings.

8. Any Other Business

- DM raised the recently released Fair Game Index, which seeks to promote sustainability across football. One element involves redistribution of income to support the whole football pyramid. All political parties are being asked to include support for the proposals in their future manifestos. Lord McNally had spoken to Lawrence Levy to try to get the Club to indicate it welcomed the Index. IR to raise at the next Leadership Group.
- There was a discussion about the Trust's role with the Women's Team. This included whether the Hut would be open on their matchdays. We agreed to discuss at the next meeting.
- PC stated that there were now 27 youth teams linked to the Club.

Next meeting was provisionally arranged for Monday 21st August at 7:30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8:40 pm.

IAN ROGERS
CHAIR