

## **MINUTES OF MEETING OF SAINTS CITY TRUST BOARD ON MONDAY 20th MARCH 2023 7.30 PM**

Present: Ian Rogers (Chair), Duncan McLeod, Jake Ellacott, Ian Oakley, Phill Coates, Barry Hilliard and Gavin Rumble.

Apologies: Julie Scott and John Bracken

### **1. Welcome and Apologies.**

Apologies above.

### **2. Minutes of Meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

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

Matters Arising:

- JE reported on multi use cups available at Weymouth and Bath and whether the Club had considered these. IR replied that a review of catering was taking place and this would be considered.
- Additional Player of Month sponsors still required. IR had approached ALM Transport.
- The Craft Beer Festival was being run by an external company and no special discount would be available to fans.

### **3. Increase in Trust Membership**

We had agreed to launch new initiatives next season and to work on an introductory offer and leaflet. IR hopes to bring proposals to May meeting.

### **4. Update from SACFC Leadership Team meetings**

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

- Vision and Values had still to be published.
- New Commercial Manager, Chris Hawkins, had been recruited. We agreed to invite him to a future meeting.
- Recruitment for a Head of Football was on going. There was an advert on LinkedIn.
- The End of Season awards were confirmed to be in Clubhouse. IR to arrange in consultation with Club. Junior Saints awards on pitch, would be after the game. It was felt to be a good idea to get players involved in meeting younger fans at this point.

- Work was still on going to form the Women's Team. Resourcing remains a problem.
- Refreshments for B Team games are to be served from the Boardroom.

## **5. Fans' Forum**

The Fans' Forum is now due to take place on 5<sup>th</sup> April. IR would chair the meeting. Questions have been requested in advance.

## **6. Fundraising**

The level of receipts remained disappointing compared with previous seasons. It has been decided not to run a raffle for midweek games.

A large crowd was expected for Non-League Day against Dover Athletic on 25<sup>th</sup> March. £50.00 of Club Shop vouchers were being given away in lucky programmes. There should be an opportunity for raising additional revenue on the day.

PC stated that a large group from St. Albans City Youth would be attending the match on 15<sup>th</sup> April against Welling United.

## **7. Away Travel**

The Minibus to Bath had broken even. However, there were 3 late cancellations. It is the intention to seek non-refundable deposits in future.

IR is to consider running minibus to Chippenham Town and Concord Rangers, dependent on demand.

The possibility of play off trips and significantly larger numbers of fans wishing to travel was being considered.

## **8. Any Other Business**

- IR asked the Board to agree that the Wagstaffe Simmons trophy awarded by supporters at the end of the season be for Volunteer of the Year. This was agreed.
- IR has been tasked by Leadership Group to write an ethics policy.
- A tribute to Gary Ruse will be held at the Dover game.

Next meeting was provisionally arranged for Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30pm.

The meeting closed at 8:25 pm.

IAN ROGERS  
CHAIR