

West Ham United Supporters' Trust

Board Meeting Minutes

Date of meeting: 9/5/2023

Location: Virtual by Zoom

Present: - Nick Drane, Richard Elliot, Kevin Hind, Mark Inskipp,
Rachel McFetridge, Terry Reynolds, Sue Watson,

Apologies: Andrew Knight, David Shaer, Chris Wheal

1. Chair's welcome and apologies for absence

Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting and matters arising

Minutes of 22/3/2023 agreed as a true record of said meeting.
Minutes of 12/4/2023 agreed as a true record of said meeting.
Minutes of 24/4/2023 agreed as a true record of said meeting.
Matters arising covered by agenda items.

3. Consultation Document – next steps

The Consultation Document, as presented to the meeting, was agreed by all present as final document.

Next steps agreed as – board to look through the agreed document with view to consensus around 'red lines' as well as those point we can live with. This would then lead to agreement around our negotiating position. The need for a pragmatic approach was raised.

Once we have reached that position then approach the ISC with the document. It was stated the Trust should work in collaboration with all the groups on the ISC.

Responsibility

- 'Red lines' in consultation document to be agreed – board
- 'Live with' aspects in consultation document to be agreed-board
- Negotiating position to be agreed-board

4. Members meeting of 15/5/2023

Discussion started with attendees- agreed to promote the meeting further. Details of who will lead on the agenda items discussed. It was agreed this meeting is about listening to the attendees and taking their views/thoughts/ideas not just around fan engagement at WHUFC, but for the Trust priorities going forward for 23/24 season.

SW- Welcome and Introductions

SW- Introduce FSA rep (Ashley Brown)

ND-Fan Engagement at WHU- open style questions to be used to garner thoughts from attendees. Views may add to our consultation document.

RM- Intrepid Irons- feedback to be given.

KH- Focus for Trust next season- pick up points from discussions, summarise and take further feedback from attendees.

SW- Ask attendees re preferred frequency of meetings, along with other methods of engagement (polls, surveys, focus groups etc)

SW-Close meeting thanking all for attending.

Responsibility

- Tweet out meeting information to promote –SW
- Post on LinkedIn and FB to promote – CW
- Introduction to Ashley Brown to be sent to board – SW
- All on board that are attending to register for meeting – board
- Link for meeting to be sent to registered attendees-MI

5. FSE/FSA Annual Meeting attendance

SW explained the FSE AGM is 23/6/23 with the FSA AGM on 24/6/23. There was a discussion around who could attend the events in Manchester.

Responsibility

- Those able to attend to book via the FSA/FSE link.
- Those attending to confirm with the board.

6. Intrepid Irons

RM fed back re the meetings to date and noted interest is increasing from supporters. There is a meeting with the club 11/5/23 to discuss a range of issues raised by Intrepid Irons members.

23/5/23 – DFO will be delivering a presentation to Intrepid Irons.

The latest Blowing Bubbles magazine article is about Intrepid Irons.

RM working on achieving associate status with the FSA.

Responsibility

- RM/SW to meet club 11/5/23
- RM to feedback to board.
- RM to feedback to Intrepid Irons members at next meeting.
- Trust to publicise DFO meeting of 23/5/23

7. AOB

Athletic article re the changing face of football shared. This article links into the work being done by RM and Intrepid Irons.

Following a full discussion, those present agreed board actions re 6foot2 post.

Responsibility

- PDF of Athletic article to be sent to board-MI

6. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 12th June 2023 at 6:30pm.

Minute taker – Anthony Knight

Meeting closed 8.20 pm