



West Ham United Supporters' Trust Board Meeting Minutes

Date of meeting: 7 November 2023

Location: Virtual by Zoom

Present: - Nick Drane, Richard Elliot, Mark Inskipp, Rachel McFetridge,
Terry Reynolds, Sue Watson, Chris Wheal.

1. Chair's welcome and apologies for absence

Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all present. Apologies from Kevin. Anthony was travelling. Rachel would join later.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting and matters arising

Action: All. Comments on minutes of the last Board to Chris asap please.

3. Motion

To consider and vote upon the single motion:

That David Shaer is to vacate his board membership as per the Board Membership and Conduct Policy
5.10 Any member of the Board who fails without good cause to attend 3 consecutive Board meetings; is to vacate the office of Board member if required to do so by a majority of the other Board members.

- The Board voted unanimously, and with regret, to endorse the Motion.

4. Fan Advisory Board – documentation review

Sue shared progress of the work on this being led by the ISC and supported by the FSA. Following discussion, the Board, once more, noted that the current proposals for a FAB from the Club fall far short of our consultation document expectations. In particular the Kings' Speech, forthcoming Football Governance Bill and recruitment of officials to support IREF implementation argue for starting again on any sort of FAB because (a) it could only ever be an interim arrangement pending (b) emerging views on what the Regulator would require as a Licensing condition and possible creation of a Shadow Regulator. The Board reiterated its agreed position on Fan Engagement at West Ham as set out in the "consultation" documents shared with ISC and FSA colleagues and published on the WHUST website. It was agreed that Chris would circulate his views highlighting fundamental issues with the existing FAB proposals to Board colleagues and that Sue would take the Board's views forward in discussion with ISC and FSA colleagues. Sue will update the FAB documents based on our consultation document.

Responsibility

Action: Chris to circulate his comments to the Board.

Action: Sue to share the Board's decisions with colleagues.

Action- Sue to update FAB documents based on our consultation document.

Action: All to email to Sue any further comments/observations.

5. Ticketing / Media & Comms feedback

Chris updated colleagues noting that the continuing search for marketing/social media expertise to support the Board.

Responsibility

Action- Chris to approach contact to discuss

6. Marketing/Membership – short discussion

Mark asked that colleagues reflect on discussions to date and feedback to him issues for what would be a fuller discussion about these items at the next Board. Richard noted that this should include collective consideration about potential synergies from possible reconfiguration of existing Board Sub-Groups.

Responsibility

- All

7. AGM/Accounts

Draft accounts circulated by Mark. Work on these was continuing prior to Audit. He asked Board colleagues to start thinking about our February AGM in preparation for a more detailed discussion at December's Board. He confirmed he would prepare and circulate an AGM timeline to help planning.

Responsibility

Mark – To circulate to the Board a timeline for work needed in preparation for our AGM in February.

8. AOB

Mark agreed to attend an FSA meeting on 14 November which Sue could make up to 7pm..

Responsibility

- **Mark.**

9. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 29th November 2023 at 6:30pm.

Minute taker – RM

Meeting closed 20:15pm