

Minutes of The Blue and Gold Trust Directors Meeting held on 27/4/22

Present: Bob Britton, Len Candlish, Phil Ellis, Matt Lane, Tony Mowles, Charles Reynolds and Ray Sherring.

1. Apologies

None.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the last committee meeting held on the 18th of November 2021 were accepted as a true record.

3. Membership

The Secretary reported that current individual membership stands at 77, of which 29 are life members. There are currently 3 corporate members.

4. Treasurer's Report

- a. The Treasurer reported that transactions up to the 1st of April 2022 sees the account standing at £79,480:34. This includes the sum of £59,000 in the investment account .

5. Data Protection Fees

The Secretary informed the meeting that the Data Protection Fees of £40 payable to the Information Commissioner's Office that were due on the 1st May 2022 have been paid.

6. Football Supporters' Association Update

The Trust continues to have open dialogue with the FSA regarding the relationship, or lack of, between The Trust and KLTFC.

7. Update on These Clubs are Ours – The Case for Fan Ownership in Football

As a result of the Crouch report, the government has indicated that it will support the need for an Independent Regulator to oversee and monitor the governance and ownership of football clubs. It is hoped that an announcement will be made in the forthcoming Queen's Speech. It is likely that the issue will be the subject of a White Paper and as such will be debated in parliament.

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8. Maurice Ebbs Trophy

The Maurice Ebbs Trophy was presented by long-time fans and Trust members Ron Collins and Kathy Etheridge. The Trophy has in the past been presented to the Player of the Season by both Ron and Kathy. Unfortunately due to ill health and relocation, neither Ron nor Kathy are no longer able to attend matches at The Walks. As a result, they have asked that The Trust take over this presentation, but unfortunately the whereabouts of the trophy is unknown. Attempts have been made to contact the Friends of the Linnets (FOTL)

who have in the past organised the presentation evenings. Unfortunately it would appear that The Friends are reluctant to communicate with the Trust. The Secretary has contacted Ron and Kathy to explain the situation, and Ron is going to contact Mr Cleeve in an effort to track down the trophy.

9. Potential Joint FOTL/Trust Quiz Night

The Trust has been contacted by a committee member of the Friends of the Linnets (FOTL) with a view to organising joint quiz night at the football club. It would appear that the FOTL committee member is doing this off his own bat and not with the agreement of the FOTL committee. The Trust Chairman has undertaken to contact the FOTL member in an effort to identify the feasibility of holding such an event and to discuss potential arrangements.

10. Any Other Business

Some discussion took place regarding how the Trust should move forward and potentially looking at ways of restructuring. It was agreed that this would be discussed further and in more detail at the next Directors' meeting.

11. Next Meeting

The next Directors meeting will be held on Wednesday the 15th of June 2022 at 7:30 pm at The Crown and Mitre.