

Minutes of Bradford City Supporters Board Meeting

Venue: Microsoft Teams online

Date: Thursday 24/11/2022, meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

In attendance: Ian Taylor (Chairperson), Tony Bates (Vice-Chairperson), Manny Dominguez, John Barker, Steve Gorringe, Christine Tarren, Adam Baker, Wayne Robinson

Tony Bates took the Chair for this meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence

Keith Taylor, Ryan Sparks (BCAFC).

2. Officers positions

a. Chair

The Chairperson reported that his term of office had been completed and in accordance with the Supporters Board Standing Order was to be succeeded by the current Vice-Chairperson. The retiring Chairperson, Ian Taylor was thanked for his work and the current Vice-Chairperson, Tony Bates was welcomed as the new Chair.

b. Vice Chair

Nominations had been received for one candidate, Wayne Robinson, who was unanimously declared the new Vice Chair and congratulated by members present on taking on this new role

c. Secretary

The retiring Secretary, John Barker, had agreed to continue for a second term and Was unanimously declared the current Secretary and thanked for his work to date.

3. Review of Minutes/Actions from previous meeting

The Minutes of the 27th October Meeting, having been circulated were accepted as a true and correct record.

4. Terms of Reference approval

A revised document was submitted by the Chair, taking cognisance of discussions at the October meeting.

Further discussions took place on the following areas contained in the document:

Maximum number of voting members from supporters travel groups; this was to revert back to the previous wording.

Membership Exclusions, in order to avoid conflict of interest, exclusion through membership of other supporter's organisation was only to apply to those with officer responsibility for the particular supporters organisations.

Areas included in the Election Process section, in particular a maximum of 12 members, at any one time; applications for new members to be weighted to expand the diversity and representation of the Supporters Board and a revised quorum for meetings of 5 attendees (including either Chair or Vice-Chair).

The Standing Orders document was circulated with the only amendment applying to Standing Order 2 to ensure consistency with the changes to the Terms of Reference.

The new Terms of Reference is approved subject to agreed changes being made and circulated.

5. Call for new Board Members

<https://forms.office.com/r/Nx8WJDigvc>

A draft form was circulated and approved with the addition of non-invasive demographic details.

A final draft would be circulated, and then issued for new applicants, supported by promotion on social media and website. Content and response to be reviewed at the next meeting.

6. Pyro at away games

An EFL supported meeting and presentation had taken place with Supporters Board officer(s) attending. A draft statement, once received would be circulated.

7. Fan safety outside of ground

Continuing serious incidents make this a major area of concern for the Supporters Board with input to the Safety Advisory Group requested. We would support the closing of Midland Road to vehicular traffic for a defined period (suggested to be 30 minutes) after each fixture.

8. Working Group Update

We were still awaiting feedback and priorities from the club, Chair to progress.

9. Junior Supporters Initiative

A formal response was requested from the club, through Adam Fox (Development Centre).

10. Increasing Communication – 6 monthly highlight report

The chair was to draft and circulate a “skeleton” template for review and discussion.

11. Any Other Business

The following matters were raised:

Ian Taylor proposed that the Web Site subscription payments be transferred to the Supporters Board account and that the Board member who had been paying these monthly charges be reimbursed.

Manny Dominguez requested that online Board communication be considered, rather than just email, channels suggested included WhatsApp.

9. Date of Next Meeting Thursday 5th January 2023 – Teams Meeting

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.