



## **Minutes of Board Meeting Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

### **Attendees:**

Cliff Culley (CC)  
Paul Karter (PK)  
Lisa Mole (LM) (Chair)  
Kevin Patterson (KP)  
Karl Williamson (KW)  
Colin Whittle (Secretary)

Apologies  
Pete Davey (PD)  
Olivia Thomson (OT)  
Felicity Thow (FT)

### **Item 1 – Minutes of April Meeting**

The minutes of the Board meeting which took place on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025 were accepted as a correct record.

### **Item 2-Finance**

CC provided an update on the NUST accounts. The financial year for 2024/25 ends on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025. For information, the annual accounts can be located on the FCA website, and NUST website - [https://www.nufctrust.co.uk/files/pdf/annual-accounts-to-year-end-august-2024-with-resolutions-1\(1\).pdf](https://www.nufctrust.co.uk/files/pdf/annual-accounts-to-year-end-august-2024-with-resolutions-1(1).pdf) KW will take over the role of Treasurer as from the start of the next financial year and CC will provide assistance during the transitional period. The end of year accounts will be presented to the next AGM for approval.

### **Item 3- Ticketing**

LM reported that there continued to be an issue with regard to the availability of match

tickets from third party sites and it was agreed there needed to be more transparency on this issue since third party providers claimed to be in legitimate receipt of match tickets. There was a general discussion about the need for transparency in a number of areas and LM confirmed that NUST had asked the club for information in relation to the following: number of season ticket holders; number of tickets available for away ballots; number of members; number of tickets available to members; ballot success percentage .No response has been provided to date .It was agreed that these matters would be raised with the club again in order to ensure clarity/transparency for supporters.

#### **Item 4- NUST Board membership/election process**

LM reported that due to a wide-ranging number of other commitments Richard Barnsdall had stood down from the Board. That being the case it was agreed by the Board that CC would remain as a Co-Opted member beyond the end of the current financial year, until the next AGM (anticipated January 2026) by which time the election to the Board will have been completed. CC agreed to continue in this role. CW outlined to the Board the election process which commences following the end of the financial year and concludes at the next AGM when new elected Board members take up their roles.

#### **Item 5- NUST app/website**

KW updated the Board in relation to ongoing work to create an NUST App. Working with an NUST member who is an expert in this area, an NUST App has been developed and the next phase is to link with the NUST website host in order to ensure functionality. The App would be of assistance to members in the following ways:

- Interaction with Trust sending notifications directly to App.
- Chat Function.
- Better Collaboration
- Slick and easy to access content.
- Attraction of younger members.

#### **Item 6- Football Governance Bill**

PK updated on the progress in relation to the Football Governance Bill which had now become law having received Royal Assent in July. A meeting has been scheduled with Martyn Henderson, the Interim Chief Operating Officer on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2025 to talk the NUST Board through the powers of the Regulator, and to take on board observations from NUST regarding football governance and related matters.

#### **Item 7- Any other business**

1.LM agreed to lead on an NUST social event planned for September 2025 -details of time/date and venue to be finalised.

2.KP reminded members that the FSA annual review can be accessed on its website at

<https://thefsa.org.uk/news/fsa-2024-25-annual-review-download-now> The review covers a wide range of topics incl areas such as the Stop Exploiting Loyalty Campaign which NUST has actively supported.

3.LM reported that a productive meeting had recently taken place with the North East Combined Authority Mayor Kim McGuinness. It had been agreed that both NUST and the Mayors would continue to look at working together collaboratively for the benefit of supporters and the region.

4.LM updated the Board about a recent meeting that had taken place with representatives of the Sir Bobby Robson Foundation, who expressed their gratitude at the NUST contribution following the close of the Pledge Scheme. The Foundation representative provided an update on their expansion plans.

5.The Board concluded by wishing Eddie Howe and his squad best wishes for next season from all at NUST.

Date of next meeting-to be agreed