

Minutes of Board Meeting Sunday 18th February 2024

Attendees:

Greg Tomlinson (GT) – Chair Cliff Culley (CC) Pete Davey (PD) Paul Karter (PK) Lisa Mole (LM) Kevin Patterson (KP) Charlotte Robson (CR) Adam Stoker (AS) Olivia Thomson (OT) Felicity Thow (FT) Colin Whittle (CW) – Secretary

In attendance: Michael Mc Carthy (MM)(item 2 only)

Item 1 - Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the $14^{\rm th}$ January 2024 were accepted as a correct record.

Item 2 - Fan Advisory Board (FAB) update

PK introduced MM, Chair of the newly constituted FAB (and season ticket holder fan representative) who gave a brief introduction of himself and his role as Chair in relation to FAB. There then followed a general discussion about the FAB. Members thanked MM for his introduction and wished him all the best in his role. (MM left the meeting at this point).

PK confirmed that the first meeting of the FAB was due to take place on Monday 26th February 2024. Both himself and AS would attend as NUST Board representatives and would report back to the Board following the meeting. As a reminder, PK confirmed FAB membership would consist of a total of 9 representatives: incl 2 from NUST,1 from United with Pride,1 from NUDSA, together with a further 5 representatives.

Item 3-Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

GT reported that the MOU proposed by NUST has been considered by NUFC internally and is now with the NUFC legal department for final review. A response is awaited.

Item 4-AGM/Finance

GT confirmed that the AGM was due to take place on Wednesday 28th February 2024 at the Moncur Suite, St James' Park, starting at 7pm. Notice had been sent to members in accordance with NUST's rules. It was agreed that final documentation -annual accounts/chairs statement/resolution etc -would be available to members in advance of the AGM, with hard copy documentation provided to members in attendance on the night.

Item 5-Annual Survey

NUST have recently carried out a safe standing/atmosphere survey which had been shared with supporters and NUFC and given that the season was approaching its three-quarter stage it was agreed that consideration should be given to the content of the NUST end of season survey. FT will lead on production of the survey and will report back to Board members.

Item 6-GT handover

GT confirmed that he would be standing aside from his position on the Board as from AGM and confirmed he would prepare handover information to his successor as Chair. It was also noted that CR's tenure as a Board member would also end at the AGM. Both GT and CR were thanked for their valuable contribution as NUST Board members. It was agreed that the successor to GT would be agreed at the first Board meeting post AGM.

Item 7-Any Other Business

Supporter information in relation to Arsenal away on 24th February to be uploaded onto the NUST website. Concern was expressed by Board members once again about inappropriate TV scheduling and the wider issues facing travelling supporters. NUST will continue its ongoing work with the FSA.

AS will attend a meeting with Premier League representatives, as part of the FSA on 6th March 2024. Minutes of the previous meeting with Premier League representatives have now been distributed.

An NUFC ballot workshop is taking place on 20TH February 2024. Board members will be in attendance and having obtained views from members will feedback those views at the workshop. An overview from the workshop will be published on NUST's website.

AS confirmed his recent attendance at an initial meeting organised by 'Black n White Army' supporter group and will report back on future developments.

Next meeting- AGM on 28th February 2024. Board Meeting on 4th March 2024.