



## **Minutes of Board Meeting Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

### **Attendees:**

Pete Davey (PD)  
Paul Karter (PK) (Chair)  
Lisa Mole (LM)  
Kevin Patterson (KP)  
Adam Stoker (AS)  
Felicity Thow (FT)  
Karl Williamson (KW)  
Colin Whittle (Secretary)

### **Apologies**

Richard Barnsdall (RB)  
Cliff Culley (CC)  
Olivia Thomson (OT)

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

The minutes of the Board meeting which took place on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025 were accepted as a correct record.

### **Item 2-Finance**

PK 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) Work is ongoing to transfer the treasurer position from CC to KW for the start of the next financial year. The end of year accounts will be presented to the next AGM for approval.

### **Item 3- Fan Advisory Board (FAB) Update**

PK reported that the summary notes from the FAB meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025 had now been published and can be accessed on the NUST website at <https://www.nufctrust.co.uk/news/meeting-summary-notes-latest-fab-meeting> The meeting covered a wide range of activities which were subject to discussion between FAB members and representatives from NUFC incl ticket sales, season ticket waiting list, disability fan representative feedback, kit retail, terms of reference and governance, Hall of Fame .In discussing the meeting summary notes NUST Board members felt that some sections could have been written with more clarity. PK took the opportunity to re-iterate the NUST policy on gifts and hospitality, referring to the FAQ section on our website, which can be accessed here: <https://www.nufctrust.co.uk/faqs> It was noted that during our latest meeting with the club, NUST received an invitation to attend The Sela Cup match, which we have politely declined. Given that the wording in the latest FAB meeting summary notes were a little ambiguous, NUST has revised our own FAQs to make them clearer and more transparent

### **Item 4- Meeting With NUFC Supporter Services**

PK reported on the most recent meeting with representatives from NUFC Supporter Services. A wide-ranging number of issues were discussed incl an overview of the NUST annual survey results, membership for season 25/26, ballot transparency, seat selection options, ticketing issues, an event for NUST members where the Carabao Cup is presented. The club will consider the points raised by NUST representatives when forming its policies. It was agreed that ongoing dialogue should continue.

### **Item 5- NUST Member Surveys**

FT reported that the results of the NUST end of season survey had been distributed to members. The results are available on the NUST website at <https://www.nufctrust.co.uk/news/presenting-your-2025-annual-survey> PK had spoken to the Head of Supporter Services who had offered a number of dates for presentation of the results to club officials. The date is to be confirmed, preferred date suggested 30<sup>th</sup> June and FT would lead on presentation of the survey results. The survey had covered a number of wide-ranging topics including, amongst others, memberships/ballots/future of SJP/away ticketing/club decision making and more, and the results would be useful for the club when considering its position on such areas. It was noted that the age demographics of survey returns indicated that consideration should be given to increased interaction with younger members (the 18 to 34 age group). The Board had a general discussion on this point, and it was agreed that KW would lead on initiatives to generate engagement with younger members.

### **Item 6- NUST Board Membership**

PK outlined the reason behind his decision to step down as NUST Chair. His 3-year tenure as a Board member comes to an end this year, and that being the case, he felt it appropriate to have a transitional period in which to hand over the role to the next Chair. PK will continue to serve on the NUST Board until the expiry of his tenure at the next AGM. Following a discussion between Board members it was agreed unanimously that LM would take over the role of Chair. In addition, following the birth of his first child last month AS indicated to the

Board that he is no longer able to devote the time required to the position and proposed to stand down from his role as a Board member with immediate effect. The Board thanked both AS and PK for their contributions. A further discussion will follow amongst Board members around distribution of tasks and composition of the Board ahead of the next election/AGM.

### **Item 7- Any Other Business**

1.Member wellbeing- KW outlined that there had been an uptake in membership in recent months, and given the number of NUST members, and suggested that the Board should consider how it can best support member wellbeing. A general discussion took place on this point, and it was agreed that KW would lead on this issue.

2. PK reported on the progress in relation to the Football Governance Bill and noted that it was anticipated that it would become law in late summer 2025.NUST will report on its progress.

3.PK reported that the FSA AGM has taken place on 14<sup>TH</sup> June 2025 and 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.

4.AS reported that following discussions, the Premier league had agreed to maintain the away ticket price cap at £30 for the 2025/6 season. Continued pressure from fans groups led by the FSA had ensured that a price cap would now be in place for the 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive season. It was noted that NUST has been involved since the original 'twenty's plenty' campaign, when price capping was originally introduced.

5.The Board concluded by congratulating Eddie Howe and his squad for an excellent season, which culminated in winning the Carabao Cup and Qualification for the Champions League.

Date of next meeting-to be agreed