



## **Minutes of Board Meeting Wednesday 17<sup>TH</sup> September 2025**

### **Attendees:**

Cliff Culley (CC)  
Pete Davey (PD)  
Paul Karter (PK)  
Lisa Mole (LM) (Chair)  
Kevin Patterson (KP)  
Olivia Thomson (OT)  
Felicity Thow (FT)  
Colin Whittle (Secretary)

### **Apologies:**

Karl Williamson (KW)

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

The minutes of the Board meeting which took place on 10<sup>Th</sup> August 2025 were accepted as a correct record.

### **Item 2-Finance**

CC provided an update on the NUST accounts. The financial year for 2024/25 ended on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025, and the process has now commenced to complete the annual accounts for presentation to the AGM in January 2026. 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 has taken over the role of Treasurer as from the start of the financial year and CC will provide assistance during the transitional period.

### **Item 3- Ticketing**

LM reported on the continuing issues with regard to the availability of match tickets from third party sites and the lack of transparency from the club on this and wider ticketing issues. NUST have been contacted widely for comment following the recent issue in relation to a group of tickets being sold to a school in Dundee, There was a general discussion about the

continued need for transparency in a number of areas and board members were reminded that the club had been asked 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 despite a further request for information. It was agreed that NUST would write an 'open' communication to the club, so the wider fan base are aware that the issues have been raised.

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

CW outlined to the Board the election process which commences following the end of the financial year and concludes at the next AGM-planned for January 2026- when new elected Board members take up their roles. The election timetable is due to commence in October 2025. FSA will be contacted for confirmation that they will provide a chair for the election process, as per previous years.

#### **Item 5- Football Governance Act 2025**

The Football Governance Bill has now been passed through Parliament. LM reported that members of the NUST board met with the Martyn Henderson Interim Independent Football Regulator on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2025 who outlined the responsibilities of the IFR. A note of the meeting can be found on the NUST website at <https://www.nufctrust.co.uk/news/nust-meets-with-interim-independent-football-regulator/>

#### **Item 6- Any other business**

1. LM provided feedback on the recent survey about an NUST member's event. and will lead --details of time/date and venue to be finalised and will be linked to the NUST election.
2. LM reported that since the meeting in August with representatives of the Sir Bobby Robson Foundation, plans had been announced in relation to the unveiling of its cancer research and treatment centre. The media statement in relation to the plans can be found on the NUST website at <https://www.nufctrust.co.uk/news/news-release-plans-unveiled-for-30m-sir-bobby-robson-foundation-funded-cancer-institute/>
3. LM 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, a NUST App has been developed with further work required before the App could go live.
4. NUFC had appointed a new CEO, David Hopkinson, since the last Board meeting. The Board wished him all the best in his new role. A meeting has been requested with David, and a response is awaited.

Date of next meeting-to be agreed