



Minutes of Board Meeting Sunday 11th November 2023

Attendees:

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

Apologies

Charlotte Robson (CR)
Olivia Thomson (OT)

Item 1 – Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 15th October 2023 were accepted as a correct record.

Item 2 – Fan Advisory Board (FAB) update

GT confirmed that there have been no further updates with regards to FAB. It was noted that the agenda for the next club / NUST meeting, and the forthcoming fan engagement event included an item in relation to FAB and the club may provide further detail at the event.

Item 3-Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

A draft MOU has been prepared and circulated to Board members for discussion. Following a discussion some minor amendments were suggested and it was agreed that the MOU can be submitted to NUFC for consideration.

Item 4-FSA Governance Audit

It was confirmed that the FSA audit had now been completed and contained some suggestions for consideration by NUST, mainly in relation to the updating of policy

documents. CC will lead on further discussions with the FSA in order that documents can be updated.

Item 5-Fan Engagement Event

It was noted that a Fan Engagement Event organised by NUFC had been arranged to take place on Wednesday 22nd November 2023. The NUST Board has been invited to send representatives and it was agreed that Board members would attend.

Item 6-Finance/AGM

GT confirmed that he had spoken to the NUST auditors who had provided information relating to the further details required in relation to the audit. GT and CC will assist in providing the information. Following completion of the audit a date for the AGM to be selected. CC provided an update on NUST finances.

Item 7-Meeting with NUFC

GT confirmed that a meeting was due to take place with Sarah Medcalf and Matt Willis, (Supporter Services) on 13th November 2023. NUST will be represented by GT/PK/LM and the items to be raised including MOU/FAB/ticketing (including ballots and transparency)/fan engagement event/feedback from Champions League away games. The Board will be updated following the discussion.

Item 8-Any Other Business

The interactive roundtable session hosted by NUST in relation to ticketing took place on Sunday 22nd October 2023. Notes in relation to the session have been distributed to participants and issued to NUST members.

As agreed at the last Board meeting the issues in relation to ticketing that had raised verbally at the last meeting with NUFC have now been formally documented in writing and submitted to the club.

The Safe Standing trial currently taking place in the Gallowgate End has resulted in feedback to NUST and AS will lead on pulling together further information with a view to considering whether or not the trial should be extended further, and which areas of St. James' Park should be considered next.

NUST continue to receive queries in relation to ticketing matters and will continue to assist supporters wherever possible.

PK confirmed that a statement had been issued on behalf of NUST in relation to the reduced number of tickets released for PSG away. Further developments are awaited, and it is hoped that the ticket allocation will be increased.

Next meeting- to be confirmed.

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