

Newcastle United Supporters Trust

Minutes of the 1892 Pledge Comitte Meeting 6.30pm 21st July 2022

Present:Board Members: Thomas Concannon (TC) (Chair) ,Cliff Culley (CC),Marc Corby (MC),Lee Forster (LF), Alex Hurst (AH),Michael Mannion (MM),Peter Maughan (PM), Colin Whittle (Trust secretary)

Apologies for absence :Charlotte Robson (CR),Greg Tomlinson (GT), Adam Beckett (AB)

Pledge Guardians: Warren Barton (WB),George Caulkin(GC), Lee Humble (LH),
Apologies for absence:Ian Mearns (IM)

Pledge Scheme

AH explained to all those present of the purpose behind the meeting.

A discussion took place regarding the distribution of funds currently held in the pledge scheme, following on from the members vote to end the scheme. AH explained that the original proposal had been considered by the Trust board and a slightly amended counter proposal suggested, which would provide additional funds to the Alan Shearer Foundation towards the cost of a much needed sensory room .

GC explained, on behalf of the Pledge Guardians, the rationale behind the original proposal with further contributions from WB and LH. The Pledge Guardians had decided that the charities to benefit would be those connected to Newcastle United supporters and proposals from those charities had been considered, with visits made to each of those charities. Following this process, a proposal had been submitted to the Trust Board for consideration.

A discussion then followed between Board members and Pledge Guardians regarding the proposals .It was collectively agreed by the Pledge Guardians and the Trust Board that the split of the funds would be as follows:

Alan Shearer Foundation £83,500.00
Newcastle United Foundation £30,000.00
West End Foodbank £27,500
Sir Bobby Robson Foundation £59,000.00

AH thanked the Pledge Guardians for their dedication and assistance with the Pledge Scheme. Under the Scheme rules it was now necessary to seek approval from NUST members and it was agreed that a survey of members would now be conducted ,to be followed by a members meeting (by zoom) to consider any questions from members if necessary.

It was agreed that each of the four charities would be contacted to inform them of the decision and request that they put together a video in order that the Trust Board could provide further details to NUST members and the wider fan base, of the benefits being provided to each charity ,thanks to their pledge contributions

Date of next NUST Board meeting 8th August 2022.