



Newcastle United Supporters Trust

Minutes of Annual General Meeting 7pm 12th January 2023 Heroes Bar, Newcastle United Football Club.

Present

Board Members: Thomas Concannon (TC) (Chair), Cliff Culley (CC), Lee Forster (LF), Alex Hurst (AH), Charlotte Robson (CR), Greg Tomlinson (GT)

Interim Secretary: Colin Whittle (CW) AGM Meeting Chair

Members: 26

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Adam Beckett (AB), Peter Maughan (PM), Michael Mannion (MM)

2. Welcome and Introductions

CW welcomed members to the NUST AGM and thanked everyone for attending. NUFC were also thanked for agreeing to host the meeting. NUST Board members were introduced to members. NUFC representatives Sarah Medcalf, Head of Supporter Services and Dominica O'Neil, Director of People and Talent were also introduced to members.

3. Chairs Update

TC took members through the Chairs statement and highlighted a number of areas of NUST activities during the course of the year, in particular in relation to the 1892 Pledge Scheme, NUST involvement in the Fan-led review into football governance, interaction with the newly created Supporter Services Department at NUFC, and involvement with relevant Authorities in relation to the review of the 'crushing' incident at the Leeds v Newcastle fixture in January 2022. There followed a general discussion with members regarding various parts of the report and associated matters that NUST had been involved with. TC concluded by confirming that he had recently taken up a new role with the FSA as its Premier League Network Manager and in order to avoid any potential conflict of interest was resigning from his position on the Board, although he would continue to play a role as a NUST member. CW thanked TC for his contribution to NUST during his period as a NUST Board member.

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3. Treasurers Report

GT presented the NUST audited accounts for the financial year ending 31st August 2022, which had been prepared by Stephenson Coates Audit Limited, West 2, Asama Court, Newcastle Business Park, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE4 7YD, and explained the contents to members. Several questions were raised by members which were answered by GT. Members were requested to approve the accounts on a show of hands, and unanimously agreed to accept the accounts as presented.

4. Re-appointment of Auditors

CW explained that it was necessary to have the NUST accounts audited on a yearly basis and it was proposed that its present auditors Stephenson Coates Audit Limited (as detailed in 3 above) be re-appointed to audit the NUST accounts for the current financial year which expires on 31st August 2023. Members were requested to approve the re-appointment. Members were requested to approve the re-appointment on a show of hands, and unanimously agreed to approve the re-appointment.

5. NUST election results

CW explained to members the NUST election process and confirmed that Neil Le Milliere of Exeter Supporters Trust had been appointed to be the Independent Chair of the Election Committee to oversee this year's elections. CW as a current NUST member (but not a Board member) had also agreed to be a member of the election committee. Four Board vacancies were available, but following the first stage of the election process only three valid nominations had been received. Another application had been received but it was invalid since it was not supported by the required two nominations from NUST members. On that basis, there was no requirement to proceed to a full election. Accordingly, Alex Hurst, Paul Karter and Michael Martin were elected unopposed, and would take up their positions following the AGM. Outgoing Board members Peter Maughan, Michael Mannion and Marc Corby were thanked for their contributions as Board members.

7. Amendment to rules of NUST

CC explained that since the rules adopted by NUST were the model rules of the UK Co-Operatives Community Benefit Society (the Co-Op), they required updating whenever the Co-Op model rules were updated. NUST had received confirmation that the Co-Op model rules had been subject to minor updates, and as a result member approval was required to confirm acceptance of the updated model rules by NUST. CC explained to members the changes that were proposed, a copy of the new rules having been previously circulated to members. Members were requested to approve the update to the rules on a show of hands, and unanimously agreed to approve the updated rules.

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9. Any Other Business

Members raised a number of further discussion points including ticketing/relationship with the club/the pledge scheme and the distribution of funds to local charities/diversity and inclusion/board membership /the fan led review /communication with members/member surveys/ground capacity/concerns about Castore/ Wi Fi in the ground/TV screens.

CW concluded the meeting by thanking members for attending .