

Minutes of Mariners trust meeting

07/01/21

Via Zoom

Apologies – Shaz Dobbs

Present – Sandii Raithby, Stu Raithby, Alan Rutter, Dave Roberts, Kristine Green, Colin Hodgson, Ian Keightley, Jon Wood, Hayley Carver-Smith, Ian Townsend

### **Outstanding actions from minutes from 1<sup>st</sup> Oct –**

Actions outstanding for AL to meet with Police, cannot do via zoom so on hold.

SLR to draft thank-you letter for volunteers who have helped around Blundell Park

Till hire – Do we need to keep them whilst closed. IT confirmed we would need to cancel contract in full, which we don't want to do. We have received a £50 credit from them. IT to find out exactly what it would take to cancel if we wanted to.

Minutes Approved

### **Membership -**

New system is ready to go – Link to be created on the website rather than linking to the shop to make purchase. DR to set it live, then all members to have a play with it. If no faults, we will go fully live with an announcement. If someone pays by SO the system does not necessarily capture, so on an on-going basis this needs updating. SR to take responsibility for this. IT to send this data to SR once a fortnight.

We have 150 members without email. HCS & SLR to write to half of these each to try and capture email addresses for them all. Following this, when the new system is live, we will encourage all members to update their own details.

### **Update from Directors –**

DR clarified that if our members had voted for us to remove our directors, he would have stepped down. JW confirmed his thoughts were the same. Both are aware that they represent the Trust and only the Trust and their mandate to the board ends if the Trust demand it.

IK raised the issue of comms from GTFC board to ourselves– requested that we know when meetings are, a copy of the agenda and a report. JW confirmed they can tell us when it is, that AR is also usually present at the board meetings, the agenda is generally the same but sometimes contains confidential things we cannot be shared. We all understand that there are things that can't be shared, so we need to work on the things we can share. JW Would like to look into holding a regular Q&A For the directors. JW to work on this and how we can action it. KG to see what other Trusts are doing.

### **Fans Group – GTFO**

Discussed email received today. KG, IK & DR to form subgroup to meet with them. DR to respond with holding email, until we agree a date for our meeting with the consortium. IK to take minutes and circulate to the board. DR to look at the spreadsheet that has been sent and add some updates and return to them prior to the meeting as a lot of the items have already been actioned, are ongoing or are works in progress.

### **Takeover**

No reported glitches or issues, progressing quite well. Due Diligence ongoing. Under the rules of the takeover, unless there is a "whitewash", the consortium would have to offer to buy the Trust shares, if this happened, we would put to the members. DR to look into the rules and talk to consortium to understand if there is option to sell part which could create funds for beneficial fan and community projects whilst retaining a stake in the club, again this would be put to members.

### **Approval of Whatsapp actions etc.**

Amendment to wording on last page of Consortium meeting

Issue with image usage on website – we sent a full response refuting the claim, we have removed the photo and have heard no more.

### **Clarification of duties of board members**

Deferred to after AGM.

### **Comms including social media**

IK covers social media, but doesn't respond to things on SM, he just posts matchday updates etc. DR to cover FB, KG to cover Twitter. No other board members to respond on twitter so that we can ensure a consistent, accurate message. KG will be responsible for all other media comms such as radio, press etc.

### **Accounts / treasurers report**

Received by email –

### **Disabled Supporters Club**

We have been contacted by Daphne as she no longer wishes to run the disabled supporters club. JW suggests this is a good thing to speak to the GTFO group about. It is something we will struggle to manage due to time constraints, it is something they may be able to manage it for us. We will hold the money for the time being. DR to put this to the GTFO group.

### **AGM**

Ian T, Alan & Sandii are up for re-election this year. Discussed impracticality of holding the meeting over zoom – FSA are encouraging people to proceed. KG to find out what other trusts have done & FSA Guidance. AR to prepare chairmans report, IT to prepare treasurers report & reports for publishing. Date to be agreed at next meeting once we have better idea on how it will work.

### **Fan Zone**

Stalled due to COVID. Work has to happen during closed season. Need to work with Nick Dale but he has been tied up with Covid Regs. Could do with someone to create us a brochure or artist impression to get out on socials, Checked list of skills sent by GTFO group – no apparent design skill, so KG to ask on twitter for some help.

### **Room Hire Update**

Can't do anything at the moment due to COVID, had one event and now locked down again. Still need to look into getting a disabled toilet. Need to get some quotes for this.

### **Contactless Payments**

Wifi is now available throughout the stadium, so all bars will be able to take contactless payments.

### **Photos of members in bars**

Was discussed many meetings ago, we should look at having a profile on the website and in the bars. Everyone to send photo & small profile to SLR for website and for the bars after the AGM.

### **VOIP**

IK wanted to know what was happening as we had an email saying it wasn't paid. It is used, it is our main contact number. It costs £3 a month which DR is happy to pay. DR to claim it back from the treasurer.

### **AOB**

Approach from 2 individuals to join the board. We will meet to discuss what they can offer and what their skills are. DR & KG to meet with both.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February – 6.30pm via zoom**