



Mariners Trust Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday 4th February 2021	Time : 18.30	Via Zoom
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Present:

Alan Rutter	Dave Roberts
Kristine Green	Hayley Carver-Smith
Ian Keighley	Jon Wood
Sandii Raithby	Stuart Raithby
Colin Hodgson	

Apologies – Ian Townsend Shaz Dobbs

Approval of Minutes – All approved

Policies & Rules – KG has emailed us an update on our current rules and policies which we have updated to ensure we are protected and meeting our obligations. We have updated diversity policy, election policy, board member policy. All policies have been adopted by the board and can be advertised. Updated fan director role & process to be issued to board for adoption and publication asap

We currently run on 2011 rules, but need to move to the 2016 rules. We need 1/3 of our membership to vote to adopt this at the AGM, either in person or by proxy. Rule 8 is regarding an asset lock, that KG suggests we remove as it is not applicable for us, it is mainly aimed at new trusts. All agreed that Rule 8 will be removed and then new rules will be put to the membership.

AGM – We have to consider that we may have a contested election. The accounts are ready, the policies are ready to go and so once these are published we can give notice for the AGM. Notice of AGM to be posted 10th February, to ask for nominations by 19th February. Results of nominations known by 22nd February & can be put to the vote with voting closing at 3pm on the day of the AGM, which will be 4th March at 6.30pm. Current board members who are up for re-election will follow the exact same process as any newly nominated persons. KG to draft notice of AGM.

Meeting to be held via zoom. Blackpool recently did theirs. We know how to handle it via zoom in terms of the access for members etc. We also need to ensure people are aware that it is a formal, simple process and the usual post AGM Q&A will not be in its usual format. We may be able to accept some pre-submitted questions, but it won't be an open forum. Discussed inclusivity and ensuring anyone can join who wants too. Press passes can be issued if requested. We can also record and then publish later for anyone interested.

We also need to consider succession planning as we enter into the new ownership phase. Key roles need to be prepared for handing over when the time comes.



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Aims / Objectives

The document we need updating. We need to review after the AGM. Jon Kershaw has helped KG to re-hash it and relate it back to the new rules. KG will forward to board for review and to open the discussion.

Exiles

KG has had a few messages about exile groups. We believe these should be fan lead, but supported by the Trust and club. We can help facilitate people. SLR to set up area on the website that can signpost people to exile fan groups. This doesn't change our commitment to having Exile events in future, however managing individual groups will sit with the groups themselves.

Zoom usage

Agreed for the memories group to use our Zoom account. They will take place every Wednesday for 60+. We will mail shot members.

Consortium update inc fan & community engagement

Jon and Dave reported that they were part of the recent consortium visit to Blundell Park, Cheapside, the Academy at Oasis and potential sites for new stadium/ training ground. This was very positive as were subsequent discussions and it very apparent that they wish to engage strongly with fans and the community. The transaction seems to be going smoothly and hopefully should be completed in the next few weeks. Need to discuss with them in more detail where they see us fitting in and how it will work moving forward.

SLR to draft list of ideas and send to board

Fan Zone

We've had 2 artists/designers involved to bring the idea to life, we should have these back in the next week or so. Once we have the basis, we can start to pinpoint exact plans in a small subgroup. 3 different large paintings are being done which will really bring it to life. KG asked who is overall responsible for it – us or the club? DR said it will be run by the Trust.

GTFO Group

Meeting was held. They were unable to help with disabled club unfortunately. James has requested a follow up meeting, which we await details of. KG has seen some preview designs of the pin badges but we awaiting the final designs.

Membership System

Up & running and had a few teething problems but working well. Issue whereby when a membership is due for renewal, the reminder goes the last day of the membership which is too late. We have found a work around on this and it appears to be working. SR to set up a generic email for those members who do not use emails which will come to the board for renewal monitoring.

Treasurers Report



Provided electronically. Any questions to go to IT.

AOB -

Bars

Discussion of how the money from bars is handled, lots of work in invoicing and cross invoicing, rent etc. Need to look at a potential of a new financial agreement with the new owners. Will revisit following the AGM and after the next consortium meeting.

Birthday

Being put on twitter & fb, going well. Good suggestion from GTFO

Heritage fund bid

Still ongoing

Disabled toilet in bar.

We have had discussions about having a disabled toilet in the lower trust bar, which means we can open up for more events. We are awaiting quotes

ICO

Should we be paying a fee to the ICO. SLR to investigate if we need to pay.

Indemnity for directors.

Clause in new rules, regarding indemnity and public liability insurance – DR to see if we need to take any action.

Catering Contract

The Catering contract is under discussion with the current supplier. There may be an option for the Club or MT to take it on. This would mean identifying someone who could manage it in the same way that Sharon manages the bars. The benefit would be flexibility in bringing in different providers on a rotation basis, as we are going to do for the fan zone, which would add interest for fans. There will be a cost to buying the units and equipment. The new owners will be involved in these discussions and the final decision.

Beer Festival

Tentatively thinking about a date for this summer, obviously very early days. Same suppliers are still involved. Feelers are being put out.

Flowers bought for Fran in the office.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 8th March 2021 @ 6.30pm



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