



## Mariners Trust Board Meeting Minutes

<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021</b>	<b>Time : 6.30pm</b>	<b>Via Zoom</b>
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Present:	Sandii Raithby	Stuart Raithby
	Shaz Dobbs	Kristine Green
	Chris Parker	Wayne Brightmore
	Colin Hodgson	Kel Billings
	Dave Roberts	Ian Keightley
	Jon Wood	Hayley Carver-Smith
	Ian Townsend	

1 – Welcome & Apologies. All new members have seen previous minutes.

2 – Review of previous minutes – GTFO Group – KG to make contact to understand future plans

Beer festival – We can plan everything, and just be mindful that we can cancel right up to the point we order beers. Just need to be careful to make sure we order in time for them to produce. Potentially 16<sup>th</sup> / 17<sup>th</sup> July. DR suggests we should start reaching out for sponsorship etc.

All whatsapp actions completed. KG mentioned that get very little feedback, all members should be responding wherever possible. TR & AR To be removed from whatsapp group & 3 new members to be added. SR to action.

3 – AGM Reflection & appointment of officers and board member roles. Geoff Bielby has put an awful lot of work in to the election, and again we place on record our thanks to him for this.

For the role of chair, KG & CP put themselves forward. SLR propped KG as Chair. SR seconded KG. Unanimous vote for KG to become chair. DR suggested we have a change of vice chair. DR proposed CP as vice chair. JW seconded. Unanimous vote for CP as vice chair. DR also raised the point that the secretary doesn't have to be a board member although this is not mandatory. SLR To continue as secretary. IT has been on the board for 10 years, the rules state you can be on the board for no more than 12 years, so we need to consider IT may have to move on. Need some succession planning for when IT moves on. KG to chat to a previous board applicant (who did not decide to go through with the election) as he has previous experience of a treasurers role. Going forward, the treasurers report and previous minutes will all be formally accepted by the chair at each meeting.

Sub-groups



# MARINERS TRUST

CONNECTING CLUB & COMMUNITY

Each board member needs to be in at least one sub groups. We need Juniors, Memberships, Fan Zone, Events, Engagement, Disabled, Takeover. By next meeting, each person needs to put themselves forward for at least one sub group. We can then maybe spend a full day together putting the meat on the bones of these groups as soon as restrictions allow.

4. Fan Zone – DR has sent an updates by email. Had some art work & Plans created. DR meeting with Mark Hodson next week to look at bringing it to life to share with fans. New owners want to be involved, so we are a little stuck until the takeover completes. Also need to pinpoint the exact space. We then need a lot of volunteers, clearing the site, painting etc. then will need tradesmen – this is where hopefully WB can come in and bring some skills in. We should be at this point in the next 3-4 weeks. Should start early May & finish end of June. SD has already approached some food vendors. Also had conversation with Docks regarding supply, need to pick this up again. Needs to be ready for first home friendly as this will be a test group for the S.A.G. Sub Group created – WB, DR, IK, CP & SD.

5. Disabled Supporters Group – We are holding their money still, it is still pending and will move forward to the next meeting.

6. Consortium update & Trust shares – Under the rule of PLC the consortium will need to offer to buy the shares from all shareholders including ours. Our Shareholding is circa £300k and the decision to sell all, some or none needs to be put to a members vote. Document to be put together asap explaining the options and the pros and cons. On receipt of offer we have 28 days to give a decision. Updated the new board members on our relationship with the consortium to date. SLR to share information on meetings up to now with the new board members. SLR to update current club board & also consortium board on our recent change of chair.

7. Employability support. An offer has been made from NELC to create a project whereby we can assist any fans who need any employability support. We refer people to the service and each month we can make a claim for funding to assist.

8. Terrace Talk – Linking to the above, the new Terrace Talk is a project to get people talking. Links in with MIND. Training will be available for mental health first aid training & signposting and correct language use.

9. Membership update – Going forward we will have stats on new members, renewals and fail to renew and total membership at each meeting. We lost a few at the end of February who were members who actually expired last year, but we did not contact last year as we didn't have sufficient systems in place. DR to physically write to them to ask them if they would like to renew. SLR to create QR Code which can be put up around the bars etc. linking directly to the membership page.

10. Treasurers Report – Provided by email. Memberships are very buoyant and need to keep this up.

11. Fan engagement – KB says we have covered a lot tonight, but wants to see more work to be done to have a brainstorming session to see how we can bring more members in. KG updated that trusting in us is something we have talked about with the consortium and something they are keen to help build. WB also suggested we need to use the takeover as a place to capitalise and build on it. CP raised that after the new



owners have done their survey, we could do one. KG is working with the consortium on this, and it is quite in depth. We will have full access to the Trust Section outcome. So we can use this and build on it.

#### 11. AOB & Next meeting

KG raised the Open Day. DR mentioned that there is no reason for it not to go ahead. The new owners may want to be a part of it. Probably the week before the season starts.

SR raised question about catering – Still ongoing, nothing decided as yet.

DR mentioned we had interest from other people who either didn't nominate themselves or did not get voted on the board who have some usable skills, we can still go back to them. We can keep these in mind for future project.

Next Meeting Date – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April @ 6.30pm via zoom.