



ROBINS TRUST Board meeting.
Wednesday September 21st 2022

Present: Dave Beesley, Jaimie Henderson, James Young, Jenny Hancock, Leo Hoenig, Simon Watten.

Apologies: Chris Coleman, John Cooper & Sam Lear.

2. Actions arising from previous board meeting

- All covered below.

3. Letters to members;

- Waylaid due to WR toilet issues. Still needs to be done. Can tie in with AGM.
- ❖ **ACTION POINT - JY will re-post the letters, all members to comment and try to make more positive.**

4. Finances & Membership

- Membership – 180
- Savings £5000. Current Account £4271.94
- Noonan's Syndrome to come out in next week (£515.03 from collection plus £250 from current account (£765.06))

5. Retro Shirts

- Need to come up with date we can promote from.
- Waiting on finalised design and date we can put them on sale.
- Marketing strategy to be decided, possible showcasing our first shirts.
- ❖ **ACTION POINT – DB, JHen, & SW to think of marketing ideas and “slogan” for campaign.**

6. Visitor Guide

- Feedback from Richard Morris fair. Designer to make some changes, however Trust links and identity will be kept.
- ❖ **ACTION POINT – MK (Designer) to make amendments to Visitor guide, although no timescale due to other work taking priority.**

7. Letter to Robins Trust charity Wales - SENSITIVE

- Waylaid due to WR Toilet issues.
- ❖ **ACTION POINT – JY to draft letter and all other members to review with input.**

8. WR Toilet issues

- DB checked Disabled toilets before game vs Walsall (20/9/22) tap has been replaced and working fine now.
- New cleaning company appointed by Club.
- Club Board admitted that communication between Club Board and Trust Board has been poor, and needs to improve. Paul Godfrey suggested meeting between Trust and Board.
- Suggested meeting to be in October; JY & JHan from Trust, David Bloxham and Paul Godfrey from Board, and Dave Beesley and 1 other FSA member as mediators.
- Updates will come via Slack/Discord prior to meeting.

9. Information Hut

- Starting to be used and going to be publicised for Shrewsbury game. Stadium Map and Info on how to join to be printed and put on perspex window. Robins Trust Flags can be put up outside on game days to advertise our whereabouts.
- ❖ **ACTION POINT – Stadium Map to be printed and joining info to be printed and put up.**

10. Christmas Prize Draw

- 41 prizes to date. SW to create poster and all members to distribute it via social media. Poster hopefully to be done by October. Tickets to go on sale October 31st/Nov 1st.
- ❖ **ACTION POINT – SW to design advertising poster.**
- ❖ **ACTION POINT – JHan to get vouchers printed in colour.**

11. Christmas food collection

- All in agreement that it should go ahead. Last year was a success. Items can be brought to the hut. Date to be confirmed.
- ❖ **ACTION POINT – JHan to get info on what items are needed and when they are needed by.**

12. Slack Alternative

- Discord looks like the best option, its easy and free. DB to look into migrating Slack to Discord. Invites to be sent out once this has been looked into.
- ❖ **ACTION POINT – SW to send invites to members.**
- ❖ **ACTION POINT – DB to look into migrating Slack to Discord.**

13. FED Update

- Homophobic complaints on Supporters bus. Supporter has been banned from bus until he has contacted the club. Member yet to contact club.
- Suggested that Club Ambassador Noah is invited to a game in the board room. Game vs Burton to be Autism Awareness Day. Autism Awareness will be Clubs official charity this year.
- Park and Ride was stopped due to lack of interest. Paul Godfrey to speak to Marchants, although all money made would go to Marchants. Opinion is that it won't go ahead.
- John Murphy has sorted the Information Hut.
- Quotes have been provided to replace handrails in Colin Farmer stand.
- FWP slowly progressing; making contact with Cheltenham Borough Council. Club meeting Parklands, Bowling Club, and Cheltenham housing.

14. SLO Update

- Shrewsbury game, Student from Ullenwood coming to sell Programmes with carer.
- Adam Collier, wheelchair user now unable to attend games as his uncle is now a wheelchair user. Adam very independent, but needs someone to bring him to the stadium and sit with him.
- ❖ **ACTION POINT – JHan going to contact Adam and put an appeal out.**

15. AGM & Elections

- All current members of the board with exception of CC, LH and SL have to resign.
- All members wanting to be on board must apply. 13 places on the board.
- FED place up for election. DB happy to stand for election again – this will be his final term (6 years MAX)
- ❖ **ACTION POINT – Club to advertise AGM and elections – highlighting there are vacancies.**

16. AOB

- Johns advert – use for Trust advertising.
- Paypal – do we have a business account?
- ❖ **ACTION POINT – DB to check if we have business account or not.**
- Emails – are we able to have more? Looks more professional when emailing ref prize draw etc
- ❖ **ACTION POINT – DB to look into Microsoft to allow us more email addresses.**
- Charity status? We are a Friendly Society as this is the best way to be regulated. Becoming a charity not possible as we own shares etc.
- HerGameToo – SW wanting to push this. Putting together a presentation.
- ❖ **ACTION POINT – SW to continue putting presentation together. Hoping to get info on helpline from Exeter.**
- Twitter – John Coopers profile need making, then just John and Daves profiles to be posted.
- ❖ **ACTION POINT - JHen to get Johns Profile made.**
- ❖ **ACTION POINT - Minutes rota to be drawn up. Current order; JHan, JHen, LH, JY, SW**

****NEXT MEETING; 8pm Monday October 10th****