

Robins Trust Board Meeting Minutes, 5/12/2022

1. Apologies: Dave Beesley (DB), Chris Coleman (CC), John Cooper (JC), Sam Lear (SL).

In attendance: James Young (JY), Jenny Hancock (JHa), Leo Hoenig (LH), Si Watten (SW), Jaimie Henderson (JH), Ben Hughes (BH)

2. Minutes of the AGM
 - A. Minutes of the AGM passed, DB to put on website.

ACTION: DB to put AGM minutes on website.

- B. Matters Arising. DB to raise the matter of toilets on the supporters coach in light of AGM question on the matter.
 - C. Ben Hughes, co-opted to the Trust board. JY gave a brief update on current communication with the club regarding anti-social behaviour.
3. Prior to the meeting John Cooper confirmed: Cash at bank £9,248.39 Income Dec 1st via Stripe £324.26. This is typical monthly income from investors and new members. JC also confirmed that the Annual Return had been registered with the necessary authorities.
4. SLO / Autism day

Autism awareness day, JHa has met with Chris Saunders (SLO team) and reps from Alderman Knight School, to discuss. Now with Richard Morris for club support.

Event will be for the Burton Albion game on April 1.

JHa gave an update on some specific supporters with impairments who had been supported in attending games, or who were looking to be. Spoken to Insight Gloucestershire. IG to come to Exeter game to do write-up of experience.

5. Raffle Update

Update on sales so far. Draw on Sunday 11 Dec. Final social media campaign to try to raise the numbers even further.

JY praised SW and JHa for their efforts.

6. Her Game Too

SW, and the two JHs have spoken to reps from Her Game Too, to learn about the requirements, these include: Finding a female ambassador, etc.

The trio are taking it to Richard Morris for club support and buy in and provide further updates when received.

7. 2023 Events.

DB to raise open day, at the end of Jan board meeting, if the Club are supportive, the Trust will investigate organising one in July and want to kick-off the planning ASAP.

Conversation about possible events, SW suggested a Quiz night. JY happy to continue writing Cheltenham Town House of Games with a view to holding in Q1 2023 – maybe end of March.

8. Football Fun Factory

SW mentioned ML has contacted the Trust about being involved, he runs children's football coaching programme. It was felt that the Trust couldn't offer any assistance as would be treading on the toes of the Community Trust, but that Matt would be invited to showcase at the next Open Day that takes place.

9. AOB>>

JY gave an update on the Fan Led Review of Football, after attending an FSA National Council meeting on Wednesday. The White Paper is "imminent" and likely for publication in January.

The delay is because it is being looked over by various other Govt, including the Treasury for funding. Both the Secretary State at DCMS and the Sports Minister have said it's a "top priority" and PM Rishi Sunak is also backing the plan.

JHe raised the need to look again at a meeting with the club, re an MoU and formalisation of the club-trust relationship. Unfortunately SL was unable to attend the meeting.

ACTION: Conversation on Discord regarding the MoU and meeting with the FC, which ideally needs to be early in the New Year, to take advantage of current good relations.

JY – to speak with FSA

DB – to gauge timings from board.

SL (ALL) to reconvene on Discord re content of MOU proposal.

SW raised the possibility of a monthly/bi monthly newsletter, it was agreed that the content would be similar to the website and there was a need to update the website first, so all can access and update.

Next meetings: Was agreed to plan the next two meetings and stick to the dates.

Thursday, January 12th

Thursday, February 9th