

**Minutes of Robins Trust board meeting held: Thursday, February 9, 2023:  
8pm, via Discord**

**In attendance: James Young (Chair) (JY), Dave Beesley (DB), John Cooper (JC), Jenny Hancock (JHanc), Jaimie Henderson (JHen), Leo Hoenig (LH), Simon Watten (SW)**

**1. Apologies**

**Three received.**

**2. Minutes of previous meeting  
A. Matters arising**

Two matters arising from the previous minutes

Action: DB to post the AGM Minutes on the Trust website.

JHen mentioned re free shirt for raffle winner – JHen and JY to sort invoice for Hope and Glory.

Both to be looked at. DB also to look into Trello as an app/site to log tasks and progress of tasks.

**3. Finance update / Membership**

Finance: Monthly income: £421.  
£512 from Raffle.

£5,271 in current account  
£5,000 savings.

Membership 213 active – 7 non-active.

**4. FED update / Her Game Too**

DB: MOU was kicked down the road, due to feeling it wasn't needed. CTFC chair saying that it will be a "dusty document" that will be of no practical use. The club will do one if the Government White Paper tells them to do one.

Feeling was that we wait until the White Paper on February 21 and work out the direction of travel with that, before setting up the Trust board to Club board meeting.

HGT – Club board say the Trust is part of the club, so we can do it. DB pushed back to say it required the buy in and participation of club employees, but they have "no staff to do it." JHen, JHan and SW all commented that the remaining things to be done from the list and action plan the Trust had produced needed to be done by club staff (score board, signage, etc).

At impasse at the moment.

**ACTION:** DB to speak to club staff, re HGT list of tasks. Then to speak to the board regarding the rest.

DB – has an agreement re abuse line and will be further looking into setting this up.

DB – has go-ahead for an open day... Not set in stone, but in the ether for the end of July.  
SW to take the lead on planning.

## **5. Recent homophobic abuse / resolution**

DB reported about homophobic abuse on the travel club, DB explained the situation and how a resolution came.

There was further discussion of the need to provide the abuse line so the first-line of contact is there.

## **6. Fundraising plan**

JHan raised the idea of the half-time draw.  
JHan to research 50/50 draw.

## **7. Stadium plans – what next?**

DB reported that the club board want to press ahead with plans for masterplan for Whaddon Road. Ideas and scope for ground development and for development at training ground. Meeting set with Clarke Nichols Marcel (CNM) for the following day which DB will attend as FED.

Discussion about how the Trust progress with the plan to pay for 3D renders and master-planning images from Frank Whittle Partnership (FWP) to be made following that meeting and further discussions.

Dave to report back via Discord.

## **8. Retro Shirt #2**

JHen has designs for the 1989/90 Gulf Oil shirt. Which are progressing with Hope and Glory, finalising design. JY to send pics of 1989/90 if Mark Halliwell can dig out from Echo archives (QUESTION ASKED).

## **9. White Paper Update**

JY explained that the visit of the president of Ukraine had delayed the publication of the govt White Paper following the Crouch Report, this will now be on February 21.

**NEXT MEETING: MARCH 16**

**APRIL MEETING: APRIL 13**