

**Nottingham Forest Supporters Trust Board Meeting
17th September 2019 Google Hangouts**

Present: Elliott Stanley, Andy Caddell, Lindsay Knott, Nigel Langrick, Paul Severn, Kirt Minton, Barry Frenchman.

Apologies: Donna Jordan

Item and Lead	Notes	Actions
1. Apologies and Introduction (ES)	Apologies: Donna Jordan	
2. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting 17 th August (ALL)	<p>Items and Outstanding Actions not included in Agenda Items</p> <p>1) AC still to send NL invoices</p> <p>2) KM to contact Leeds to arrange meeting face to face or Skype etc. KM hoping to go to London to meet with Arsenal and Tottenham. Look into possibility of arranging 'Board meet Board' with Leeds Trust – match is 8th February, unless moved for TV.</p>	<p>AC to send NL invoices</p> <p>KM to follow up with 3 ST's</p> <p>ALL Next Board Meeting consider dates for meeting with other Trusts</p>
<p>3 Chair's Report (ES)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FSA • NFFC / MOU Meeting • LGBT Trickies 	<p>FSA Arranging a meeting with Debs from FSA on 7th or 14th October. Any input welcome – e.g. what advice would we like. ES will mention not having a Member Day this year, Supporters Trusts and DSA and FSA and LPF and FSA and reforms to regulatory environment, and views of NFST Members.</p> <p>NFFC /MOU Meeting – see Agenda Item 6</p> <p>LGBT Trickies</p> <p>ES / PS meeting on 5th October, in town, venue tbc. All welcome</p>	<p>All to send ES any thoughts for FSA meeting</p> <p>ES to meet with Debs and report back at next Board Meeting</p>

<p>4. Secretary report (AC)</p>	<p>AC: Apologies for not being as active as previously, due to pressure of work which will be easing soon.</p> <p>Other Board Members are more involved. NFST has moved from forming stage into doing stage. There are more members we can bring in and it is good for NFFC to see that NFST Board has many active members. PS joined ES and AC 's meeting with Jonny Owen, LK with NR and DC re Stadium Redevelopment (and short video).</p> <p>AC: Bangor City Supporters Trust have reformed – has joined as a member only.</p>	
<p>5. Treasurer report (NL)</p>	<p>£20,210 in bank £290 PayPal</p> <p>AC to get invoices to NL in next 4-6 weeks, or be written off / stated as donation.</p> <p>ES will look at augmenting membership options, has looked at Stripe to bring in line with PayPal and will give it more consideration.</p> <p>Future Consideration for ALL – Membership packs. Currently 1200 at a cost of £3000 (just under £3 per member). Consider Membership Survey about Pack, but be mindful of questions asked and options offered.</p>	<p>AC to send invoice to NL</p> <p>NL to liaise with accountants</p> <p>ALL: Membership / Pack Agenda Item for future Board Meeting.</p>
<p>6. Next MOU Meeting</p>	<p>NFFC /MOU Meeting</p>	

	<p>Meeting changed from 20th September to 4th October due to NFFC availability.</p> <p>Topics for MOU</p> <p>Responses from members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Betting and NFFC Sponsorship. Nothing to gain from keep taking this to the club, who have to balance ‘morality’ with ‘financial and commercial need’ and have responded fully previously. A useful conversation would be what’s being done at FSA and / or EFL level. • Stadium Redevelopment and Away Supporters. NFFC stated likely to remain in Lower Bridgford, could revisit at stage 2. BF Segregation needs to be looked at - fans and wheelchair users get squashed after matches. Stadium Redevelopment will be core focus of MOU meeting. Key to encourage more and continual dialogue. • Further Information requested about Brian Clough Car Park, from a Blue Badge Holder. <p>Board Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PS: FFP update, to reflect NFST remaining vigilant. ES: NFFC are generally quite open with us, can say we are confident around FFP, but should be standing agenda item as part of our stewardship commitment. 	<p>Comms to inform members of change of date, and opportunity to comment further.</p> <p>ES to collate email responses and post on slack.</p> <p><i>All: continue to add to stadium redevelopment thread on slack.</i></p> <p>ES / AC / PS to share with NFFC at MOU on 4th October</p>
<p>7. Disabled Supporters Association / Level Playing Field (LK /KM)</p>	<p>LK and KM met with Liam Bird (LB), Fans Liaison Officer with Level Playing Field (LPF) in Robin Hood Suite (thanks NFFC) on 9.09.10. LB had met with Scott Paul previous week. Quite useful – meeting LB and hearing some of his ideas. LB to arrange meeting with SP/ NFFC in near future with a view to setting up a DSA this season. However, clarity still needed and considerations for NFST including relationship</p>	

	<p>between NFST and DSA, what is expected of NFST, have NFFC got the resources, potential conflicts of interests, disabled fans involvement and empowerment.</p> <p>LK, LB and ES meeting 19.09.19 to discuss further, communicate with LB and bring back information for Board to make a decision.</p>	<p>LK / KM and ES meeting 19/09/19. Feedback at next board meeting</p>
<p>8.Project Initiation Proposals (ES)</p>	<p>Aim for Project Initiation Proposals to be returned to ES two weeks prior to board meeting, at which will be discussed.</p> <p>ES will complete for Young Membership, requesting member assistance to action.</p>	<p>ALL Complete Project Initiation Proposals and return to ES , two 2 weeks prior to board meeting ,</p>
<p>9. Black History Month (LK)</p>	<p>Agreement had been given to LK suggestion to note Black History Month by celebrating the great black Forest players. LK posted ideas on slack. LK has arranged to meet with Guy Moussi and PS, on 22.10.19. Interview questions to cover being footballer, Forest Player, racism and community.</p> <p>Acknowledgement of other board members concerns that it shouldn't just be for one month, and that there are other 'diversities' – article will raise issues and maybe lead to other stories and/ or initiatives – Forest fan base is not reflecting of the makeup of the city, or county; NFST is working on and supporting disability and LGBT.</p>	<p>LK and PS meet Guy Moussi 22.10.19.</p> <p>PS to write up interview / article – share by Members email, then social media.</p>
<p>10 AOB</p> <p>Elections and AGM (ES)</p>	<p>Elections and AGM</p>	<p>AC to contact Ed re streaming AGM.</p>

Survey (PS)	<p>Start Planning – including elections (positions, ballot if necessary) according to constitution and set up - date, venue, format, guest speakers (Make it more interactive this year?). Link in with Stadium redevelopment. Links for those who cannot attend in person – arrange for it to be streamed, watch on demand – Ed could do this, AC to contact. Consider ways to involve Max more this year, if he wants.</p> <p>Reminder of commitment to do annually, and consider opening up to wider fan base, in conjunction with NFFC – to be raised at MOU Meeting 4.10.</p>	<p>PS to do Project Initiation Proposal</p> <p>ES to ask NFFC at MOU re opening up survey to wider fan base.</p>
<p>11. Dates of next meeting/s</p> <p>Time and location: 11:45am – 2pm at WB Library, unless otherwise stated</p>	<p>Tuesday 8th October, 6- 7pm Google Hangout: Single Agenda Item: Report back from on MOU</p> <p>26th October – Reading (ES apologies)</p> <p>14th December – Sheffield Wednesday TBC</p>	

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