

GLOUCESTER CITY AFC SUPPORTERS TRUST

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Minutes of Trust Committee Meeting Monday 20 May 2024 at New Meadow Park

- 1 Apologies for absence** were received from Trevor King, Tim Lezard, Paul Halford, Ian de Maria, Toby Acland, Chris Palmer and Dave Jones. Craig Layhe joined us having shown an interest in taking over the role of Secretary.
- 2 The Minutes** of previous meeting (15 April) were approved with no amendments.
- 3 Treasurer's Report:** We near our year end in a healthy financial position, a total bank balance of over £9,000 with some £7,700 available. Current commitments are the monies pledged to finance the WW Memorial Board and funds earmarked for Ground Improvements via the 100 Club. Recent authorised expenditure included the 100 Club and "Predict the Champion" prizes, payment for trophies, bursaries for 2 outstanding young players and a £100 donation towards the Scunthorpe fan accidentally and critically injured before the match. (NB at time of writing he has at last left Southmead Hospital but remains in critical condition and is being treated at Lincoln Hospital- the nearest hospital to Scunthorpe with the required facilities).
- 4 Current/future workstreams:** Matt Phillips reported on his meeting with **Jim Hart** who is working with the Blackbridge Sports Hub and Gateway Trust promoting football for youngsters generally in Gloucester and tutoring adult coaches. Potentially, involvement with this would help the Trust fulfil its community obligations whilst getting GCAFC's name out to a new young audience. Various projects are underway including ground painting and improvements. We hope the movement of the **Club Shop** will take place shortly - the estimated cost is £5-800. Paul Clark outlined the benefits of switching to "Shopify" to help maximise profits online. The service can also simplify and integrate the book keeping. Various **other initiatives** include refining/completing our MoU with the FC, following up the "new nets" offer and the matter of (club) board representation. We await sight/news of the new shirt designs - at present we still expect to sell the shirts via the shop on behalf of the Club.
- 5 AOB:** AGM date to be confirmed, possibly 4 August to ensure Tom Webb can be present. Judith raised the issue of season ticket collection and some concerns raised over "named seats".
- 6 Next Meeting;** Monday 24 June, potentially at Regus, Gloucester. (tbc).

Alan Dawkins (Acting Secretary)

21 May 2024

