

## GLOUCESTER CITY AFC SUPPORTERS TRUST

**DRAFT** Minutes of the Trust Committee Meeting Monday 13 February at New Meadow Park

**Present:** Robin Mogg (Chairman), Matt Bowman, Alan Dawkins, Dave Jones, Tim Lezard, Chris Palmer and Matt Phillips. **Apologies** received from Gordon Bendall, Ian Demaria, Paul Halford, Trevor King. The Chairman welcomed our newly co-opted directors.

1 **Minutes** of the Previous Meeting (16 January) approved with a minor amendment: it was noted that Paul Halford's apology for absence had been received prior to that meeting.

**Matters arising** included the fact that the Trust Members' discount on away travel had been set at 10% and that the U16 basic membership rate would be £1 per annum, £5 for 16-18.

2 **Treasurer's Report** **i)** There has been a rise in membership since the announcement of new ownership but basic income is still modest. **ii)** The introduction of card readers was very welcome as regards cash draw etc and headline cash in hand stood at c£2200 at date of meeting. However £1600 of that is earmarked (including £800 for the "Predict a Score") so, with regret, the Trust would not be able to meet a request to cover the cost of a FC coach bill at this time. **iii)** Recent playing recruit, Victor Nirrenold will be paid by the Trust direct from the fund a player scheme - Matt to liaise with Trevor as regards mechanics.

3 **Membership** **i)** Paul has advised that the new website is up and running and that so far 9 new members have signed up direct. The website is available for additional content eg constitution, minutes, board member profiles etc.. Board members can also use a dedicated website based email address. In his absence Paul was thanked for his hard and productive work. **ii)** The transition between old and new membership lists and who is responsible for the definitive record of up to date members (including 'analogue' ones) needs resolution. Ian Demaria has agreed to take this forward. **iii)** Various initiatives were discussed as regards promoting new memberships together with a shift in the Trust's role from simple fund-raiser for the FC to critical friend along with greater community focus.

4 **Meeting with Patrick and Nicky Chambers** This has been arranged for Monday 27 February, 7pm (to be confirmed) either in the Club Bar or "Board Room". The Chambers are keen to meet the full Trust Board and have invited the Trust to submit a list of up to 6 priorities for discussion. A lengthy and productive debate ensued and it was agreed that a list of topics would be circulated among the committee based on those discussions. That will then be refined into a suitable form for presentation to the Chambers.

5 **AOB.** **i)** Matt to take forward the Fan Survey. **ii)** Minibus viability will likely depend on the extent it can be used for transporting youth etc- idea remains on back burner for now.

6 **Date** of next routine meeting to be notified.

Alan Dawkins (Secretary ) 14 February 2023