



GLOUCESTER CITY AFC SUPPORTERS TRUST

Minutes of GCCST Board Meeting held on Monday, 16th September, 2024 at Regus Offices, Worcester Street, Gloucester.

Present:

Robin Mogg (Chairman), Trevor King (Treasurer), Craig Layhe (Secretary), Matt Phillips (Vice-Chairman), Dave Jones, Judith Evans, Tim Clark and Paul Clark

1. Welcome

Robin thanked those for attending, to Dave for hosting the meeting and wishing him good luck for his recent promotion.

2. Apologies:

Tim Lezard, Mark Davidson and Chris Palmer

3. Minutes:

Minutes of the previous meeting, held on Monday 19th August, 2024 were approved and unamended.

4. Matters Arising:

None

5. Treasurer's Report:

A copy of the most up to date accounts were provided by Trevor. Trevor went on to state that shop sales were high due to shirt sale income, but that money was not for the trust and would be going to the club. The profit on programmes continued. Amongst expenditure was £717 for the trauma bag, which was donated to the club, £493 club shop fitting costs, £488 for the annual website fees. There is currently £3k in the current account and £4k available cash. Robin stated that there was an expenditure for key cutting for the club shop incoming.

6. Membership Report and 2024/5 subs:

107 current members

7. Club Shop Progress

Robin stated the club shop is ready to be fitted out, the racks need putting up, then to kit it out and have a card payment system in place. There was still no confirmed date for club shirts.

8. T-Shirt/Polo Shirt Update

Dave and Matt stated that they were working with Chris Farr to arrange shirts and were looking at other options.

9. Retro Kit Donations Update

Matt stated that he was waiting for the club shop to open to start arranging potential donations.

10. Q&A with Colin Update

Robin stated that a format could not be agreed, so the project has been shelved.

11. Website Admin Owner Update

Matt stated he was looking at the club students to take on the trusts social media content. Paul was going to explore other website hosting domains that were cheaper than our current domain and will continue this discussion early next year.

12. X Admins To Drive Content and Engagement

Matt stated he was looking at the club students to take on the trusts social media content. Discussion was held around posting on X using current board members, but no outcome decisions were made.

13. Ians Position on the Board Update

Robin proposed that Ian would become an Honorary Member and would continue his role as Membership Secretary, without the requirement to attend meetings. There were no objections and all agreed to approve.

14. GCST Social Night

Discussions were held, but with so much going on, it was all agreed to not pursue this matter.

15. Supporters Coach Discount for GCST Members

Dave stated that the coach oftenly doesn't run due to lack of numbers and when it does run, it barely breaks even. So was not in a position to be able to offer discounts at this time.

16. GCST Newsletter Update

Tim Lezard was absent for the meeting, so will gain an update at the next meeting.

17. Membership Cards & Car Sticker Update

After discussion was held around which style of card, such as a coloured one, a plain one which could be written onto, Robin stated he would go ahead and purchase them.

18. Trauma Bag Update

Robin stated that the bag had been purchased by The Trust and handed over to the club.

19. FSA Training Update

Craig stated that he was currently undergoing training with the FSA, which takes place every Thursday night over zoom until the end of September. One off actions was a Trust health check and so the first action was to review and update the current constitution. This has been completed and will be handed to Robin to review and then a copy distributed to all board members for everyone to review and potentially approve if there were no objections. What then will follow is a further series of policies for all board members to review and potentially approve.

20. Any Other Business

- Chris Palmer proposed sponsoring a player from the women's team. This was rejected by the board to sponsor a single player, but the board were open to ideas and suggestions on how it can help in other ways that benefited the entire team.
- Trevor asked if anyone was available to help sell programmes on Sunday at the Legends Match.
- Matt stated the photos had been sent in for the 2025 Calendar, but more details were to be added.
- Foundation – Matt stated that they now have a bank account, two coaches had been appointed and that grant applications are currently out.
- 100 Club – Robin asked for the flyer to be redesigned and updated, particularly rebranded for other ground projects.

The meeting then closed with the date for the next meeting being on Monday 21st October, 7pm, at Regus Offices in Worcester Street