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## **INAUGURAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2001, 11.00am**

**at**

**PRINCESS ROYAL**

**Braemar Road**

**Brentford**

### **AGENDA**

1. Report by Steering Committee

2. Election of Society Board

3. Open Forum

Nominations for the elected members of the Society Board will be accepted from the floor.

Nominations received and proposed by the Steering Committee prior to the AGM are:

Alan Bird  
Geoff Buckingham  
Stephen Callen  
Craig Clements  
Mike Lane  
Nick Marriner  
John McGlashan  
Bruce Powell  
Andrew Wainwright  
Jim Walsh

## Report by Steering Committee

The Steering Committee have met regularly over the summer months in an effort to put together the structure of Bees United and to introduce ourselves to the Community.

As well as our meeting with the Football Club's Chairman and Managing Director we have also met with local councillors and have involved ourselves in the recent meetings and discussions regarding the possibility of a new stadium..

We have announced the first of our fund raising initiatives and hope to announce more over the coming months. We also hope we can persuade local companies to commit themselves to making a contribution and we expect to co-opt a representative from the business community onto the Society Board. It is also our intention that representatives of the football club, the local councils and the supporters groups will be co-opted as well, and we have already made progress in this respect. For those of you that may not be aware, our Constitution allows the elected members of the Society Board to co-opt various representatives from the club, the community, and the supporters.

Our community initiatives are already well under way and we have partnered ourselves with the club's Football in the Community scheme. The Community Development Programme we are initiating is an important part of supporting the club's own efforts and together we hope to bring it even more success than it's had in the past.

Football's anti-racism campaign "Kick It Out" are calling a week of action during October and we have offered to carry their message on a leaflet which will also double as an application form for Bees United. Grants are available and Brentford fanzines and BIAS have also lent their support, we hope that as well as getting the message across, Bees United will gain many new members.

Establishing Brentford as a true "club for the community" is a major reason for launching Bees United, but of even more importance is the effort we need to make to ensure that Brentford Football Club survives, and to justify our case for representation in the boardroom. It is therefore imperative that we focus a huge amount of effort in raising funds to establish ourselves as a major stakeholder. Our initial target of £250,000 is tiny in comparison to the club's current debt, but it matches the amounts loaned to the club by two of its directors.

The Steering Committee has established Bees United both as a legal entity, and with the football club, the council, local businesses, local people and supporters. Not only that, it has been established nationally and is learning from other supporters' trusts all over the country. Indeed, we have already agreed to work with trusts at other London clubs. However, Bees United is not just another supporters club, each and every member has a contribution to make, for some it will be financial, for others it will be their time, and for some it will be by offering services or equipment. The ways in which you can help are almost endless, please don't be too shy to step forward.



**BEES UNITED**  
**SUPPORTERS TRUST**

**Minutes of the First Annual General Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2001  
at The Princess Royal Function Room, Braemer Road, Brentford Middlesex.**

There were approximately 40 members attending.

The Chairman John McGlashan introduced the meeting and welcomed all those attending and outlined the work that the Trust had been undertaking since its formation in April 2001. The membership stood at 400 and was continuing to grow.

The main Agenda item for the meeting to consider was the election of the representatives to serve on the Society Board.

The notice of the AGM had included an offer for members to consider offering themselves for election to the Board, and one Mr David Roe had put himself forward at the meeting. His nomination was accepted.

The following people had offered themselves for election to the Society Board:

Alan Bird	Geoff Buckingham
Stephen Callen	Craig Clemments
Nick Marriner	John McGlashan
Bruce Powell	David Roe
Andrew Wainwright	Jim Walsh

This number represented the maximum number of vacant position available and so there was no need for an election process to take place. The meeting approved the above members nominations to the Society Board.

This completed the official business of the meeting, and the meeting closed at 11.20 am.

There was then an opportunity for members to raise any matters concerning the Trust and its future plans, a wide ranging discussion then took place on various aspects of the trusts work and the current situation with Brentford Football Club.

Signed

Chairman

Secretary

