

BRENTFORD FOOTBALL COMMUNITY SOCIETY LIMITED
(trading as Bees United "BU")

Minutes of Society 16th Annual General Meeting
Held at Kew Musical Museum
at 12noon on 25th February 2017

Present

David Merritt (DM) Chairman
Donald Kerr (DK) Secretary
Bill Hagerty (BH)
Jon Gosling (JG).
Greville Waterman (GW)

Chris Tate (CT)
Ron Cooper (RC)
Stephen Walter (SW)
Peter Skeggs (PS)

1. Approval of Previous Minutes

The chair welcomed members and asked for their approval of the 2016 minutes. The minutes were approved.

2. Chairman's Statement

David Merritt presented the Chairman's statement, as distributed to members. The chairman thanked all those BU members who had given their support throughout the year, particularly those serving with him on the board.

DM was asked about the reliability of the membership data, given that the note announcing the date of the AGM was accompanied by a request for membership details and particularly how membership had been purchased, ie, via the season ticket renewal form or by s/o. DM reported that the change to renewal via the Club website, while relieving the Society of the burden of administration, meant that we had to check the names of members against the standing order records provided by the bank. The list of members is now accurate. DM thanked PS for his work on this issue.

3. Finance Report and Adoption of the Society's Accounts

David Merritt proposed the adoption of the Society's Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending June 2016.

DM was asked why the loan to the Club was not being written off in the accounts. DM replied that the agreement with the Club was that the debt would not be called in except in the event of MB no longer owning the Club.

DM was then asked if there was provision for demanding repayment if MB sold a percentage of the Club. DM replied that he believed the debt would be recalled pro rata to the percentage being sold, but that he would check and confirm.

A member reported that the information on the BU website, in regard to the responsibilities of BU directors still related to the time when BU was the majority shareholder, and needed to be updated. CT reported that this would be dealt with in the imminent revision of the whole website.

Following this discussion, the annual accounts were approved unanimously.

4. **Report on Society Board Elections**

Donald Kerr reported that Jon Gosling, Ron Cooper and Chris Tate had agreed to stand for re-election. He reported that Peter Skeggs had decided to stand down. He expressed the board's gratitude for the huge contribution PS had made to the board over his period as a director and treasurer. Haydn Kilyan had also stood down.

Stewart Purvis had put his name forward for election. There being no contested election, DK welcomed him to the board. SP introduced himself to the meeting.

5. **AOB**

RC provided an update on the cataloging of all BFC memorabilia and the proposal to showcase it at the new stadium. He also reported on the plans to mark the contribution of the 1967 shareholders and current brick owners at GP. There is potential for significant revenue for BU if we take on the administration of the new bricks at the new stadium

Brian Burgess gave an update on the new stadium. He also spoke of BU's role within the SD family and the continuing importance of supporter involvement in football club management.

6. **Close of Meeting**

Chairman