

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

Minutes of AGM
held at the Musical Museum
at noon on 17th March 2018

Board Members present:-

David Merritt (DM) Chairman
Donald Kerr (DK) Secretary
Chris Tate (CT)
Stewart Purvis (SP)
Jon Gosling (JG)

Andre Sawyer (AS)
Ron Cooper (RC)
Bill Hagerty (BH)
Greville Waterman (GW)

1. Chairman's Welcome/minutes of previous AGM

DM opened the meeting. The minutes of previous AGM were approved.

2. Chairman's report

DM read his report.

3. Presentation of the 2017 accounts

DM presented the accounts to the meeting for approval, recording the gratitude of the board for the work done by CT in preparing them.. A question was raised regarding the increase in membership but decrease in revenue from subscriptions. DM explained that this was due to the drop in annual fee. The meeting voted unanimously to approve the accounts.

4. Society Board Elections

DM reported that Stephen Walter had resigned from the board during the last year. This was due to pressure of work. DM wished to record the board's gratitude for the contribution made by Stephen over his period on the board, including the very successful 10th anniversary event and sponsorship of the game against Barnsley.

Andre Sawyer and Greville Waterman resigned by rotation, but announced their willingness to stand for reelection. The meeting voted unanimously to elect both of them.

DM reported that James Walsh and Steven Cowan were also standing for election. They each introduced themselves to the meeting. The meeting voted unanimously in favour of their election.

5. Any other business

- i) RC reported on the most recent new stadium fans' forum which had taken place earlier that day. He commended the extent of cooperation between fans and Club management.
- ii) Chris Gammon felt that much of the initial excitement surrounding the new stadium had dissipated, and that, furthermore, the role of BU had been overshadowed and forgotten by more recent events. He questioned whether BU might arrange a special event to coincide with the opening.
- iii) Steven Cowan reminded the meeting of the role Luke Kirton played in the history of BFC (ABC campaign) and the meeting recorded birthday wishes to Luke.
- iv) Chris Gammon raised the issue of how long the two BU representatives had served on the BFC board, and whether others might refresh BU's presence at that board table. CG reminded the meeting that each year, immediately following the AGM, the BU board voted on who should represent them on the BFC board, and that, currently, and subject to the views expressed at the next meeting, the board felt DM and DK were the most appropriate people to fulfil that role.
- v) A question was asked regarding the compilation of a short history of BU. This project had been mentioned at last year's AGM and would be addressed by the BU board.

The meeting closed at 1pm

Chairman