



Cards Trust Newsletter Issue 06 - October 2013

Message from the Chair

Welcome to the latest edition of the Cards Trust Newsletter.

This newsletter is almost exclusively concerned with the upcoming elections onto the Trust's own Board and the election of the Trust representative onto the Football Club Board. You will also need to keep an eye on the Trust's website for further up to date information over the coming weeks or, alternatively, to chat with current members of the Trust Board. We will all be pleased to help, to answer your questions or make clear, where we can, the complexities of what we face in electing representatives to these key roles.

As your representative on the Football Club Board I can tell all members that this has been both an honour but also a significant commitment in terms of time. It's been hugely interesting but an enormous amount of hard work. Meetings can be lengthy and there's plenty of follow up work to be undertaken once meetings are finished. As a Director you're also expected to represent the Club at away fixtures and on numbers of other occasions. At times it feels like a full time job!! I am intending to stand for election to the Football Club Board in my own right and if successful this will mean that we will need to elect a new Chair of the Trust Board – see below for the section on election of Trust Board members.

We've not had the start to our season on the pitch that we would have hoped for but we all know that Garry and Steve plus their squad of players are all working very hard to turn round our results. As members of the Trust we can also play our part by supporting the "Boost the Budget" initiative. All the money generated is used by the Trust to buy shares in the Club and in return all these funds are used as part of the players budget. It's all very simple – the more money we raise the more Garry has to support the development of his squad.

If you are not a member of "Boost the Budget" please consider making monthly contributions if you are able to spare £10 a month. If you are already a member you might be in a position to increase you monthly payments. Alternatively your donations, either one off or via our bucket collections are all gratefully received and, as I say, help to increase the players' budget. A bucket for "Boost the Budget" donations is always available in the Club Shop.

Here's hoping for another enjoyable and successful season!

- Rosemary Johnson

The Club AGM

During the summer Woking's shareholders agreed to the Club's new arrangements that sees Chris Ingram hand over the running of the Football Club to its Board and lease the ground back to the Club at £1 per year. A part of these new arrangements were new articles that, among other things, made provision for the Board of Directors to be elected by shareholders. The Board will also include a Director who represents the Cards Trust and is nominated by members of the Trust.

With all this in mind both the upcoming AGMs for both the Club and the Trust bring with them a number of important decisions for the Trust and its membership to take. The Club's AGM is now set for Monday 21st October. The Trust AGM has provisionally been booked for Monday 25th November – put the date in your diary.

Election of Trust Board Members

At our own Trust AGM we will be electing, for a two year term, those positions on the Board that were not elected last year. The posts to be elected are:

- Vice Chair
- Board member with responsibility for 'Boost the Budget'
- Board member with responsibility for Trust Fundraising
- Board member with responsibility for Communications
- Chair (*but see note above in 'Message from the Chair'*)

Job descriptions will be made available via the Trust website and if you are interested in standing for one of these posts it's vital that you have a look at the appropriate document to check what you would be expected to cover in the role. Please also remember that members of the Board are expected to attend meetings, which occur at least monthly and to abide by the need for confidentiality in

certain circumstances. If you feel you have something to offer the Trust and are interested in working on the Board please do complete the necessary election form and make sure the Returning Officer has it by the deadline date. For more information please talk to any current member of the Board who will be happy to help.

Don't forget that you must be a paid up member of the Trust to stand for election and to vote. Papers for the Trust AGM are planned for distribution on 23rd October. Nomination papers will have to be returned by 6th November 2013.

Election of the Trust's Representative on the Football Club Board

Electing our rep onto the Football Club Board as a Director is a very important task and this will be the first time the Trust membership has had the opportunity to vote for their representative. Currently the Trust's Chair Rosemary Johnson undertakes this role and will continue in that position until the Trust elects its own Director at our AGM.

If you are interested in nominating yourself or a friend it is essential that you look carefully at the Job Description available on the Trust website. The responsibilities are significant. You must be able to attend both the Club's Board meetings, which are fairly frequent and last a long time, as well as attending the Trust's own meetings to report back. Again the ability to respect the need for confidentiality, to be able to represent the Football Club appropriately, to attend a good number of away matches and to pass the FA's 'Fit and Proper Persons' test are just some of the prerequisites. Availability during the day is also helpful as some representation is needed at various events throughout the year.

If you're interested in applying it would also be very sensible to discuss the post with Rosemary who can explain from personal experience what's involved. We need to get the right person as our Director in order to ensure that the Trust is appropriately represented on the Club Board. Remember that completed nomination papers must be returned by 6th November 2013.

At our AGM we will therefore be electing both our own Board members and our rep for the Club Board. This makes it an important meeting and all Trust members are urged to attend if at all possible.

How should the Trust vote at the Club's AGM?

In order that the Trust can use its considerable number of votes (one vote per share) as the Club's second largest shareholder in line with Trust members' views, we have organised an "extra" meeting the week before the Club's AGM. This has been booked for Wednesday 16th October. Trust members should have already received a letter regarding this meeting.

Candidates who are standing for election as a Club Director have also been invited to this meeting. There will be an opportunity for candidates to speak to the membership and answer questions. Following these 'hustings' we will invite Trust members present to vote for those candidates they would wish the Trust to support at the Club's AGM. Please remember that as only three candidates are standing for election to the Club Board we are still required to vote (either positively or not) for each of these candidates.

Trust members who are shareholders in their own right will, of course, be able to cast their own votes as they choose at the Club's AGM.

Further Information

Please make sure you check the Trust's website for up to date information.

Alternatively any member of the Trust Board will be happy to help with as much information as we have or to explain further how these somewhat complex processes will operate.

The key point is that all Trust members need to ensure that, wherever possible, they take part and make their views known.



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The current Cards Trust Board

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