

CARDS TRUST AGM – MEETING ON 19 NOVEMBER 2018
HELD AT THE CARDINALS' BAR, LAITHWAITE STADIUM

MINUTES

40 members were recorded as present, with 4 proxies completed.
This constitutes a quorum under Trust Rules and the meeting was deemed valid.

1.0 INTRODUCTIONS

1.1 Rupert Phillips introduced the Trust Board members present.

2.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2.1 George Burnett issued apologies received from Ian Nicholson, Rosemary Johnson, Carole & Raymond Nowell, Gregory Dodwell, Alex Burnett, Judith Burnett, Jamie Gridley, John Dowling and Michael Horne.

3.0 MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM ON 8 NOVEMBER 2017

3.1 The minutes of the last AGM were approved by the meeting.

4.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 There were no matters arising

5.0 CHAIRMAN'S AND SECRETARY'S REPORT

- 5.1 Rupert Phillips welcomed special guest Alan Dowson, who would speak after the formal meeting ended, and Rosemary Johnson, who was attending another meeting but who would join later to present to Members of the Trust.
- 5.2 He thanked those attending the AGM, and he noted that the Trust had been very active since the last AGM. Membership was around 350 currently, and he stated that the Trust Board would like to see this increased to 400 and asked those present to ask friends and fellow fans to join.
- 5.3 After 3 years since resurrecting the Junior Cards, last season was very successful with over 100 members. He noted that Phil Batts had retired on the 29th April and gave the Trust's thanks to Phil & Nick Shaw for developing Junior Cards. This season Nick, with help from Lucy Chapple, Alex Burnett and Ian Toft has kept Junior Cards running with around 50 members. Junior Cards members have voted and made awards to their favourite player with their photos being taken by David Holmes. Rupert noted that membership forms are available in the Club Shop or Trust Office and would make ideal Christmas present for fans up to the age of 16.
- 5.4 The 400 Club has continued to grow thanks to the hard work of John Hooker, and he advised that there is still time to sign up and be in the hat for the £500 Christmas Draw which takes place after the FA Trophy game on the 24th November. Forms were available at the AGM, so Rupert asked Members to please see John or download the form from the Trust website – all funds raised go towards helping Woking FC.
- 5.5 After many years organising the Cards Trust away travel, Alan Barnes had decided it was time to "retire" at the end of last season. At the end of season awards on behalf of the Trust Board Rupert presented Alan with a silver salver as an appreciation of all he has done for Woking FC. During the summer Alan kindly offered to book coaches for this season and continues to organise the booking forms in the Club Shop. This season the coaches are being operated with a marshal, who is sometimes a Woking steward. To date this season, coaches have generally been well supported to most games. Rupert noted that the Trust is looking at ways to improve the away travel organisation,

with seat and coach being issued at time of booking and payment of fare. This should reduce stress on marshals collecting as the coach leaves and should also help with 'no shows', which unfortunately has happened a few times. In conjunction with Woking FC and the Police, the Trust Board has amended the travel list to reconfirm that no alcohol is allowed on the Trust hired coaches. He thanked everyone for their understanding.

- 5.6 With regard to new initiatives on match days, Rupert confirmed that Paula Assheton and Kevin Jones had acquired banner flags for the Trust, which are placed near the Club Shop and Cardinals Bar on match days. Opposition players and officials are met and welcomed to Woking FC and directed to the changing rooms or boardroom. Paula now organises the presentation of the Supporters player of the month, and a supporter is chosen to make the award and have their photo taken with the player by David Holmes. The Trust has received approval to provide a new sign to replace the old map at the end section of the KRE. In recent weeks a new plan of the ground has been designed and produced, 3 will be placed around the ground to show new and existing fans where various facilities are located and to make especially welcome the new fans with families.
- 5.7 Rupert drew attention to the hard work done by Paula, Nicky Bracey, and two other helpers who clean up after matches, and noted that he would very much appreciate a few more volunteers. If anyone is prepared to assist, they should speak to Paula.
- 5.8 Another innovation has been 'volunteer' badges for helpers to wear on match day.
- 5.9 With regard to Trust activities during the past year, Rupert mentioned that he, Wendy Denty and John Hooker assisted Peter Jordan in making the summer raffle draw on June 8. The Trust also helped to co-ordinate the works party where 4 adults and 3 children helped Trust members clear weeds, clean seats, collect rubbish to spruce up ground before the first pre-season game. He thanked all the fans that turned up. The Trust arranged a Fans Forum which was very well supported when Dowse and a couple of players introduced themselves – a great evening. During the season the Trust with help from a few fans arranged bucket collections for the players Christmas Hospital visits and Damon Lathrope's injury fund, with a cheque being presented to Damon before the final game of the season against Dover. Earlier this year John Greenwood, Mark Smith & Matt Oakley organised a very successful Quiz Night with Jayne Smith organising hot food. A further Quiz night took place on Friday 16 November, again a great success, and thanks to all involved in running the evening and to Debbie for opening the bar.
- 5.10 The Goldrush team of George, Judith, Sarah, David, Phil. Paula and Kevin in the Lounge through support of the fans saw regular prizes of over £400 raising money for Woking FC and the Cards Trust, and Rupert gave thanks to the team, who were out in all weathers.
- 5.11 Rupert thanked all those who contribute to Boost the Budget, noting that with all donations every pound collected goes towards helping Dowse's playing budget. He asked anyone present who has not yet signed up to consider doing so, and forms were available at the AGM or in the Club Shop. The Trust aims to raise about £25,000 this season to help the team. As an incentive for those contributing to Boost the Budget, a draw for 2 tickets for contributors to attend a match with admission to the Geoff Chapple Lounge would take place after the AGM. Rupert thanked members of the Trust Board for all they have done and continue to do for benefit of Woking FC.
- 5.12 Rupert noted that, as a large Shareholder in the Football Club, the Trust Board attended a recent Shareholders meeting to learn of the Ground Development. After the formal business of the AGM, Rupert confirmed that Rosemary Johnson, the Chairman of WFC, would provide an update to Trust members.
- 5.13 Finally, Rupert thanked Debbie and her team for opening the Cardinals bar for the AGM and for organising the very successful Cardinals Gold Cup football tournament on a very hot Sunday in May. He also congratulated the referees, players and Wendy & John for keeping the scores and tables.
- 5.14 The Secretary's report was included in the Chairman's report.

6.0 TREASURER'S REPORT

- 6.1 The Treasurer, Alex Lovejoy noted that for the year ending May 2018, a small profit of £87.69 had

been made. This was an improvement over the previous year, and helped to maintain the Trust's objective of raising funds for the Football Club whilst protecting the Trust's future.

- 6.2 The 400 Club, organised by John Hooker, continued to grow and was able to generate £2,500 for the Football Club.
- 6.3 Alex noted that activities run by the Trust included a well-supported Quiz Night and the Goldrush Draw at all home league games.
- 6.4 With regard to coaches to away matches, Alex noted that the Trust had run 16 coaches, including ones to F.A. Cup games at Bury and Peterborough. The majority of trips, however, were loss-making resulting in an overall deficit of £720 over the year.
- 6.5 Alex noted that, through the generosity of fellow supporters, the Boost the Budget fund had enabled a transfer of £25,938.30 to the Football Club, which sum included a capital contribution of £5,938.30.

7.0 APPROVAL OF ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

- 7.1 The Chairman asked for the accounts to be accepted. This was proposed by Alan Barnes and seconded by Keith Tarling and agreed by a unanimous show of hands.

8.0 ELECTIONS TO THE TRUST BOARD

- 8.1 Formal elections were held for the positions of Secretary and 3 Board Members.
- 8.2 For the position of Secretary:
Sarah Grigg proposed that George Burnett should be elected as Secretary of the Cards Trust. This was seconded by Rupert Phillips and endorsed by the meeting.
- 8.4 For three positions of Board Member:
Alex Lovejoy proposed that Paula Ashheton should be elected as a Board Member. This was seconded by Rupert Phillips and endorsed by the meeting. George Burnett proposed that Kevin Jones should be elected as a Board Member. This was seconded by Wendy Denty and endorsed by the meeting. Rupert Phillips proposed that John Hooker should be elected as a Board Member. This was also seconded by Wendy Denty and endorsed by the meeting.

9.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 9.1 There were no questions asked and no further business.

The meeting was concluded at 8.05pm.

Elected Trust Board Members at the end of proceedings.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Term Started</u>	<u>Date of Re-Election</u>
Chair	Rupert Philips	November 2017	November 2019
Secretary	George Burnett	November 2018	November 2020
Treasurer	Alex Lovejoy	November 2017	November 2019
Board Member	John Hooker	November 2018	November 2020
Board Member	Alan Barnes	November 2017	November 2019
Board Member	Paula Ashheton	November 2018	November 2020
Board Member	Kevin Jones	November 2018	November 2020
Trust Representative to WFC Club Board	Ian Nicholson	November 2017	November 2019