

CARDS TRUST AGM – MEETING ON 08 NOVEMBER 2017
HELD AT THE CARDINALS' BAR, LAITHWAITE STADIUM

MINUTES

35 members were recorded as present, with 3 proxies completed.
This constitutes a quorum under Trust Rules and the meeting was deemed valid.

1.0 INTRODUCTIONS

1.1 Rupert Philips introduced the Trust Board members present.

2.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2.1 George Burnett issued apologies received from Hugh Batts, Erica Ellery, Jamie Gridley, John Hooker, Roy Lomax, Hazel Long, Raymond & Carole Nowell and Ian Toft.

3.0 MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM ON 2 NOVEMBER 2016

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 noted that 2 guest speakers had been invited to the AGM, Geoff Chapple and Jess Holmes, he was pleased to confirm that Geoff would be speaking to the meeting after the formal proceedings, but unfortunately Jess was unable to attend.

5.2 He thanked the 6 Members of the Cards Trust Board and the 3 Co-Opted Members for their work during the year, and noted that all were supporters and volunteers.

5.3 The Trust had been able to assist the Football Club with several requests during the year and had subsidised coaches to the FA Cup games at Torquay and Stockport and the final away league games at Chester and Dagenham. The Trust's total contributions from all sources to Woking FC last season was £38,000.

5.4 Rupert thanked John Greenwood, Mark & Jayne Smith and Martin Oakley for organising and providing the food at the Quiz Night, and a further Quiz Night is planned for Friday, 16th March 2018. A Race Night is also planned for the New Year.

5.5 He thanked all who supported Boost the Budget and hoped that more would be persuaded to join and those already contributing might increase their contributions, particularly in the light of the lower cost season tickets.

5.6 He noted that the numbers using the coaches had declined in recent seasons and thanked Alan Barnes for organising away travel in difficult circumstances. He noted that Alan has decided to retire from organising the coaches and that volunteers were needed if they were to continue to be run. He also thanked Daniel Woodhead for supporting Alan in organising coach travel.

5.7 Rupert noted that the 500 Club organised by John Hooker was in its second year and proving very successful and he encourages all those not already members to join, with the next draw due to take place after the match on 23 December.

5.8 Attention was drawn to the activities of the Junior Cards, organised by Phil Batts. Last season membership had reduced from the first year, but due to hard work and promotion, membership this season had already passed 90. Rupert noted that these were the supporters of the future and urged all who have children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews to get them to join Junior Cards.

- 5.9 Rupert noted a new initiative organised by Paula Assheton and Kevin Jones designed to improve the match experience for both home supporters and those away supporters visiting Kingfield, and he urged anyone with good ideas to speak to Paula or Kevin.
- 5.10 He noted the important role of volunteers, and thanked the Goldrush Team for their efforts in selling tickets, counting the takings and folding tickets etc. (George and Judith Burnett, Phil Davies, Alan Barnes, Sarah Grigg and her father, David). This season it has been agreed with the Football Club that the Trust can retain 50% of the takings after the prize has been deducted, instead of 33% as in previous seasons, and the first call on these increase in funds would go to Junior Cards and subsidising coach travel.
- 5.11 Rupert wished to take the opportunity to thank Jennifer and Hazel in the Club Shop for assisting the Trust with posting out various letters, and he thanked the whole team of volunteers who had recently dispatched season tickets (as well as Jennifer and Hazel, Judith Burnett, John Hooker and Alan Barnes).
- 5.12 The Trust is seeking more occasional help from volunteers and Rupert asked anyone interested to speak with him.
- 5.13 He noted that the Trust's website is now regularly updated with news and information, through the efforts of John Hooker.
- 5.14 Finally, Rupert mentioned the role played by Ian Nicholson, the Trust's nominated Director on the WFC Board. He noted that Ian has a difficult role in terms of liaison with the Trust Board as he is included in the NDA signed by all the WFC Directors, however Rupert confirmed that the Trust will inform all members about any breaking news at the earliest possible opportunity.
- 5.15 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 2017, a loss of £3,187 had been made, however this is not regarded as problematic given the reserve available.
- 6.2 The 400 Club's success has resulted in £3,000 being donated to the Football Club, which was used to support the team for the away Torquay FA Cup fixture and for the player budget.
- 6.3 Phil Batts was able to obtain a further grant of £520 for Junior Cards, which was very welcome, as encouraging younger fans to follow their local team is an important aim of the Trust.
- 6.4 The Trust had run 14 coach trips to away fixtures so far during the 2016/17 season, including 2 FA Cup fixtures and the important game at Chester at the end of the season, when the team was struggling to avoid relegation. The overall losses on coaches amounted to £1,028, which the Trust Board felt was acceptable given the number of trips involved. A smaller coach was used on a number of occasions to reduce costs. Stockport away in the FA Cup yielded a profit on coach operation of £261.
- 6.5 Alex noted that the contributions to Boost the Budget enabled a total of £35,216.20 to be transferred to the Football Club (excluding the contribution from the 400 Club). This sum included a capital contribution for the shares owned by the Trust of £5,216.20.

7.0 APPROVAL OF ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

- 7.1 Alex Lovejoy proposed that the accounts should be accepted. This was accepted by a unanimous show of hands.

8.0 ELECTIONS TO THE TRUST BOARD

- 8.1 Formal elections were held for the positions of Chairman, Treasurer, 2 Board Members and the WFC Board Representative from the Trust.
- 8.2 For the position of Chairman:
Alan Barnes proposed that Rupert Phillips should be elected as Chairman of the Cards Trust. This was seconded by Philip Batts and endorsed by the meeting.
- 8.3 For the position of Treasurer:

Keith Adams proposed that Alex Lovejoy should be elected as Treasurer of the Cards Trust. This was seconded by Sue Connor and endorsed by the meeting.

8.4 For two positions of Board Member:

Alan Barnes proposed that Phil Batts should be elected as a Board Member. This was seconded by George Burnett and endorsed by the meeting. Hazel Long proposed that Alan Barnes should be elected as a Board Member. This was seconded by Veronica Kimber and endorsed by the meeting.

8.5 For the position of Board Representative from the Trust:

Brian Caffarey proposed that Ian Nicholson should be elected as Board Representative from the Trust. This was seconded by Nick Shaw and endorsed by the meeting.

9.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 As the PA system is not always audible, it was agreed that the details of the winning Goldrush ticket would be shown in the window of the Trust Office.

9.2 A question was asked regarding volunteers – it was stated that the Trust was pleased to assist wherever possible and that a database should be provided (early warning of a need for specific tasks would be very helpful).

9.3 It was hoped that Goldrush tickets could be sold to away supporters in segregated games in future.

9.4 Nick Shaw was thanked for his assistance in helping Phil Batts run the Junior Cards.

The meeting was concluded at 8.10pm.

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 2016	November 2018
Treasurer	Alex Lovejoy	November 2017	November 2019
Board Member	John Hooker	November 2016	November 2018
Board Member	Alan Barnes	November 2017	November 2019
Board Member	Phil Batts	November 2017	November 2019
Trust Representative to WFC Club Board	Ian Nicholson	November 2017	November 2019