

CARDS TRUST AGM – MEETING ON 13 NOVEMBER 2019  
HELD AT THE CARDINALS' BAR, LAITHWAITE STADIUM

MINUTES

32 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 Carole & Raymond Nowell, Brian Caffarey, Andy Caulfield, Wendy Denty, Hazel Long, Ian Eastwood, Matthew Erskine, Jaime Gridley

3.0 MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM ON 19 NOVEMBER 2018

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 Members and also Rosemary Johnson (Chairman of the Football Club and a Trust Member) plus Alan Dowson, the Football Club Manager, who would say a few words after the formal part of the meeting was completed.
- 5.2 He thanked Debbie Jackson, Bar Manager, and her team, who have helped the Trust this past season hold events and for staffing the Bar tonight. Rupert noted that the past year since the last AGM had been very busy for the Cards Trust Board organising Goldrush sales, 400 Club, Boost the Budget, bucket collection for the players Christmas Hospital visits, away travel and the pre-season ground-clean.
- 5.3 Rupert also thanked John Greenwood, Martin Oakley & Mark Smith for organising a very successful sold out Quiz Night and to Jane Smith for preparing the food. A great evening. A further Quiz Night is planned for Friday December 6th.
- 5.4 On behalf of the Trust Board Rupert thanked everyone who has contributed, either monthly, single donations or bucket collection to Boost the Budget. The Trust was able to provide nearly £30,000 to Dowse's playing budget last season. He appealed to anyone who can help to please complete monthly bank mandate, the forms are available to download on the Trust website. This support is appreciated by Dowse, Ian and Martin. He noted that a bucket collection was due to take place on 16<sup>th</sup> November at the game against Halifax and he appealed for volunteers to assist.
- 5.5 Rupert noted that, last season, Alan Barnes, Adam Bowyer and Jennifer Tombs in the Club shop organised Away Travel to matches including the Cup games at Torquay and Swindon where 3 coaches were filled. Rupert thanked everyone for helping fans travel and to supporters for going to back the team. A small loss was made on Away Travel, this small loss was assisted by Dowse, management and players sponsoring a coach to Bath in March and donations to reduce travel fare to Billericay in December. He confirmed that, If there is sufficient support, coaches will run to most games.
- 5.6 The 400 Club organised by John Hooker has again provided a healthy amount which formed part of the £30,000 transferred to Woking FC as part of Boost The Budget. Rupert noted that the next draw would take place after the Hartlepool game on Saturday 7th December. This draw would be in

addition to the normal quarterly prizes and has the £500 Christmas Draw prize. He noted that forms can be downloaded from the Trust website.

- 5.7 Following Phil Batt's retirement Junior Cards was able to continue last season thanks to Alex Burnett and Nick Shaw for keeping it going. Rupert confirmed that some 60 members had signed up as Junior Cards so far this season, and Gareth Griffiths has taken up the baton assisted by Trust Board Members Wendy Denty and John Hooker. Several Junior Cards, with their parents, met with Dowse before the Notts County game on the 26th October and had a Question and Answer session in the Cardinals Bar, then a tour of the dug outs and the officials changing room. The Notts County kit man was happy for the Junior Cards to look at the away dressing room which was set out with all the kit players required. This was followed by a visit to the Woking dressing room with a brief chat and opportunity to meet the players who were happy to have photos taken and sign autographs. KC Kat also joined the party. Final stop was the Boardroom to view some of the Club's History. Rupert thanked Dowse for the meet and greet tour and said that those present will remember it for years.
- 5.8 Rupert gave a big thank you to the Goldrush team, selling in all weathers, and also to everyone who bought tickets. A record amount of prize money was distributed, with half the takings to each winner, the remainder shared equally between Football Club and Trust. This season the prizes are averaging just under £400. He gave special thanks to George & Judith Burnett and Sarah Griggs who, having sold tickets, then race before half time to fold tickets and count money, they never see the first half of a game and have been doing so for many years.
- 5.9 A pre-season clean-up of seats and removal of weeds took place on Sunday July 7th and Rupert noted this was a tremendous effort by the 12 supporters who turned up including from as far away as the south coast. All the seats in LGS, family stand and Directors stand were washed. There will be a further pre-season clean next July and he made a plea to double the number in order to complete the task in a couple of hours. After each home game a small group of volunteers, Paula, Nicky & son Owen, Nick Davidson, Tony Satiri and Rupert spend up to an hour cleaning up fans rubbish from all areas of the stadium. Despite tannoy announcements there is a substantial amount of rubbish which fans do not deposit in the bins. Rupert requested assistance - gloves and sacks are provided – he requested that anyone prepared to help should please speak with Paula or himself.
- 5.10 Rupert thanked the Trust Board and all volunteers who dedicate many hours not just on match days for the benefit of Woking FC. He specifically mentioned John Hooker and Paula Assheton, who have been helping hand out season tickets, using the scanners to speed up access to ground. Kevin Jones who is an excellent compere in the Geoff Chapple Lounge and undertakes after match interviewing with Dowse in the Cardinals Bar. Also Treasurer Alex Lovejoy, who has kept the Trust's finances balanced.
- 5.11 Rupert noted that the Cards Trust Board has met several times with the Woking F.C. Board and been kept apprised of progress with the new development and new stadium proposals, for which Rosemary Johnson would provide an update after the break. All Trust Board Members have signed Non-Disclosure Agreements.
- 5.12 Rupert said that he did not apologise for probably speaking too long, but he felt it was important for Trust Members to know what the Trust Board has been actively pursuing. He noted that all present are fans and he thanked everyone for their support - we work together for the benefit of our team our Club which is Woking F.C.
- 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 2019, a profit of £5,269.76 had been made. This helped maintain the Trust's objective of raising funds for the Football Club, without risking the Trust's future.
- 6.2 Activities run by the Club included the popular annual Quiz Night, the 400 Club, Junior Cards and the Goldrush. Alex noted that these help to grow our fan base and raise additional funds. He hoped that

Members enjoyed participating in these activities and the Trust Board looked forward to providing them throughout the current season.

6.4 With regard to coaches to away matches, Alex noted that the Trust had run 22 over the last season, including 3 where multiple coaches were run to cater for large numbers of fans. Alex reported that this had resulted in a large increase in revenue compared to the 2017/18 season, and the overall loss on coach provision has decreased to £367.

6.5 Alex noted that, through the generosity of fellow supporters, the Boost the Budget fund had enabled a transfer of £25,424 to the Football Club, which sum included a capital contribution of £5,924.

## 7.0 APPROVAL OF ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

7.1 The Chairman asked for the accounts to be accepted. This was proposed by Jim Fender and seconded by Nick Davidson and agreed unanimously.

## 8.0 ELECTIONS TO THE TRUST BOARD

8.1 Formal elections were held for the positions of Chairman, Treasurer, 1 Board Member and Cards Trust Director on the Woking F.C. Board.

8.2 For the position of Chairman:  
Judith Burnett proposed that Rupert Phillips should be elected as Chairman of the Cards Trust. This was seconded by John Hooker and endorsed by the meeting.

8.3 For the position of Treasurer:  
Rupert Phillips proposed that Alex Lovejoy should be elected as Treasurer of the Cards Trust. This was seconded by John Hooker and endorsed by the meeting.

8.4 For the position of a Board Member:  
Steve Mason proposed that Alan Barnes should be elected as a Board Member. This was seconded by Bryan Cross and endorsed by the meeting.

8.5 For the position of Cards Trust Director on the Woking F.C. Board:  
George Burnett proposed that Ian Nicholson should be elected as Cards Trust Director on the Woking F.C. Board. This was seconded by Rupert Phillips 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 8.00pm.

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 2019	November 2021
Secretary	George Burnett	November 2018	November 2020
Treasurer	Alex Lovejoy	November 2019	November 2021
Board Member	John Hooker	November 2018	November 2020
Board Member	Alan Barnes	November 2019	November 2021
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 2019	November 2021