



**Cards Trust Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 9 December 2020 19.30**

Record of Meeting

To note – this meeting was conducted on-line, via Zoom.

24 members were recorded as present, with six proxies completed. This constituted a quorum under Trust rules and the meeting was therefore deemed valid.

1. Apologies for absence

1.1 Paula Assheton informed the meeting that six apologies had been received – from Rosemary Johnson, Matthew Erskine, Ian Nicholson, Hazel Long, Ian Formby and Gregory Dodwell.

2. Minutes of the previous AGM 13 November 2019

2.1 There were no comments or amendments to the minutes and they were approved as an accurate record by the meeting.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

3.1 There were no matters arising.

4. Chairperson's report

4.1 The Chairperson, Rupert Phillips, welcomed those attending. (To note that Alan Dowson, Woking FC football team manager, and Craig Ross and Josh Casey, first team players were also in attendance.)

4.2 Membership

Rupert advised that Trust membership was approaching 400. It was hoped to increase this to 500 members and he asked those attending to encourage friends and fellow fans to join.

4.3 Junior Cards

Rupert reported that following a campaign at the start of the previous season there were just over 60 Junior card members. The Trust had arranged several events including a Christmas party, q&a session with 'Dowse', meet the players session and a tour of the dressing rooms, boardroom and dug-outs. Due to poor weather conditions a penalty shoot out session (before the Notts County home game) had had to be postponed. The tour of Fulham FC's ground, planned for April, had had to be postponed due to Coronavirus restrictions.

4.4 400 Club

Rupert thanked John Hooker for all of his hard work in developing and administering the 400 Club. With money raised going directly to the Football Club, he pointed specifically to the £2000 transferred to the Football Club December 2019 as part of the Boost the Budget and encouraged those in attendance to sign up to the scheme.

4.5 Away Travel

Rupert thanked Alan Barnes for arranging the fans' coach travel to away matches. They had generally been well supported and a small profit had been made (after several years of the scheme running at a loss). He also thanked Adam Bowyer for his assistance with on-line booking and Jennifer Tombs for responding to enquiries received by the Club.

4.6 Matchday Activities

The Trust had continued to provide help to the Football Club on matchdays in addition to routine Trust activities.

4.6.1 Paula Assheton and Kevin Jones had purchased free-standing banners promoting the Trust which they also used when acting as the welcoming party on behalf of the Football Club, receiving and directing opposition players and officials on matchdays.

4.6.2 Paula Assheton organised the fans' player of the month (and season) awards and their presentation. For the first time, voting for the Player of The Season awards had taken place on-line (due to Coronavirus constraints). He thanked Bob Raikes for developing and administering the technical requirements to support this. He also thanked Waitrose, Goldsworth Park for sponsoring the awards.

4.6.3 Rupert thanked the small group comprising volunteers and including Trust Board members who had collected the rubbish around the ground after each home match. He commented in particular on the vast amount of rubbish, at times filling ten black sacks, which continued to be left behind by fans.

4.6.4 Other activities included bucket collections for the 2019 Christmas Hospital visits, the organisation of two fan fora which included a q&a session with Dowse and a very successful Quiz night. The latter, held December 2019, raised over £1000 for Boost The Budget and Rupert thanked all those concerned, in particular John Greenwood and Mark Smith for organising the evening and Dave Hall for providing the food. A Race Night had been planned for March 2020 but had had to be cancelled due to Coronavirus.

4.6.5 At the beginning of Coronavirus lockdown several members of the Trust Board joined the Football Club in its scheme to support the community by eg telephoning its senior football fans to offer assistance. The response from fans was very positive and apart from the signposting and concern being shown, many welcomed the opportunity to chat about the football they were missing.

4.6.6 Rupert advised the meeting that iro £4000 had been raised by Goldrush sales. He thanked the team, out in all weathers, to sell the tickets and all those who had purchased them. Prizes had regularly been over £400 which had encouraged even more participants.

4.7 Boost the Budget

4.7.1 Rupert noted that the Trust had raised iro £20,000 for Boost the Budget and reminded the meeting that all money collected went towards Dowse's playing budget. He encouraged everyone to contribute either through individual or monthly donations and to spread the word. The truncating of the season and cancellation of eg the Race Night had impacted on incoming funds but he hoped that the coming year would see income streams (even if there were changes in format) able to deliver to normal levels.

4.8 Trust Website

4.8.1 Rupert informed the meeting that the Trust Website had been modernised and now provided the technology to facilitate eg the player award voting, on-line membership applications and Boost the Budget contributions. It also offered Goldrush tickets, programme purchase and a regular newsletter for members. He thanked Bob Raikes for his hard work, technical expertise and willingness to give his time to the modernisation task.

4.9 Thanks

4.9.1 As Chairperson, Rupert gave his thanks to the Trust Board members for all of the work they do on behalf of the Trust itself but also directly to the Football Club as volunteers. He encouraged members to volunteer their services where they were able or support in other ways as everything benefitted the Football Club.

5. Treasurer's Report and Annual Accounts

5.1 Alex Lovejoy, the Trust Treasurer advised those in attendance that in the year ending 31 May 2020 there was an overall net profit of £2,870.17.

5.2 detailed accounts had been made available on the Trust website.

5.3 Activities run by the Trust to raise funds included the annual quiz, the 400 Club and Gold Rush ticket sales.

5.4 The Trust ran 16 away coaches for fans – the truncated season having impacted on the usual number. This activity generated a small profit of £219. It was noted however that the overarching purpose of coach travel was to provide the opportunity for fans to give support to the team, hence in previous seasons for big games the fares had been subsidised.

5.5 Thanks to the generous contributions of members and fellow supporters, eg through Boost the Budget donations, the Trust had been able to transfer £20,924 to the Football Club. This figure included the share capital contribution of £5,924. It was noted that the Trust share holding in the Football Club now stood at 33,133.

5.5 Approval of the accounts (year ending 31 May 2020) was put to the vote and agreed unanimously.

Proposed Kevin Jones

Seconded Alan Barnes

100% on-line vote in favour of acceptance

6. Election of Offices and Trust Board Membership

Paula Assheton, as interim Secretary, introduced the formal procedure required. The meeting needed to elect a Secretary, two Trust Board members and the Trust representative to take up the position on the Football Club Board.

- 6.1 Rupert Phillips explained that Paula Assheton had stepped into the Secretary role temporarily replacing George Burnett who was acting as the Trust representative on the Woking Football Club Board following Ian Nicholson's resignation. He invited those in attendance to elect Paula Assheton as the Trust Secretary.

Proposed Rupert Phillips
Seconded John Hooker
100% on-line vote in favour of election

- 6.2 As both Kevin Jones and John Hooker had completed their terms on the Trust Board, they needed to be re-elected if they were to continue to serve. Both were duly re-elected by those in attendance.

Kevin Jones

Proposed Rupert Phillips
Seconded John Hooker

John Hooker

Proposed Paula Assheton
Seconded Kevin Jones

Both were re-elected with 100% on-line vote.

- 6.3 Cards Trust Director To Serve On Woking Football Club Board

Rupert Phillips thanked George Burnett for stepping into this role and all that he had done thus far. He reminded those present that George had been a founding member of the Trust and had served 12 years. Rupert asked those in attendance to confirm the recommendation for the Football Club Board appointment.

Proposed Rupert Phillips
Seconded Sarah Grigg
100% on-line vote in favour

- 6.4 There were no other proposals.

7. Any Other Business

- 7.1 John Hooker provided a summary of 400 Club activity and the meeting was advised that a decision had been made to increase the frequency of the Draws for 2021. £7,300 had been awarded in prizes and £13,500 transferred to the Football Club since the scheme inception.

- 7.2 Nick Davidson, the Covid Officer, thanked all of the volunteers for their hard work in getting the ground to the standards set by the Safety Advisory Group and the Woking Borough Council, and for their support on matchdays. In turn Rupert thanked Nick on behalf of fans for all that he continued to do in this vital role.

- 7.3 Alan Barnes raised a note of thanks on behalf of the Trust Board to the Football Club Chairperson, Directors, Commercial staff and the fans who had supported Trust initiatives during the summer or volunteered to help the Club during lockdown so that it was ready for the 3 October start of the season.
- 7.4 There was no other business and therefore the Chairperson closed the meeting at 20.05hrs.
- 7.5 To note that Alan Dowson, Woking FC Manager, and Craig Ross and Josh Casey, both first team players, made themselves available for questions after the meeting. They expressed their thanks for all of the support the fans and the Trust specifically gave the Club and the team.

Elected Trust Board Members (at the end of AGM proceedings)

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Term Commenced</u>	<u>Date of Re-Election</u>
Chair	Rupert Phillips	November 2019	November 2021
Secretary	Paula Assheton	December 2020	December 2022
Treasurer	Alex Lovejoy	November 2019	December 2021
Board Member	John Hooker	December 2020	December 2022
Board Member	Alan Barnes	November 2019	November 2021
Board Member	Kevin Jones	December 2020	December 2022
Trust Representative to WFC Board	George Burnett	December 2020	December 2022

Paula Assheton
Secretary to Trust Board
29 December 2020