



Minutes from Annual General Meeting, 26 November 2014

Note that these minutes relate to the formal AGM part of the meeting. For the open debate 'Your vision for the future of Leamington FC' please refer to separate document.

Attendance for the Brakes Trust:

Nick Rogers (Chairing meeting)	Apologies:
Peter Davis	Adrian Barton
Graham Hobbins	
Roy Sandison	
David Falp (Treasurer)	
Nick Hallworth (Secretary)	

Others including: Simon Saunders, James Saunders, Marc Weissenberger, John Glendinning, Lee Matthews, Tom O'Connell, Liam Crutchley, Paul Sandison, Kevin Watson, Peter Bowen, Paul Vanes, David Hucker, Chris Lonsdale. Apologies: Sally Ellis.

Introductions

Nick Rogers welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Trust board plus NH and DF.

Annual Review

Nick Rogers presented the annual review, written by Chairman Adrian Barton.

Accounts

David Falp presented the 2013-14 accounts and answered questions.

The meeting voted to approve the accounts (proposed Lee Matthews, seconded Simon Saunders, passed unanimous).

David Falp emphasised that the work done freely by Murphy Salisbury would cost a significant amount at regular rates and the Trust team are very grateful to MS for this service. [Thank you letter action NH].

The meeting voted to reappoint Murphy Salisbury as independent auditors for the 2014/15 accounts (proposed John Glendinning, seconded Marc Weissenberger, passed unanimous)..

Membership

Nick Rogers presented the Membership report.

A high number of non-renewals was highlighted. Comment from MW that there should have been more of a drive for renewals at the start of the season and that this workload should be spread around more.

Board elections

Results of elections presented by Nick Hallworth. Peter Davis stands down and is re-elected by rotation. There remains a vacancy for someone to be co-opted onto the board.

Constitution amendments and resolutions

There were no constitutional amendments or resolutions.



Any other business

Matchday stewarding

The Trust was contacted by Pauline Fletcher, Lee Matthews and Paul Sandison following the home fixture against Stockport. PF and LM had concerns about the stewarding on that day, and PS had wider concerns about the effectiveness of matchday stewarding in general, which were brought more into focus on that day.

A secondary issue is that the Trust team were slow to respond to our members who had contacted us, and for this the Trust board apologises. In an attempt to avoid this issue in future, the board has appointed Graham Hobbins as a specific contact point for member concerns, and this will be formally announced shortly.

NR spoke with Jim Scott about our members' concerns and JS confirmed that it had been reviewed internally. Whilst some information must remain internal to the club, it was commented that some rumours surrounding the day were over the top. A known group of "retired hardcases" had been identified as attending the Leamington fixture, but the information was that they were not out for trouble and merely on a drinking spree. This may have contributed to the atmosphere. Two had arrived on the coach and others arrived later to the match in taxis.

The club's nominated point of contact for supporter liaison is Graham Moody.

LM commented that the information he had was from the Police and West Bromwich Albion steward on the day (who LM understood to be the head steward). LM did not feel that it was all OK with only 2 on the coach since more were in town.

NR commented that Jim Scott had been very quick to contact Pauline Fletcher regarding her concerns. There remains a need to work together better and have a better system of communication.

PS commented that it was not just the Stockport match but that the stewards in general are "useless". Also that at the Stockport match it felt like the club was happy for the Stockport fans to continue drinking. The situation looked 'dodgy' and could have kicked off. PS said he was happy that Stockport had been winning, and that the situation was not a risk worth taking (allowing the away fans to drink more). PS expressed that the match should have been segregated and the club took a chance.

Kevin Watson was not present for the whole of the meeting but at this point NR passed over to KW who commented that stewarding is under review and that the Stockport fixture may well be segregated next season.

Tom O'Connell and Liam Crutchley also relayed issues with stewards, TOC having been pulled out of the crowd by a steward and LC querying why the Police were there.

Peter Bowen queried who was in charge of stewarding generally, and specifically who was in charge of stewarding on that day.



David Falp commented that on the day, nothing actually happened. So you could say that they got the stewarding right: if stewards had gone into the crowd then there might have been trouble. LM accepted this point, but asked why the stewards were not there (amongst the crowd) in the first place.

Actions following this:

The further queries/concerns will be addressed with the club and the Trust will report back. [Action NR].

Future queries will be handled between liaison points Graham Hobbins and Graham Moody.

Coach to Stockport, 24 Jan

The idea of running a coach to Stockport was suggested by DF and supported by TOC from the floor. The Trust will gauge interest.

Minutes from 2013 meeting

Peter Bowen queried the availability of minutes from the 2013 AGM.

[Post-AGM comment: 2013 minutes had been published but it was an oversight not to have reviewed and approved at the 2014 meeting – NH]

Thanks

The Trust thanked the club for facilitating the meeting once again. The team also thanked DF for his work preparing the accounts and MW thanked NR and NH for getting the open meeting organised.

/ Main meeting closed.