



DRAFT SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT 2012-13 AGM

YORK CITY SUPPORTERS' SOCIETY

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Year ending 30 June 2012

Held in the Pitcheside Bar, Bootham Crescent at 7.30pm on Monday 25 February 2013.

- Present:** 18 members of YCSS and additionally Board members - Ian Hey, Steve Beck, Mark Woodhouse
- Apologies:** Tom Brewis, Russell Cleaver, James Goodwill, Neil Jacques, Kirsten Ovenden, Dr Ron Wagner
- Secretary:** David Brewis

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting 16 November 2010

The Secretary pointed out some additions to the minutes that had been initially posted on the Trust website as a result of a correspondence with Trust member Russell Cleaver. These concerned the discussion on the Trust Board statement and pointed out that this item had not been included in the agenda and could not be subject to approval by the AGM.

Proposed as a true record by Keith Sunderland and seconded by Carol Abel. Passed unanimously.

2. Finance

The Trust accounts for years 2010-11 and 2011-12 were presented by Steve Beck.

Key points were

2010-11

- Income down from £11,296 to £8,634
- Donation of £6,500 to YCFC Youth Development
- Expenditure up from £7,974 to £9,828
- Overall deficit at the year of £1,194 compared to surplus of £3,322 the previous year.
- Cash at bank at year end £5,249 previous year £12,318
- Membership down from 717 to 701.

2011-12

- Income up from £8,634 to £11,451
- Donation of £3,500 to YCFC Youth Development
- Expenditure down from £9,828 to £5,512 (NB this includes no expense for the preparation of accounts as this work was delayed due to the delay in preparing accounts)
- Overall surplus at the year of £5,939 compared to a deficit of £1,194 the previous year.
- Cash at bank at year end £5,888 previous year £5,799
- Membership up from 701 to 712.

The meeting was advised that the finalised accounts would be posted on the website.

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Acceptance of both sets of accounts proposed by Graham Bradbury and seconded by Alf Patrick. Both accepted unanimously by the meeting, 22 votes to nil, and by 64 proxy votes with nil against.

3. Re-appointment of Auditors

The re-appointment of Townends as auditors was proposed by Graham Bradbury and seconded by Glyn Munday.

Votes in favour were meeting 22 and proxy 63 with no votes against.

4. Re-Appointments to the Trust Board

The meeting voted unanimously in favour of the re-appointment of Mark Woodhouse to the Trust Board and by 64 votes to 0 in votes by proxy.

5. Any Other Business

Ian Hey conducted a question and answer session. Contributions as follows.

- Q Graham Bradbury What contingency has the Trust in place to cope with the possibility of relegation?
- A Difficult to put in place any specific contingencies. Steve Beck pointed out that at the last Trust AGM it was agreed to include in the Trust rules the ability to issue Community Shares - a mechanism to realise capital and used most famously by FC United to raise over £1m for ground development.
- Q John Lacey How would relegation affect plans for the new stadium?
- A Can see no reason for plans to change.
- Q Pete Douglas Has the club given consideration to increasing the ticket allocation to Bradford for the forthcoming home game in order to maximise revenue?
- A Yes I believe the allocation has been increased from 1,500 to c 1,850.
- Q David Boothroyd What is the relationship between the Trust and the club following the publication of last year's statement?
- A The Trust board meets regularly with Pete Rookes, acting on behalf of the Club Board, to review the club accounts. Ian Hey described a meeting with Rob McGill which he believed was ultimately positive. He reiterated that the Trust Board position remained that the move away from Bootham Crescent to a new ground was essentially for economic reasons despite the long history of, and affection for, Bootham Crescent.
- Q Graham Bradbury If we accept we have to leave BC, you have stated that the new stadium will provide better commercial opportunities. What information do you have?
- A We don't have any details and have not seen any reports of such details reported elsewhere. In fact it is possible that such arrangements have not been discussed yet.
- Q Alan Wright The Trust is a 25% shareholder in the club and should be involved in, or at least aware of, such discussions. Without the trust being represented on the Club board we do not know the Council position.
- A Followed by a discussion about why there is currently no Trust representative on the Club Board - the club requires those members to match the claimed



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time commitment of the other Board members - and the Council's belief that the Trust is already represented in negotiations through the Club.

- Q Graham Bradbury Expressed amazement that the club made so little of its success last season when the Trophy win and promotion coincided with its 90th birthday. Discussion concluding that commercial performance should be improved (with notable exception of Minstermen Beer Festival!). Also discussed current situation re coincident club and Trust golf days.
- Q Ray Winn We've talked again about the lack of membership of the Club Board and the lack of communication about the new ground so will we be any further on in a year's time?
- A Discussed the legal requirement for any member of the Club Board having to follow the normal regulatory, legal rules of being a member of the Board of a limited company and the difficulties Steve Beck had had in adhering to that in his time on the Board. The Trust Board objective is to try to engage with the Club Board and the City Council without destabilising the situation.

The Chairman thanked members for attending the meeting and the meeting closed at 20.58.

David Brewis
Secretary to the Trust Board
06 March 2013