

Northampton Town Supporters Ltd

Board meeting on Thursday 13th January 2022

Via Zoom

In attendance:	Andy Roberts (Chair) Helen Hickman (Secretary), Robert Souster, Simon Miller, Keith Buckby, Cheryl Byrne& Stefan Krywawych
Visitors:	John Morgan, Kevin Simons, Cllr Phil Bignell, & David Rawlings
Apologies:	Bob Clarke, Barry Collins, Stuart Taylor & Derek Krajewski

1.	Welcome	
	Andy Roberts (AR) welcomed everyone to the meeting	
2.	Minutes of the Meetings from 9 th December 2021	
	Proposed by Cheryl Byrne (CB) and seconded by Robert Souster (RS). The board voted unanimously for the motion.	
3.	Matters Arising	
А	<u>"Stand & Land"</u>	
	Andy Roberts (AR) said there was nothing to update since the last meeting. The publishing of the "red book" valuation had still not happened. Cllr Bignell asked about the Trust's Delta Simons report. AR said the Trust had met with Delta Simons but were waiting to see what Werst Northamptonshire Council were going to do before deciding their course of action. Cllr Bignell informed the meeting that the councillors were waiting for more information and for the detail. This was expected around 18 th January 2022.	
в	The Crouch Report	
	AR said that nothing had moved forward. The FSA were currently pressuring MP's and other stakeholders.	
с	30 th Anniversary of the Trust	
	AR reported that St Crispin's Social Club had been provisionally booked for 29 th April 2022. He told the Board that both the FSA and Exeter City would be running articles about the Trust 30 th anniversary.	
	A short discussion took place about what else the Trust could do. AR asked for members to go away and think of some ideas.	
D	Membership & Fee Review	
	Keith Buckby said he had been doing some research and the results showed that the current fees are very low when compared to others. The cheapness of membership has had no positive effect of the size of membership.	

	The meeting felt that the cost of joining needs to be reviewed. One suggestion was made that the cost should be £10 for an adult, £5 for under 18s and £1,000 for a corporate membership. This would be something for the new Board to decide
	RS said he had spoken to Paul Town about the commissioning of a painting to celebrate the 30 th anniversary. It was suggested that perhaps the subject could be the Bristol Rovers paly-off semi-final with the painting being signed by Ian Atkins.
	The board discussed ways of increasing the Trust's profile. The potential involvement with the New Hotel End project was raised. KB said he was still waiting to hear back from Tom Reed.
E	NTFC 125 th Anniversary
	The Board agreed that the Trust should be seen to be supporting the Anniversary celebrations in some way.
	It would be for the new board to decide what this should be.
F	<u>2021 AGM</u>
	Helen Hickman (HH) reminded the meeting that this would be held on 10 th February 2022 on Zoom.
	The first board meeting would then be held on 17 th February 2022.
4	Treasurer's Report
	Barry Collins (BC) reported that he had handed over the books of accounts to Bob Clarke on 12 th December 2021.
	The trust had had 3 new members (2 via PayPal and 1 by a bank payment into the Co-op account)
	The current balances are: -
	 the money held in Co Op account was £55,058 the balance held in the PayPal account was £513.00.
	Items of expenditure which are outstanding and need to be paid are Delta Simons invoice (£2,400.00), the Zoom fees and AGM costs.
	BC hoped that money could be transferred from Club 500 (£1,700) and the Travel Club (£2,000).
	BC said he had taken over the admin of the Travel Club.
5.	Cobblers Travel
	BC said that 48 had been booked onto the coach travelling to Sutton.
6.	Membership Report
	No report was given but AR took the opportunity to remind those present to help with the membership drive.
7.	NTFC Items

	No items were discussed under this topic as they had been covered in length under matters arising.
8.	Correspondence
	HH said that she had received no correspondence
9.	AOB
	 AR then went around the table to see if members had any other business to discuss: - Cllr Bignell asked where NTFC were on the subject of safe standing. AR replied that this had been pursued by Tom Reed in recent times, but NTFC had not really pursued this with any seriousness. Stefan Krywawych asked if the board had considered getting involved with any of the local independent breweries. AR said that Phipps Brewery had attended the open event at the Park Inn, and he considered that the Trust had a good relationship with them. KB said it was important to get new members on the board to fill the roles which were been vacated.
10	Date of Next Meeting Normal board meeting - Thursday 17 th February 2022 – 19 : 15 by Zoom.