

In attendance: Andy Roberts (Chair, AR), Bob Souster (BS), John Morgan (Acting Secretary, JM), Bob Clarke (Treasurer, BC), Rob Duncan, Heidi Green, Derek Krajewski, Tom Packer, Jeffrey Roy, Kevin Simons (KS), Bhyll Stephenson (BSt)

Apologies: Ian Atkins, Keith Buckby

<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome</b>
	Andy Roberts (AR) welcomed everyone to the meeting.
<b>2.</b>	<b>Minutes of meeting – 9 February 2023</b>
	Agreed – proposed by Bob Souster, seconded by Derek Krajewski
<b>3.</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b>
	<p><u>Statement on Gamesmanship</u></p> <p>AR reported that a number of supporters were advocating that the Trust make a stand on gamesmanship in light of Aaron McGowan’s dismissal in the match with Crawley Town. BS said he would circulate a draft for discussion.</p> <p>KS and BSt said they would not be comfortable on any statement making comment on football administration but the meeting agreed that gamesmanship was a blight on the game and fans were becoming increasingly concerned at its prevalence.</p> <p>The Trust is looking to work with the Football Supporters Association on a campaign urging the authorities to take action to combat play acting and cheating within football and so protect the integrity of the sport.</p>
<b>4</b>	<b>Board appointments</b>
	The new Trust board comprises Andy Roberts, Bob Souster, Bob Clarke, Ian Atkins, Keith Buckby, Rob Duncan, Heidi Green, Derek Krajewski, Tom Packer, Jeffrey Roy, Kevin Simons and Bhyll Stephenson.
<b>5.</b>	<b>Board resolutions</b>
	The meeting received the board resolutions which were agreed at the Annual General Meeting on 23 February.
<b>6.</b>	<b>Introductions</b>
	Each board member gave a brief introduction to the others at the meeting.
<b>7.</b>	<b>Governance</b>
	It was agreed to hold a standalone meeting to fully discuss the introduction of new policies on social media, elections and diversity & inclusion.

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	<p>JM to prepare a letter to be sent to council leader Jonathan Nunn to ensure there is an open line in terms of engagement with the stand and land situation likely to be resolved in the coming months.</p>
9.	<b>NTFC Items</b>
A	<p><u>East Stand and Sixfields land</u></p> <p>The Judicial Review brought by Cillarda against West Northamptonshire Council's decision to sell land at Sixfields to Northampton Town FC/County Developments Northampton Ltd is due to be heard on 28 and 29 March.</p> <p>If the judgement is in favour of Cillarda, the bidding process for the land will have to start again. If the judgement is in favour of NTFC/CDNL, the draft contract between the club and the council can be finalised, enabling the sale of the land to go ahead.</p> <p>The board will finalise its own position, on the stand and land behind the East Stand at Sixfields, at its next board meeting.</p>
B	<p><u>Meeting with Kelvin Thomas</u></p> <p>The board will seek a follow up meeting with Kelvin Thomas once the Judicial Review into the land sale is settled.</p>
10.	<b>Treasurer's Report</b>
	<p>BC reported that the AGM for yearend was held last month and that the accounts and Treasurer's report were accepted. Clifford Towers were reappointed as independent Accountants and a copy of their engagement letter was delivered by hand today. BC collected the files held by them for the production of the accounts. BC will start the process for completion of the accounts for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 earlier and irrespective of the next AGM date.</p> <p>Two of last month's cheques for raffle prizes were cashed totalling £375 with one the 3<sup>rd</sup> prize £75 not presented. The October 2022 cheque referenced in the November report and noted in the January and February 2023 reports for £815 to Country Lion covering cost for the Swindon game has not been presented.</p> <p>There was no movement in income or expense in January but in February the income was £120.24 and expenditure £961.78 leaving a balance of £49,830.82.</p> <p>BC is drafting a letter for JM to consider regarding the three NatWest accounts, one of which Club 500. The two Northampton Town Trust Travel accounts need to be brought under our control as the balance in one the current account at 30<sup>th</sup> December was £18,023.77. The other, a business reserve account, has a balance of £80.41 since 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022. BC will look at all the accounts in April to see if we can rationalise them and win some interest.</p> <p>BC will submit the annual report this month to the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA). There are no earlier submissions outstanding.</p>
11.	<b>Cobblers Travel</b>
	<p>No report</p>

<b>12.</b>	<b>Club 500</b>
	No report
<b>13.</b>	<b>Membership</b>
	AR reported that membership presently stands at 729.
<b>14.</b>	<b>AOB</b>
<b>A</b>	BSt asked whether a number of board meetings a year could be face to face rather than virtual  DK added a warm welcome to all new board members, saying that he looked forward to working together with everyone and that a fresh approach was welcomed and needed
<b>B</b>	TP said that he was happy to lend his expertise to reviewing the Trust's communications processes and alongside DK and AR and identifying technology which could be of benefit going forward. He said he would be in the UK around the Easter period and would welcome an in person meeting.
<b>15.</b>	<b>Date of next meeting</b>
	The date of the next meeting is provisionally fixed for 6 April, although this is in the run up to the Easter weekend and is subject to change.