

Northampton Town Supporters Ltd

Board meeting on 13 June 2023 (via Zoom)

In attendance: Andy Roberts (AR, Chair), John Morgan (Acting Secretary), Bob Clarke (Treasurer, BC), Keith Buckby, Kevin Simons (KS), Bhyll Stephenson (BSt), Rob Duncan

Apologies: Bob Souster, Derek Krajewski, Heidi Green, Jeffrey Roy, Ian Atkins

1.	Welcome
	Andy Roberts welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2.	Minutes of meeting – 20 April 2023
	Agreed – proposed by Bob Clarke, seconded by Bhyll Stephenson
3.	Matters Arising
Α	<u>Gamesmanship in football</u>
	AR said that the Trust's concerns had been communicated to the Northamptonshire Football Association and the Professional Footballers Association and that the Football Supporters Association was due to discuss the issue at its next August/September meeting.
В	Request to support football groups in Ukraine
	AR said that a meeting had been held with Stand For Heroes members and that advice had been given to the group. They had made contact with a number of Trusts and Associations and we were the only Trust to respond. KS suggested we should extend an invite to local members of the Ukrainian community for hospitality at Sixfields and BC suggested whether this was a cause that could be supported through a Just Giving page.
c	NTFC fundraising
	RD said that the club were open to a meeting to discuss about how the Trust could help involved in improvement projects at Sixfields. It was suggested that this could be raised at the meeting with the club following the outcome of the Judicial Review.
D	Special meeting to discuss stand and land
	It was agreed to hold a standalone 'in person' meeting of the Trust board at the Obelisk Centre in the near future to discuss the Trust's position around the stand and land issues at Sixfields.
4	Policies on social media and diversity and inclusion
	The fully-amended documents were due to be signed off by a board decision following the monthly board meeting and displayed on the governance section of the Trust website accordingly.

5.	NTFC Items
Α	Sixfields stand and land update
	No update since the last meeting as the decision on the Judicial Review into the sale of land at Sixfields was still outstanding.
6.	Treasurer's Report
	The payment of £800 to R B Coach Travel for the Tranmere game was presented to the bank on 11 May. The Country Lion cheque for £815 dating back to October 2022 has not been presented for payment. We will provide for it at year end 31 August 2023 then write it off in 2024 if still not presented. The balance on the Co-op account at the end of May was £48,065.64. There is an outstanding submission of last year's annual return and accounts to the FCA owing to some confusion about who should do this, Clifford Towers or BC. After discussion. BC will do this on behalf of the Trust and as we are late BC said he will pay any late penalty personally. BC hopes to be able to devote more time to treasury affairs and to resolve outstanding banking issues with Co-op and NatWest before year end. The process for completion of the accounts for year ending 31 August 2023 will start earlier and irrespective of the next AGM date.
7.	Cobblers Travel
	Trust Travel will look to run nine coaches during the 2023/24 season and the away games will be allocated once the fixtures are known on June 20.
8.	Club 500
	No report
9.	Membership
	The Trust's membership stands at 728 – of those, 502 are life members.
10.	Any other business
	JM suggested that the club's misleading statement on the old athletics track land should be corrected as it implied that delays to the stand and land deal going ahead had primarily been caused by the Trust. KS suggested it would be a good idea to invite media representatives to a future board meeting.
11.	Date of next meeting
	Thursday 6 July – by Zoom or in person to be decided.