



READING FOOTBALL SUPPORTERS' SOCIETY LTD.  
T/A STAR (Supporters' Trust At Reading)  
**Minutes of 15<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**  
**13 September 2017 at 8pm at Reading Town Hall**

Present:

Paul Ellix (Chairman)  
Richard Langley (Deputy Chairman)  
Roger Titford (Deputy Chairman)  
Vicci Elliot (Treasurer)

Elected Board Members:

Steve Benton  
Colin Bishop  
Melanie Bishop  
Paula Martin  
Ian Maynard

In attendance:

Bobby Williams (Vice President)  
Lee Gardner, Vale & West  
110 STAR members

Minutes taken by Teresa Hicks (Secretary)

1. Apologies for absence were received from Andrew Wearing, Mick Foster, Elaine Maynard and Jeanette Rackley on behalf of Gordon Neate.
2. The Chairman welcomed STAR members to the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting. A few moments were spent remembering members who had passed away during the year.
3. The Minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> AGM held on 1 September 2016 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record of that meeting. There were no matters arising.
4. Elections to the Board

Five candidates were standing for election to the Board. Peter Matthews, Chairman of the Election Sub-Committee, proposed each candidate in turn and all were duly elected.

Richard Langley – Proposed by Peter Matthews; seconded by Helen Bullen.  
Kevin Lenton – Proposed by Peter Matthews; seconded by Bob Crowe.  
Sacha Liddiard – Proposed by Peter Matthews; seconded by Linda Nix.  
Ian Maynard – Proposed by Peter Matthews; seconded by Andy Povey.  
Andrew Wearing – Proposed by Peter Matthews; seconded by Alison Matthews.

5. All Board Members introduced themselves and briefly explained their individual roles and responsibilities.

## 6. Chairman's Report

6.1 The Chairman gave his report for the year ended 30 June 2017. The STAR Board had met on 11 occasions during the year and fulfilled its usual roles. Of particular note:

- 1878 members at the end of the 2016-17 year (33% increase on 2015-16).
- Coach travel as usual to all away grounds - 96 coaches in total to 29 destinations.
- Representation at RFC's regular Senior Management meetings, a meeting with the Thames Valley Police Football Liaison Officer for RFC, attendance at Safety Advisory Group meetings and continued affiliation with external groups such as the FSF and Supporters' Direct.
- Royal Elm Park - the objection to the planning application (relating to concerns about car parking) submitted was eventually withdrawn due to amendments to the application that addressed the concerns.
- Two Fans' Forums.
- Supporters' Player of the Season – organisation of the card vote.
- One issue of Reading Matter was published; regular STAR Bulletins were sent out; Facebook and Twitter followers continue to increase.
- Hall of Fame – thirteen new inductees at the second Hall of Fame event.
- A Remembrance trip to France to visit graves and commemorations of former players who died in the two World Wars.
- Donations to several causes including to the RFC Community Trust and sponsorship of the RFC Deaf team.

6.2 The Chairman gave members details about some of the priorities for the 2017-18 year:

- To establish a structured relationship with RFC's new CEO, Ron Gourlay and the owners.
- Introduction of an online coach travel booking system, initially through a trial period.
- An Honours Board showing the names of all players who graduated from the Academy to the first team.

6.3 The Chairman informed members that the coach contract with Horseman Coaches had been renewed. This was not strictly in adherence with STAR's Finance Policy as it was not possible to obtain three quotations due to a lack of coach companies willing to submit one. The membership present endorsed this decision.

## 7. Treasurer's Report

Vicci Elliot gave her report and presented audited accounts for the year ended 30 June 2017.

The accounts were accepted: Proposed: Vicci Elliot; seconded: Paula Martin.

## 8. Appointment of Auditors

It was proposed that Vale & West were reappointed as auditors and this was carried.  
Proposed: Vicci Elliot; Seconded: Ian Maynard.

9. Predictor competition winners

First prize was awarded to Paul Wheeler, second prize to Robin Hicks and third prize to Alan Sedunary. Matthew Child won the prize for best entry before the season started.

10. Any other business

On behalf of Steve Death, Bobby Williams collected his Hall of Fame certificate.

The Chairman closed the meeting.

A Fans' Forum followed with Jaap Stam as the guest speaker.