



Attendees:

RFC:

Nigel Howe  
Bryan Stabler  
Adam Benson  
Ray Booth  
Mark Bradley  
Dave Evans  
Jackie Evans  
Sue Hewett

STAR:

Paul Elix  
Roger Titford  
Paula Martin

## **Meeting Report - Reading FC SMT – Wednesday 31 May 2017 – Madejski Stadium**

### **1. Matters arising:**

- a. Consultation with local businesses over road closures – Peter Brett Associates attended the Fulham semi-final and their report will propose road closures for consultation
- b. Buses and parking – there are new local parking possibilities as well as parking arranged in Reading town centre for use of F1 buses. Meeting now arranged for 22 June for further discussions with STAR
- c. Honours Board – STAR suggested amendments to the first design, which were agreed to. Final design to be agreed soon with siting between the Megastore and reception, which will allow for a further board when needed.

### **2. STAR benefits for 2017/18**

RFC agreed to continue the current benefits for STAR members.

### **3. Pitch invasion following Fulham match**

RFC have received a letter concerning the pitch invasion to which they have replied having taken advice from the crowd advisor at EFL. Stewards were told to attempt to stop a pitch invasion and one supporter was injured and five stewards were also injured. The pitch invasion meant that the intended celebrations were curtailed so RFC requested fans to stay in their seats next time to not only avoid the club being penalised but also to allow further celebrations to occur.

**4. Review of Protocol for representing supporters:**

It was agreed that changes to the protocol are not necessary and the next review is scheduled for 3 years time.

**5. Ticket prices for those aged 60-64 at the play-off final:**

The rules for selling criteria are set down by the EFL state that half price concessionary rates are available throughout the Stadium on all price categories for Juniors (16 years and under) and Senior Citizens (This policy should mirror that in operation at your Club). Therefore, Huddersfield supporters aged between 60 and 64 paid half those supporting Reading, and so Huddersfield benefit from the extra revenue. RFC made it clear that before the game they had petitioned the EFL about the entire ticketing & pricing strategy but with no effect. STAR will be pursuing this through the FSF.

RFC will continue £20 tickets for away supporters at the Madejski, even though only 2 clubs (Aston Villa and Cardiff) reciprocated last season, but the hope is that more Championship clubs will follow in the coming season.

**6. Update on Checktrade Trophy participation:**

RFC have not yet been invited to join the competition, but will be higher up the list given the final league position. All academy teams will play away from home next season.

**7. Moving season-ticket holders to increase press gantry**

As we are still in the Championship the move is not necessary but those asked to move were positive and understanding. Most were accommodated in the row in front of their current seat and they have the option of staying in their old seat or the new one next season.

**8. Singing at Wembley**

RFC expressed disappointment at the noise levels generated from some sections of the Reading end at Wembley compared to the Huddersfield supporters.