



READING FOOTBALL SUPPORTERS' SOCIETY LTD.
T/A STAR (Supporters' Trust At Reading)
Minutes of 18th Annual General Meeting
3 September 2020 at 8pm

Meeting held via Zoom due to the COVID-19 restrictions

Present:

Paula Martin (Chair)
Steve Benton (Deputy Chair)
Paul Ellix (Deputy Chair)
Vicci Elliot (Treasurer)

Elected Board Members:

Colin Bishop
Melanie Bishop
Jon Hall
Johnny Hunt
Kevin Lenton
Sacha Liddiard
Roger Titford

Secretary:

Teresa Hicks

STAR members: 38

1. Apologies for absence were received from Bobby Williams, Sam Stevenson, Pete Vickery, Jeff and Sherri Reihle, Jacob Kasaka, Paul Mortlock.
2. The Chair welcomed members to the 18th Annual General Meeting. The meeting was being held virtually via Zoom due to restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.
3. The Minutes of the 17th AGM held on 5 September 2019 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.

Sacha Liddiard – Proposed by Peter Matthews; Seconded by Martin Braili.
Sam Stevenson – Proposed by Peter Matthews; Seconded by Alison Matthews.
Andrew Mathewson – Proposed by Peter Matthews; Seconded by Colin Ford.
Steve Benton – Proposed by Peter Matthews; Seconded by Paul Ellix.

Paul Ellix – Proposed by Peter Matthews; Seconded by Helen Bullen.

The Board will now comprise of 13 elected Board Members with two vacant positions.

5. Chair's Report

5.1 The Chair gave her report for the year ended 30 June 2020.

Achievements of particular note:

- Memorandum of Understanding signed with RFC in July 2019.
- Winner with RFC of the national FSA Supporter Engagement Award.
- Representation at two Structured Dialogue meetings and at Senior Management meetings with RFC; Safety Advisory Group meetings; Fan Engagement Panels; 150th Anniversary preparation meetings; and continued affiliation with external groups.
- Two Fans' Forums.
- Online conferencing introduced to enable Board Meetings to continue remotely.
- Successful administration and provision of away travel including long distance away travel paid for by RFC.
- Regular STAR Bulletins sent out; Facebook and Twitter followers continue to increase; Instagram account set up.
- Continued financial support for Reading & District Sunday League and the Reading Community Trust.
- Collaboration with Reading Museum and the University of Reading.

6. Treasurer's Report

6.1 Vicci Elliot gave her report and presented unaudited accounts for the year ended 30 June 2020. The Treasurer explained that the auditors, Vale & West, had substantially increased their auditing fee at late notice and auditing of the accounts had not been completed.

7. Appointment of Auditors

7.1 Members were asked to ratify the decision of the Society Board not to re-appoint Vale & West as the Society's auditor. Proposed by Vicci Elliot; Seconded by Helen Bullen. The Motion was carried.

7.2 The Treasurer proposed the appointment of Knight Goodhead as the Society's auditor for the year ended 30 June 2021. Proposed by Vicci Elliot; Seconded by Paul Ellix and was carried.

8. Proposal of Motions

8.1 *This Annual General Meeting of the Reading Football Supporters' Society Limited ratifies the Board's decision to support the proposed 2021-2 Reading Museum exhibition on the 150 years anniversary of Reading Football Club with the sum of £7,500, to be drawn from the ring-fenced ex-Supporters' Club funds which have been undisturbed since 2002.*

The Motion was Proposed by Roger Titford; Seconded by Helen Bullen and was carried

8.2 *This Annual General Meeting of the Reading Football Supporters' Society Limited, under the terms of Rule 12A, confers life membership of the Society on Ian Holt.*

The Motion was Proposed by Paula Martin; Seconded by Paul Ellix and was carried.

8.3 *This Annual General Meeting of the Reading Football Supporters' Society Limited, under the terms of Rule 12A, confers life membership of the Society on Paul Ellix.*

The Motion was Proposed by Paula Martin; Seconded by Johnny Hunt and was carried.

9. Any other business

9.1 The Chair advised Members that she had written to the new CEO of RFC with an introduction to STAR and had received a positive response. This will be followed up with a meeting in due course.

9.2 The Chair advised Members that STAR is working with RFC on their plans for when and how to get supporters back into the stadium for games.

The Chair closed the meeting.