

HOW TO PUT YOURSELF FORWARD FOR BOARD MEMBERSHIP OF STAR

Co-operative & Community Benefit Societies Act - Board Elections

There are seven positions available for election to the Board of Reading Football Supporters' Society Limited (trading as 'STAR'- Supporters' Trust At Reading) at its next Annual General Meeting in September 2023.

In order to stand for election you need to be a fully paid up member of STAR for 2023/24 and be aged 16 or over. You must be proposed and seconded by two other fully paid-up STAR members. (No STAR member may propose or second more candidates than the number of positions to be elected.)

Should there be more than seven candidates put forward, then a contested election will be held amongst the STAR members to select the candidates for the seven vacant board positions.

How to Stand for election

Please email your intention to stand (or any questions on the process) to: secretary@star-reading.org.

Please include in your email:

- Your full name, STAR membership number, address and telephone number.
- Name, STAR membership number and email address of your proposer and seconder. (or attach emails from your proposer and seconder with these details.)
- Election statement & photograph.

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You must provide an election statement of between 200-1000 words attached to your email. This is to give you the opportunity to identify your areas of interest at STAR, skills you can bring to STAR and ideas you would like to implement if elected.

Please see Appendix A – for an example Election Statement previously submitted.

Please also submit a photograph of yourself for publication with your statement.

All statements will be published on the STAR web site and made available to STAR members in the event of a contested election.

Closing date will be 11th August 2023.

Receipt will be acknowledged by email or telephone.

Please refer to Section 6 of the Election Policy (available on the STAR website). By submitting an intention to stand, candidates will be deemed to have accepted this Election Policy, the Society's Rules, and any other policies and rules adopted by the Society Board and the membership and agree to be bound by them.

Appendix A – example Election Statement previously submitted.

I have had a busy first year with STAR, learning all about the many things we are involved with. I have been to a meeting at Bearwood and met all the ‘important’ people. I had the chance to put forward all the questions from Reading fans and hear their answers first-hand.

I feel like I have the opportunity to help Reading fans get their frustrations heard by the club. There are plenty of opportunities to improve things for other Reading fans – it is a very open group.

I’ve also been quite involved in STAR’s relatively new online travel service which has been a real benefit to many fans.

If you have an idea you are encouraged to run with it! I want more people to step forward; there is so much more we could do as a group – but we need other people who feel passionately to step forward. I would be happy to answer any questions anyone has about STAR and the role of new board members. Sarah Turner