



READING FOOTBALL SUPPORTERS' SOCIETY LTD.
T/A STAR (Supporters' Trust At Reading)

**Minutes of 21st Annual General Meeting
7 September 2023 at 8.30 pm
Princess Suite, Select Car Leasing Stadium**

Present:

Paula Martin (Chair)
Steve Benton (Deputy Chair)
Roger Titford (Treasurer)
Sarah Turner (Deputy Chair)

Elected Board Members:

Colin Bishop
Melanie Bishop
Simon Day
Nick Houlton

Secretary:

Teresa Hicks

STAR members: 65

1. Apologies for absence were received from Matthew Batten, Vicci Elliot, Johnny Hunt, Peter Matthews, Dave Stevens, Chris Witcher.
2. The Chair welcomed members to the 21st Annual General Meeting.
3. The Minutes of the 20th AGM held on 1 September 2022 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.
4. Matters arising

The Chair confirmed that the FCA had approved STAR's application to adopt a new set of Model Rules, and that the Trust is now operating under these new rules.

5. Elections to the Board

5.1 Eight candidates were standing for election to the Board. Colin Ford, on behalf of the Election Sub-Committee introduced each candidate in turn and all were duly elected: Adam Aust; Steve Benton, Colin Bishop; Vicci Elliot, Sasha Liddiard; Caroline Parker; Jack Simpson; Abigail Ticehurst.

5.2 The Board will now comprise of the maximum 15 elected Board Members.

6. Chair's Report

6.1 The Chair gave her report for the year ended 30 June 2023.

Of particular note:

- Representation at meetings with RFC including Structured Dialogue; Operations; Safety Advisory Group; Fan Engagement Panel; and with Compass.
- Fans' Forum with Paul Ince and Mark Bowen.
- An event with supporters at Blue Collar Corner with Mark Bowen, Brian Carey and Jared Dublin.
- Continued to sponsor the Reading Sunday League finals; and sponsorship of one of the Berkshire Football Awards.
- The final Hall of Fame event was held, and the annual Remembrance Service.
- STAR did not run the Player of the Season vote as the award was presented at an expensive Dinner event organised by RFC which excluded most supporters.
- Improved the online Membership joining system and the online travel booking process.
- 1,284 STAR members.
- Travel: 2800 passengers on 58 coaches to 24 matches.

6.2 This was Paula Martin's final year as Chair, and she thanked all the Board Members she had worked with over the years and said that it had been a pleasure and a privilege to represent supporters of Reading FC.

7. Treasurer's Report

7.1 The Treasurer presented audited accounts for the year ended 30 June 2023, and the accounts were accepted. Proposed by Roger Titford; Seconded by Melanie Bishop.

7.2 The Treasurer advised Members that this would be the last fully audited accounts. Next year, an Independent Examiner will review the accounts.

7.3 The Treasurer expressed thanks to Vicci Elliot for her help with the day to day book-keeping.

7.4 The Treasurer advised that he will be standing down from the Board after being involved for 21 years, He expressed his thanks to the Chair for all her support during his time as a Board Member and as Treasurer.

8. Appointment of Independent Examiner

8.1 It was proposed that Knight Goodhead are appointed to examine the Society's accounts for the ending 30 June 2024 and this was agreed. Proposed by Roger Titford; Seconded by Paul Ellix.

9. Any other business

9.1 *This Annual General Meeting of the Reading Football Supporters' Society Limited, confers life membership of the Society on Roger Titford.*

The Motion was carried.

9.2 Gifts were presented to Paula Martin, Roger Titford and Chris Witcher as thanks for their many years of service to the Society.

The Chair closed the meeting.