

**Report on the Bath City FC Board Meeting**

**4 March 2019**

**Present**

Directors: Jon Bickley, Nick Blofeld, David James, Shane Morgan, Andrew Pierce, Martin

Powell, John Reynolds, Paul Williams

Apologies: Sally Harris

Observers: Carole Banwell, Bob Chester

Michael Clayton and Phil Tanner for item 1

1. **Redevelopment**

Development Agreement, Design issues / concerns

Nick updated, to a round of applause, that the DA has been signed and exchanged as of last Friday 1st March.

Nick also explained we are now entering the next phase which will have a slightly different rhythm. There will be no set or pre-scheduled Re Development Working Group meetings. Instead Phil Tanner will flag when a meeting is needed, and we will agree those best suited for the meeting and the decisions required. These will largely be operationally biased meetings, looking at the more detailed design elements (eg Grandstand room, interior layout, Bath End terracing).

Phil Tanner agreed that he thought this would be a sensible set up, and also reported that he had just received from FWP new drawings of the internals of the grandstand (plus the levelled pitch). Phil showed the drawings and some preliminary comments as to the details were expressed, but they will be substantively discussed in a smaller operational design group of appropriate individuals at the a meeting tbc shortly.

Developing the Business Plan

The third and final consultation closed today and preliminary comments have been provided by Creatrix. The planning application designs will be firmed up this Wednesday (6 Mar), but there is no set date for submission currently, but by the end of March. We have also been advised to include a Club business plan and The Sports Consultancy (TSC) have been instructed to draft this, with key Club input.

Comms/Campaign for planning

Feedback was given on recent meeting with representatives from local political parties.

We agreed we need to continue with follow ups to these meetings with other interest groups and get feedback from other clubs who have gone through the process. We now need to think about and plan a “planning application success campaign” in more detail, to build the momentum and support for the project around Bath. We’ll need plenty of positive advocates and influencers, and will take guidance from our advisers/Creatrix on the key timings.

The idea of holding a public meeting in the city centre was discussed.

Potential Relocation options – Martin has assisted Paul in gathering more information on options, and more time will be spent on this once the business plan has been created, since we will have more certainty by then on details and timings of the likely move.

Before Michael departed Nick raised the outstanding issue of the staggered reappointment of Board directors. Michael explained that a proposal has been drawn up which also covers the installation of Working Group “shadows” so that Supporters Society Board have specific roles and are adding value.

1. **3G**

David James explained there was little to update currently but that a meeting was scheduled for 11th March so a more substantive update will follow at the next board meeting.

1. **Actions from Last Board Meeting / Previous Board meeting Minutes**
2. Michael has sent a proposal re directors’ periods of office.
3. Bob has shared with David a summary of the businesses involved in last year’s shirt draw.
4. Carole has made initial arrangements with Curo re the Freeview Road corner netting and Shane is now following up. Curo have assured us of their intention to increase the height of the fence which will deal with the issues.
5. Shane confirmed that for the Woking match there will be additional stewards to a regular game. We will probably allocate all the Family Stand and just half of the Bristol End terrace to away fans that day, to maximise the possible home crowd. We don’t expect more than 500 fans from Woking.
6. Paul and Shane outlined the possible implications of promotion by referring to the costs experienced in the two previous seasons at the higher level (2010 - 2012). These included a higher wage bill, policing, a safety officer, increased travel costs and extra provision of a doctor and first aiders.

Nick asked for acceptance of the February minutes; Paul proposed and Martin seconded.

1. **Key Working Groups updates/issues to resolve**

**Football & Finance:**

Football

1. Paul reported that Jerry has now signed his new contract and he will prepare an announcement for release.
2. Paul explained that contract discussions for next season are being held with a number of players.

Finance

Ahead of the meeting Paul provided the Profit & Loss figures to 28/02/19, with comparison for the previous year. Due to only one home match in February a loss was posted for the month but with four home games to follow in March including last Saturday’s, which generated excellent income, this will be recovered by the end of the next period.

It was noted that already our gate receipts for the season have overtaken those of last year.

There was some discussion on next season’s season tickets and the meeting confirmed authority for Jon and Andrew to discuss and decide these issues without further reference to the Board.

**1000BC**

Women at the Game match to follow on 13th April while season ticket and shirt draw marketing are underway.

**Commercial**

Bob reported that there have been 40 sign ups already for the shirt sponsorship draw.

**Operations WG:**

Shane reported that the disabled area yellow hatching has been completed, likewise the recommissioned toilet block behind the Family Stand. The Curo lighting solar panel is now functional.

**Community WG**

Sally had circulated a very positive Foundation report on 18th February.

**Matchday and Hospitality**

There was some discussion on easing congestion in the coffee service area by the entrance to the TR Hayes Lounge.

1. **Any Other Business**

Shane asked for support for the Supporters Club Quiz on 12th April

1. **Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 8th April 2019 at 7pm in TR Hayes Lounge, Twerton Park.