



Minutes of Board Meeting Monday 18th November 2024

Attendees:

Pete Davey (PD)
Paul Karter (PK) (Chair)
Lisa Mole (LM)
Kevin Patterson (KP)
Olivia Thomson (OT)
Felicity Thow (FT)
Colin Whittle (CW) – Secretary

Apologies:

Cliff Culley (CC)
Adam Stoker (AS)

Item 1 – Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 7th October 2024 were accepted as a correct record.

Item 2-Finance

PK provided an update on the NUST accounts. The financial year has now ended and accountants have completed the final accounts for financial year 23/24, for presentation and approval at the AGM in January 2025. For information the annual accounts can be located on the FCA website and the 23/24 accounts will be posted following approval at the AGM.

Item 3-Annual Elections

PK took the Board through the election process. The Election Committee had been Chaired by Ashley Brown (AB) from the FSA ,with CW as a non- Board member representative also assisting. Two applications were received for the two available positions, and as a result it had not been necessary to proceed to the voting stage of the election. AB had provided his report to the NUST Board, which you can read here - <https://www.nufctrust.co.uk/files/pdf/election-report-2024.pdf> and it had been confirmed that both Richard Barnsdall and Karl Williamson would be elected to the NUST Board, with

ratification of the positions due to take place at the NUST AGM.

Item 4- Fan Advisory Board (FAB) update

PK reported that a FAB meeting had taken place on 10th November 2024 and gave a high-level overview of the meeting. The meeting was attended by club representatives as well as Brad Miller, Chief Operating Officer, and Peter Silverstone, Chief Commercial Officer. The Formal minutes from this meeting were awaited. The minutes from the previous FAB meeting can be accessed at

https://www.nufctrust.co.uk/files/pdf/fab_formal_meeting_notes_14_may_2024.pdf

Item 5-Stop Exploiting Loyalty Campaign

PK reported that following NUST attendance at an FSA meeting, and subsequent discussions with FSA representatives, NUST had been involved in co-ordinating NUFC fan involvement in the national campaign. NUST had assisted with the protest at Chelsea away and had organised the protest at Arsenal at home. West Ham fan groups had been in contact and NUST will support the protest before the forthcoming home game. We will be meeting our West Ham counterparts at the SJP statues at 19:00 on Monday 25 November 2024. The FSA article on the subject can be found here <https://thefsa.org.uk/news/stop-exploiting-loyalty-protests-reach-millions/>

Item 6- Meeting with Supporter Services

PK reported that the monthly meeting with NUFC representatives had taken place on Monday 11 November 2024. It was noted that following earlier representations from NUST the club had prepared a FAQ section on their website regarding ticketing and had also changed their policy in relation to the transfer of away tickets. In that regard, it was agreed that ongoing dialogue and a good working relationship was beneficial to both supporters and the club, and at the recent meeting a wide range of topics had been discussed including ticketing/refunds/Brentford returns/transparency of ballots/the NUST election. NUST will continue to discuss issues that have been raised by members and the wider fan base.

Item 7- Annual General meeting

PK reported that after reviewing the NUFC fixture list and dates for cup competitions it was likely that the NUST AGM would take place on 29th January 2025 at a venue within the City Centre. Confirmation of date and venue will be provided to members as soon as possible, with the formal agenda to be distributed in accordance with NUST rules.

Item 8- Any other business

1.PD updated the Board on the progress with NUST branded merchandising. NUST badges have recently been produced with distribution commencing from yesterday.

2.LM reported that the NUST online quiz night had recently taken place with £70 raised for the NUFC Foundation.

3. The NUFC 'We are United' event was due to take place on Wednesday 20th November 2024, with NUST board members to be in attendance.

4. PK reported that there had been no further progress to report on in relation to The Football Governance Bill. Local MPs had expressed support for the Bill in response to NUST correspondence. Information can be found at <https://nufctrust.co.uk/news/nust-update-on-the-football-governance-bill/> . NUST will monitor progress of the Bill through Parliament.

Date of next meeting-to be agreed