



Minutes of Board Meeting Monday 12th May 2025

Attendees:

Richard Barnsdall (RB)
Cliff Culley (CC)
Pete Davey (PD)
Paul Karter (PK) (Chair)
Kevin Patterson (KP)
Adam Stoker (AS)
Olivia Thomson (OT)
Felicity Thow (FT)
Karl Williamson (KW)

Apologies

Lisa Mole
Colin Whittle (CW) – Secretary

Item 1 – Minutes of April Meeting

The minutes of the Board meeting which took place on 31st March 2025 were accepted as a correct record.

Item 2-Finance

CC provided an update on the NUST accounts. The financial year for 2024/25 ends on 31st August 2025 and whilst KW will then take over the Treasurers role, CC will assist with the preparation of the year end accounts for presentation to the AGM. For information, the annual accounts can be located on the FCA website, and NUST website:

[https://www.nufctrust.co.uk/files/pdf/annual-accounts-to-year-end-august-2024-with-resolutions-1\(1\).pdf](https://www.nufctrust.co.uk/files/pdf/annual-accounts-to-year-end-august-2024-with-resolutions-1(1).pdf)

Item 3- Fan Advisory Board (FAB) update

PK reported that the meeting summary from the FAB meeting on 11th March 2025 had now been published and can be accessed on the NUST website at [https://assets.ctfassets.net/9ec6988xevcz/4hGF5j6KhsHxtcHlyza4zo/49b5dfa165affc476801ceab68a2cea7/FAB_Minutes_Summary_Notes - 11 March 2025.pdf](https://assets.ctfassets.net/9ec6988xevcz/4hGF5j6KhsHxtcHlyza4zo/49b5dfa165affc476801ceab68a2cea7/FAB_Minutes_Summary_Notes_-_11_March_2025.pdf)

It was noted that the meeting summary had been published outside of the agreed timetable, and this has been raised with the club who were responsible for producing the summary.

CC outlined that there had been a recent discussion with FAB as regards to the club crest, and members had been informed that a survey was to be released. NUST had subsequently written to Darren Eales on the subject and the letter can be accessed on the NUST website at <https://www.nufctrust.co.uk/news/nust-write-to-darren-eales-crest-consultation/>

Consultation workshops are due to take place which Board members will attend, with the intention of raising issues on behalf of members. Summary notes will be released once the workshops have been attended.

Item 4- Meeting with NU Foundation

LM reported on her recent meeting with representatives from NUFC Foundation. A wide-ranging number of issues were discussed incl Hall of Fame/ Stadium Museum/memorabilia. It was agreed that ongoing dialogue should continue and that NUST should continue to support such initiatives. It was also agreed that NUST would continue to support NUFC Foundation's charitable activities.

Item 5 – NUST charitable work

KW discussed the organisation's charitable initiatives. The Board agreed that charitable work will continue on an *ad hoc* basis, focusing on opportunities that present the greatest potential benefit for both our members and the partner charities.

Item 6- NUST member surveys

FT reported that the NUST end of season survey was prepared and scheduled to go out to members on Thursday 15th May 2025. The survey will run until 22nd May 2025, and topics covered will include memberships/ballots/future of SJP/away ticketing/club decision making and more. The data from the survey results will be presented to NUFC. The survey will also offer the opportunity of members to enter a prize draw to win a signed shirt, together with a copy of the new book from Paul Ferris 'Once Upon a Toon'. Thanks once again go to NUST member Will Eddy for his assistance with the survey.

Item 7- Meeting with EFL

PK reported that a meeting had taken place between representatives from NUST /Spirit of Shankly and the EFL on Thursday 17th April 2025 in relation to issues arising from the Carabao Cup Final, including ticket allocation /pricing /kick off time. A copy of the joint statement released by NUST/SOS can be accessed on the NUST website at <https://www.nufctrust.co.uk/news/nust-and-spirit-of-shankly-meet-with-efl-representatives/> Ongoing dialogue between all parties will continue.

Item 8- Any other business

1.PD updated the Board on the progress with NUST branded merchandising. NUST badges have recently been produced with initial batches sold out and more being produced for members. Money received will be donated to the Bubble Foundation. The annual survey will seek feedback from members in relation to other memorabilia.

2. AS reported that an in-person NUST member event was now being scheduled to take place once the season has ended, with further details to follow

3.PK reported on the progress in relation to the Football Governance Bill. It was noted that the proposed chair of the new Independent Regulator was David Kogan. An article on the regulator can be accessed on the FSA's website at <https://thefsa.org.uk/>

4.It was noted that the FSA AGM has been scheduled to take place in Manchester on 14TH June 2025.

Date of next meeting-to be agreed