

Minutes of The Blue and Gold Trust Directors Meeting held on 28/8/19

Present: Bob Britton, Len Candlish, Phil Ellis, Matt Lane, Charles Reynolds and Ray Sherring.

1. Apologies

None

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the last committee meeting held on the 27th of June 2019 were accepted as a true record.

3. Membership

The secretary reported that current individual membership stands at 81, of which 30 are life members. There are currently 3 corporate members.

4. Treasurer's Report

It was reported that Trust funds totalled £66,506:25 as at the 29<sup>th</sup> of August 2019. This includes the sum of £59,000 in our investment account.

5. The Football Supporters' Association (FSA)

The Secretary updated the meeting on recent communication from the FSA. He had received a hard copy of the FSA Annual Review which he suggested that all Directors read. This is also available on line at the FSA website. Also received was an invitation to the National Game Network to be held in central London on Sunday 29 Sept 19. The FSA also forwarded information on their Disability Inclusion Project.

6. Ground Development Fund (GDF)

A. Stephen Cleeve had contacted the Chairman to inform him that he had ordered the new turnstiles necessary to meet the new ground grading requirements. He also enclosed an invoice from the manufacturer Stadium Solutions, for the sum of the deposit. He asked if the Trust would pay this sum. To that end, and as previously agreed, The Trust forwarded to Stadium Solutions a cheque for the sum of £4,051:17. This covers the deposit less the VAT. The Club will pay the balance and of course will be able to recover the VAT.

- B. Mr Cleeve expressed his thanks via e-mail and stated that he would also express his appreciation in his next programme notes. The Chairman responded and informed Mr Cleeve that at any time in the future if he thought that the Trust could be of assistance to the Club, they would of course consider doing so as long as it was in the capabilities of the Trust.

Post-meeting note: True to his word, Mr Cleeve expressed his thanks to the Trust in his programme notes for the Darlington game on the 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2019.

7. Trust Twitter and Facebook Accounts

It was noted that more use had been made of the Twitter and Facebook accounts to keep the membership updated on Trust and other news. Discussion took place on how this could be further developed.

8. Any Other Business

There was no further business to discuss.

9. Next Meeting

The next Directors meeting will be held on Thursday the 24th of October 2019.