

Draft minutes of the Special General Meeting of the Wimbledon Football Club Supporters' Society (the Dons Trust) held at The Cherry Red Records Stadium on Thursday 22 October 2015.

1. Welcome and opening remarks

Matthew Breach (MB), as Chair of the meeting, opened the meeting with apologies for absence from Jane Lonsdale, Zoe Linkson, Nigel Higgs and Moorad Choudhry. MB welcomed Ivor Heller (who was attending on behalf of the football club board, as Erik Samuelson was away) and Neil Springate of the Fulham Supporters Trust (who was overseeing the Restricted Actions voting and board elections).

2. Approval of minutes of SGM on 9 April 2015

The minutes of the SGM of 9 April 2015 were accepted without comment.

3. Stadium update

MB reported that the most recent development was that the London Borough of Merton's consultation on the updated planning details had closed on 8 October and that the next step would be consideration of the application by the planning committee, and that this was expected to be in November. Negotiations with Chelsea on the sale of Kingsmeadow were continuing.

4. Voting on Resolution below.

Mark Davis (MD) presented, and invited questions on, the following resolution:

"To authorise the Board to permit the sale of the Kingsmeadow stadium to an outside party, as described in the information package sent to members in September 2015. This authorisation will lapse on 31 December 2016."

A member asked whether the board would need to seek fresh approval if the sale to Chelsea fell through and another purchaser were found. MD answered that the information package made clear that aspects of the project could change without the board seeking further approval. However, if the transaction were completely different from the transaction described in the information package, then the wording of the resolution would not give the board authority to proceed.

MD explained the percentage approvals that were required in the first round of voting on a class A Restricted Action and the procedure for the vote. MB, as Chair of the meeting, then demanded a poll in accordance with rule 44 of the Constitution, and the vote took place and was counted.

Following the count, the Secretary David Hall reported that:

- There were 2,249 eligible members as at 30 September
- 1,924 votes had been cast, representing a turnout of 86% - higher than the 50% minimum required by the Constitution

- The number of votes cast in favour of the resolution was 1,887, representing 98% of votes cast and 84% of the total eligible membership – higher than the minimum levels required by the constitution of 75% and 40% respectively
- The number of votes cast against the motion was 23 and a further 14 votes were abstentions or spoiled ballots
- Of the 1,924 votes cast, 1,651 were from online proxy submissions, 268 from paper proxy forms and five by members who had voted in person at the SGM.
- The resolution was therefore passed, subject to a further round of voting to be launched on 26 October.

MD thanked members for having voted in such large numbers and all the volunteers who had helped the process to that stage.

MD reported that, notwithstanding the success of the first round of voting, the board had learned some lessons, including the importance of members providing correct contact details, the diversion of Survey Monkey emails to junk mail folders that some members had experienced and the need for the board to explain the proxy voting process better at the second round of voting.

Finally, MD explained the voting process for the second round of voting.

5. Q&A session with Dons Trust board members

MB invited questions from the floor.

Tom Adam asked about the recent outage of the Dons Trust's website and email system. David Grows explained the cause, noting that it had not affected the Survey Monkey voting system, and outlined the steps that had been taken to prevent such a situation recurring.

Members asked about next steps on the planning application and whether the planning committee consideration would be held in public. Ivor Heller answered that the next step would be for Merton's planning committee to meet following the report submitted by officers. The planning committee meet in public – possibly a specially convened meeting.

6. Any other business

David Hall updated members on the board elections.

Ivor Heller reminded members of upcoming events at Kingsmeadow.

MB reported that, following the board's trial of Webjam, a test user group had trialled the system over the summer. Feedback had been collated and would be presented to the board in November.

MB reported that the Junior Dons Christmas party was now accepting bookings.

Concluding the meeting, MB thanked members for attending and reminded them that the next SGM would take place on 16 November.

The meeting finished at 8.20pm.