

Dons Trust Board Meeting



Thursday 7 August 2014

The Cherry Red Records Stadium

President's Lounge



MINUTES PART 1 – redacted version

Members:

Matthew Breach (MB)
Sean McLaughlin (SM)
Zoe Linkson (ZL)
Moorad Choudhry (MC)
Kris Stewart (KS) (part)

Invited:

Erik Samuelson (ES)
David Hall (DH) – Dons Trust Secretary
Michael Hayes (Secretariat)

Apologies:

David Growns (DC)
Jane Lonsdale (JL)
Iain McNay (IM)
Mark Davis (MD)

David Reeves (Secretariat)

Ref	Item	Action
	The meeting began at 19:30.	
1.0	Apologies for absence	
1.1	Apologies were received from David Growns (DG) Jane Lonsdale (JL) Iain McNay (IM) Mark Davis (MD) David Charles (DC) and Mick Buckley (MBu). Kris Stewart (KS) had indicated he would be late.	
2.0	July Minutes (Part I)	
2.1	DH noted that the July minutes were awaiting final comments from ES.	ES
2.2	In response to a question, DH said that minutes of DTB meetings up to April 2014 had now been published on the DT website.	
2.3	DH reported that Rob Crane has agreed to stand in for the DT website, replacing David Reeves, and it is understood he will also organise the DT page on matchday programmes.	

3.0	Football Club Board Items	
	<p data-bbox="297 247 570 279"><u>Football Club Report</u></p> <p data-bbox="177 317 1284 447">3.1 ES tabled the FCB Report (previously circulated). He reported the loan signing of Adam Barrett from Gillingham to cover Andy Frampton's injury, the extension of Barry Fuller's contract and the signing of George Pilbeam from Havant for the under 21s. Also that Callum Kennedy has signed.</p> <p data-bbox="297 485 513 516"><u>Player Eligibility</u></p> <p data-bbox="177 554 1284 716">3.2 ES reported that a spreadsheet had been prepared as recommended by DG showing when the next action is required for each player. Other issues have also arisen which have been resolved. The FA now require that bonus schedules be annexed to player contracts when registered, and specific issues were raised by the FA on the contracts of BA and MT. All these issues have been resolved.</p> <p data-bbox="297 753 816 785"><u>Other issues arising from the FCB report</u></p> <p data-bbox="177 823 1000 854">3.3 The scoreboard has been installed but is not yet operational.</p> <p data-bbox="177 892 1284 953">3.4 ZL asked how the trip to Spain was financed. ES said that accommodation, food and local travel was paid for by YourGolfTravel and flights by the club.</p> <p data-bbox="177 991 1284 1087">3.5 ZL asked about outside pop up bars as at the Chelsea game; ES said that these are possible (with a temporary licence) at a game big enough to justify them, but only a few times a year without the need for permanent permission.</p> <p data-bbox="177 1125 1284 1287">3.6 MB asked by how much the Chelsea game was over budget. ES said that taking into all the variables (including payment to Kingstonian for restricting their preseason friendlies) the overage was about £20,000. ES to revise the budget ahead of the September Board meeting, taking into account other things that have gone up.</p> <p data-bbox="177 1325 1284 1455">3.7 ZL asked about kit issues with Admiral. ES reported that there have been some, but they are relatively minor, and we should bear in mind that due to the change from Tempest we put in our order later than would be normal. The main issue is that there is less flexibility than with Tempest due to Admiral being so much larger.</p> <p data-bbox="177 1493 667 1524">3.8 <i>This section has been redacted.</i></p> <p data-bbox="177 1562 1284 1623">3.9 ES has received a business plan from the Foundation which will be circulated to the DTB.</p> <p data-bbox="297 1692 505 1724"><u>Stadium Update</u></p> <p data-bbox="177 1761 667 1793">3.10 <i>This section has been redacted.</i></p> <p data-bbox="177 1831 667 1862">3.11 <i>This section has been redacted.</i></p> <p data-bbox="177 1879 233 1890">3.12</p>	<p data-bbox="1357 653 1398 684">ES</p> <p data-bbox="1357 1224 1398 1255">ES</p> <p data-bbox="1357 1661 1398 1692">ES</p>

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3.15	<p><i>This section has been redacted.</i></p> <p><u>AFCW Accounts</u></p> <p>ES said that the results will be broadly around £70K over budget with cash flow £50K above the previous year, but with some uncertainties e.g. a large VAT payment, reflecting the season ticket income, is due on 1 October and the exact amount isn't yet known.</p> <p><u>Academy Issues</u></p> <p>(KS joins the meeting)</p>	
3.16	<i>This section has been redacted.</i>	
3.17	<p>Season Ticket Posting Error</p> <p>The tickets were sent out underfranked. This is likely to cost the club a surcharge of around £1 to £2 per letter, but may be possible to argue for less.</p>	
4.0	SGM Preparation	
4.1	It was noted that there will be no need for any formal vote at the SGM on 18 September. The main items to be an update on the new stadium, and fans representation.	
5.0	Date of Next Meeting	
5.1	This was confirmed as 8 September.	