



Dons Trust Board

Draft Minutes of Meeting Monday 15 February 2016

The Cherry Red Records Stadium President's Lounge

7.30 pm

Members

Matt Breach (MB)

David Grouns (DG)

Mark Davis (MD)

Jane Lonsdale (JL)

Nigel Higgs (NH)

Roger Evans (RE)

Tom Adam (TA)

Colin Dipple (CD)

Sean McLaughlin (SM)

Invited

Erik Samuelson (ES)

Andrew Williams (AW) (for 4(a) only)

Michael Hayes (MH) (Secretariat)

Rob McGlinchey (RM) (Secretary)

1. Apologies and Agenda

Apologies were received from David Reeves and Rob Crane (Secretariat). MB suggested that item 4 on the Agenda (in particular item 4 (a) New Stadium and presentation by AW) be taken before items 5 (DTB Update) and 6 (AOB).

2 and 3. Final Draft Minutes from 14 January meeting and Notes from 28 January teleconference

MB noted that any final comments to be passed to MB and RM asap.

Action: final comments to MB and RM

4. FCB Update

(a) New Stadium, including presentation from AW

AW said that he was seeking DTB approval tonight to a revised stadium design to be used as the basis for obtaining tenders in May 2016.

Since the “wish list” exceeds both financial and practical capability, there have had to be compromises. The revised design aims to protect the long term vision and to encompass opportunities for future income generation, while complying with relevant legislation. The building design has been tested with the FCB and others.

[This section has been redacted]

MB thanked AW and the design team for all their hard and detailed work.

AW then left the meeting.

There followed a general discussion on the stadium among DTB members.

Following the general discussion, the DTB unanimously resolved to authorise ES to authorise AW and the design team to take things to the next stage in accordance with the evening’s earlier resolution, to thank AW and the team for their work so far and asking them to prepare estimates of the cost of the five extra options.

Action: ES to communicate decision to AW

(b) Chelsea and Ks Deals

Kingstonian F.C.

ES reported that BDO have advised AFCW and Ks on their respective taxation position. ES has started to draft an announcement. *[This section has been redacted]*

Chelsea Deal

A meeting took place on February 11. The agreement is very close. *[This section has been redacted]*

It was noted that a meeting has been arranged at DN’s office at Hogan Lovells on 24 February at 6.30 for the DT board to go through the final Chelsea contract.

(c) Finances

ES summarised the figures as just about hitting budget after spending the Dan Agyei transfer money received from Burnley. *[This section has been redacted]*

The Budget for next year comes to the DTB in April. The process has started.

NH asked about the Dons Draw. This is currently a DTB project but is run by Neil Messenbird. James Booth (who is working for the club on a temporary basis) is being asked to produce a plan to relaunch it to offer more and more frequent prizes. In answer to a question from JL, ES said that 50% of the net proceeds goes to the football club.

There was discussion about the We Are Wimbledon Fund, where the amounts raised go to the playing budget. Sign up day is 5th March. This has been a DT initiative but ES thinks that

elements of the WaWF are better to be coordinated by the FCB and pay corporation tax on if there is an overall profit. James Booth will review and recommend.

5. DTB Update

Due to shortness of time, this item was agreed to be carried forward to the next meeting.

6. AOB

Admission Prices, Webjam Update, Volunteers and SGM Planning were agreed to be carried forward to the next meeting.

JL said that nothing has happened about the Foodbank and asked that it be progressed.

JL reported that she had received emails about an injury having been sustained in the Chemflow stand during the Luton game. ES said that the club is looking into it and CCTV pictures are being studied.

NH proposed, and the board agreed, congratulations to the club and youth teams for the Chelsea and Luton games.

DG suggested that items to be included in the Activity Log should not include routine attendance at board meetings. The minutes already record presence and apologies.

The meeting concluded at 10.52pm.

Next Meeting: Special on 28 February (2:00pm) and DTB meeting March 16, 2016 (7:30pm)

DTB MEMBER ACTIVITY SINCE BOARD MEETING ON 14 JANUARY

Matt Breach

- Organised, chaired and minuted DTB session on setting agenda and priorities for 2016
- Manned DT Kiosk at Mansfield game

Note: On holiday for two weeks of the month

Mark Davis

- Convened Board teleconference discussion on co-option
- Drafted Board membership policy
- Telephone call with John Sergeant and Chris Heald ahead of 28th Feb meeting.

David Growns

- Continued discussions with Kingstonian
- Continued work with the Webjam team
- Visited Brighton & Hove Albion F.C. stadium IT infrastructure

Nigel Higgs

- Drafted paper on DTB Younger Members

Jane Lonsdale

- **Webjam:** recruitment of Webjam designer (now appointed); negotiation with Webjam and Football Club Board on commercial package to agree deal; Project meeting with David Growns and David Reeves on 5 February.
- **Board:** meeting with Chris Heald and John Sargent (1 February) ahead of board meeting on 28 Feb. Unable to make Board phonecall re co-option so separate call with Mark Davis on 25 January.
- **Member engagement:** Manning the Dons Trust Kiosk on 30 Jan; responding to member queries (via email and facebook) on issues such as volunteering, membership status, webjam project, tickets,).
- **Junior Dons: Haydon page:** writing, collating and submitting Haydon page for Mansfield (16 Jan), Yeovil (30 Jan), Chelsea (9 Jan) and Luton (13 Jan). Arranging player profiles for Under 18s players

Sean McLaughlin



Roger Evans

- Jan 2nd Cambridge United Away-in the Boardroom
- Jan 39th Yeovil Home- Back up in DT Booth

Tom Adam

- Followed up issues of DTB meeting arising from that meeting such as the reference to the recladding of the Golf Stand.
- Prepared for, participated in and contributed to the DT Board conference call on Thursday 28th of January.
- Pursued activities arising from the Stadium Working Group on issues such as Kingsmeadow contractual “fit for purpose” and possible building modification at the Windsor Avenue Training facility.

Colin Dipple

- Participated in and contributed to the DT Board conference call on Thursday 28th of January.
- DT Kiosk support.