BWFC Supporters' Trust

MEETING NOTES

Subject:	Board Meeting
Venue:	Teams
Meeting Date:	08 01 2026 @ 6.45pm
Present:	Terence Rigby (TR) Sue Higson (SH) Alan Houghton (AH) Mike Smith (MS) Paul Wood (PW) Martin Parnell (MP) Ian Pegg (IP) Robin Fletcher (RF) – Secretary Shane Stopforth (SS) -Guest
Apologies:	None

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1. Approval of the previous meeting minutes

a) The previous minutes were approved.

2. Matters arising from the previous meeting

a) **RF** to prepare a milestone plan of key events, timings etc throughout the year to share with Board Members.
b) Further to the decision at the last meeting to ask the Club to include a pictorial plaque to be situated on the route of the stadium tours and to organise a reunion in 2029, it was recognised the need to keep tabs on the availability and whereabouts of the players.

3. Financial Report

a) The Financial Reconciliation approved at the last meeting will be presented at the AGM by AH on behalf of MP.
b) RF has instructed our Accountants, Gemma McKendrey, & Co to close the dormant CIC. Await confirmation this has been completed by Companies House.

4. Membership update

a) MP summarised the work he had done to date in re-organizing our data base, number of members etc.
b) Of the just under 6,000 members only circa 800 are making their annual subscription of £10.
c) **MP** with assistance from **RF** will continue to work through the data base to encourage members to set up regular subscription payments.

MP offered his apologies as he had to leave for another predetermined appointment at this moment In the meeting.

5. Supporter of the Season Award

a) RF had prepared a draft flyer seeking co-sponsorship for the Supporter of the Season Award and sent it to **SH** & **MP** asking them to amene/approve.
b) MS stated the Award is the 'Supporters Trust Supporter of the Season' and we should be looking for a full sponsor and not a co-sponsor. RF replied the communication on the Club's and the Trust's websites referred to us being the sponsor and last year the co-sponsor. IP reminded the Board that part of the sponsorship package with Bolton at Home was two seats at the Supporter of the Season table.
c) **SH** undertook to re-draft the flyer and send it out to the Board for comment/approval.

6. Board Elections

a) The opportunity to nominate candidates for the Board elections closed at 5pm today. There are up to four vacancies on the Board and with only three nominations being received there will not be a pole of the members.
b) The members will asked to ratify the three nominees onto the Board at the up and coming Annual General Meeting.

7. Annual General Meeting

a) After discussion it was concluded that both members and non-members were welcome at AGM, albeit only those members who have paid their subscription within the last 12 months are entitled to vote.
b) RF reminded the Board to register for their tickets. Entry on the night is strictly ti

8. 10th Anniversary of the Trust

a) A date in March is to be confirmed in the Club for a social evening including a Q&A with the coaching staff. To be chased up at tomorrow's Structured Dialogue Meeting.

9. YAG update/Trust Membership

a) AH/IP reported the YAG are progressing a number of projects including the150th Anniversary 3rd strip, which the EFL will allow to be used on a number of specific occasions.

10. Burnden Disaster 80th Anniversary

a) AH is collecting people's memories and anecdotes of the fateful day in March 1946. It is recognised there are few with firsthand experience alive, however, Alan is hopeful that there will be numerous secondhanded accounts from younger relatives.

11. Survey of the Kiosk Offers

a) The Club are proposing to carry out their own survey of what the fans would like to be to purchase at the kiosks.

12. Manbassadors/Talking Bench Initiative

a) IP will be representing the Trust at a meeting next week to discuss the installation of a talking bench at the Stadium, which will attended by Bolton at Home, Manbassadors, Bolton Wanderers in the Community and John McGinlay.

b) The bench already installed at Everton is dedicated to Gary Speed. It would be possible to remember other Bolton Players who have taken their own lives including Ronnie Philips, Dave Clements and Gareth Thomas. On the otherhand it was also felt by some of those present that it should be left without mention of anyone person. IP explained that part of the Initiative is to highlight how mental health issues have no boundaries and can effect the most successful of sportsmen and women. IP will express the different views on behalf of the Board at next week's meeting.

13. What's App Groups

a) It was agreed to rationalise those using the various What's App groups:-

- The existing 'All New Trust Board' to be scrapped. A new group for Board Directors only to be formed after the three new ones join next month. The App to used strictly for the formal Trust business.
- The existing 'Trust Consult' to used by the elected Board Directors, plus those who wish to participate in Trust activities. This is a less formal than the Board App and is intended for those who are not on the Board to be fully engaged with the day to day running of the Trust.
- 'Trust Banter Group' is the informal App and is open for a much wider group to participate. This is the forum to comment on the Team's performance etc. Please bear in mind that it is incumbent on all Board Directors not to pass any comment that is any way detrimental to any individual.
- 'Affiliates' What's App to be reviewed further as part of a wider discussion on how we best serve our wide and diverse participants, particularly those based overseas.
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14. Agenda for the October Structured Dialogue Meeting

a) The agenda was sent to the Club for their approval on Monday evening, which with the addition of one item was given.

15. Any other business

a) RF advised that the FSA have introduced a new version of the Model Rules and in order to comply with the resolution passed by the Members at last year's AGM we need to register with the FCA. **RF** will prepare the necessary documentation to be appropriately signed by the Board.

16. Next meeting date

The next meeting will be on the 19th of February 2026 to welcome the new Directors, subject to their availabilty.