BWFC Supporters' Trust

MEETING NOTES

Subject:	Board Meeting
Venue:	The Whites Hotel
Meeting Date:	24 09 2025 @ 7pm
Present:	Terence Rigby (TR) Alan Houghton (AH) Mike Smith (MS) Paul Wood (PW) Martin Parnell (MP) Ian Pegg (IP) Robin Fletcher (RF) – Secretary Shane Stopforth (SS) -Guest
Apologies:	Sue Higson (SH)

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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.

3. Bank Accounts, Finance

a) MP/RF presented a draft Financial Reconciliation for 2023/2024, which shows a small surplus for the 12 months up to the 31st of July 2025.

b) The un audited accounts and financial report will be prepared Nand post on the Trusts' website.

c) A motion to close the dormant CIC was passed unanimously.

4. Sponsorship of the Trust.

a) IP reported Bolton at Home have agreed to sponsor the Trust over the next two years for a total sum of £5,000.00. The Trust Board put on record their gratitude.

b) Part and parcel of the sponsorship the Trust undertake to give financial assistance to the Youth Advisory Group up to a total of £600 per annum.

c) SS has heard back from the Trafford Centre and they do not intend to co-sponsor the Supporter of the season Award for 2025/26. It was agreed to seek alternative joint Sponsorship.

5. Board Elections

a) RF will prepare a time table for the next Board Elections and instigate the formation of the Election Management Group.

6. 10th Anniversary of the Trust

a) AH proposed a special event should be held in January 2026 to mark the Trusts' tenth anniversary. It was discussed and it was proposed by MS to assess the appetite for linking up with a testimonial for Kevin Davies and Ricardo Gardiner with an event night involving a fans forum with the both the playing and commercial sides of the Club.

7. AGM

a) Subject to the date of the proposed event in 6. above the AGM will be scheduled for either January or February 2026.

8. YAG update/Trust Membership

a) AH/IP reported the YAG are progressing a number of projects including pre-match playlist and the150th Anniversary strip,

b) It was proposed that in addition to the existing rule that U16's can join the Trust with out paying the joining fee or annual subscription (with no share certificate or voting rights) any person in full time education over 16 would be given full membership including a share and voting rights free of charge. Upon leaving full time education the annual subscription of £10 would become due. The motion was passed unanimously.

9. Youngest Team Commemoration

a) AH proposed the youngest BWFC team who played against Coventry City on the 10th of August 2019 should be commemorated. Phil Parkinson was the manager, however, Nicky Spooner and Gavin McCann took the reins on the pitch for the day as they were the U18's coaches at the time. After discussion it was agreed the Club be asked to have pictorial plague situated on the stadium tours with possibility of organising a reunion in 2029.

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) PW reiterated an opinion of the Board that the offer in the concourse kiosks and the speed of service could be improved. To this in end should the Trust offer to carryout a survey amongst the fans. It was agreed this would be put to the Club at the next Structured Dialogue Meeting.

12. Screening of Away Games in the FZ

a) It was muted that it would be a good attraction and money generating venture to screen away matches in the FZ. The 3pm television embargo on a Saturday would not permit live streaming, however, it can be put to the Club for night matches etc.

13. Manbassadors Initiative

a) IP has been in conversation with Bolton at Home with regard to the Manbassadors scheme which they had in place since 2021 and the Trust's willingness to be affiliated and use of it'd database to raise awareness and to recruit help. The Board offered its whole hearted support. Attached to the minutes is further information.

14. Agenda for the October Structured Dialogue Meeting

a) The draft agenda is attached to the minutes and will be sent to the Club for their approval and/or addition.

15. Any other business

a) The Board are very supportive of Women's Team and aware a number of their fans would like to attend their up and coming away FA Cup fixture in Gateshead. It was agreed a coach would be organised and tickets will be sold on the Trust's website.
b) The 600+ Road Runner videos are to be handed over from MS to SS for safekeeping. A further effort is to be made to find a media savvy person(s) to digitise the recordings. It was also suggested clips be posted on Tik Tok.

16. Next meeting date

Quarterly Meetings on the Wednesday before the Structured Dialogue Meetings. To start at 7pm at the Whites Hotel

7th of January 2026