

Fulham Supporters Trust AGM – May 28th 2020

Held by ZOOM

Present: There were 66 members present.

Apologies: Apologies were received from David Lloyd.

1. Welcome:

Tom Greatrex (Hon. Chair) welcomed all the members present to the meeting.

2. Minutes of the 2019 AGM:

The minutes of the 2019 AGM were approved.

3. Hon. Chairman's Report:

The Chair presented a review of the year that had been submitted to members in advance of the meeting. He expressed thanks to Dom Whyley (Independent Auditor), Tom O 'Dwyer (Website designer), Simon Duke (Election Independent Scrutineer), Chancellor's pub (host of meetings) for their help over the previous year.

On a question from the floor, it was stated that there were 565 members which had remained broadly static throughout the year.

4. Annual Accounts 2019:

Hon. Treasurer, Owen Smith, presented the accounts to the meeting.

Headlines:

Members' funds: £23,439 (2018: £20,613)

Members' subscriptions and donations: £5,535 (2018: £5,017)

Expenses: £2,826 (2018: restated £3,524)

The accounts had been signed off by the Independent Examiner (Dominic Whyley).

The Treasurer thanked Dominic Whyley for his assistance with the accounts.

On questions from the floor, the Treasurer stated that expenses were generally due to venue costs for events and printing of flyers. Website expenses had risen due to a rebuild of the website and the fact that two sites were running in parallel at the same time during the rebuild.

The Treasurer's report and accounts for year ended 30 June 2019 were approved.

5. To receive and adopt the amended constitution of the Fulham Supporters' Trust

Following an indicative vote of support last year, the constitution had been amended following comments and a paper had accompanied the constitution to highlight the changes.

The constitution was adopted by the members.

6. Notice of the Board Elections 2020

Hon. Secretary Gerry Pimm outlined the process for the Board elections for 2020 which were to be launched following the meeting.

One third of the Board is up for election on each cycle to ensure a mixture of continuity and fresh blood.

An independent scrutineer had been appointed to oversee the process.

7. Any other business

Farrell Monk produced headline results of the FST survey that had been conducted earlier in the year. Subjects had been focused on ticket pricing, match-day attendance and experience, the new riverside stand, safe standing, success of FFC and priorities of the FST. A full report would be published for members in the near future.

Other business and questions from the floor included:

- Heritage project status
- Suggestions on increasing membership (including juniors)
- Whether the Board agree with the direction of the Club
- Cost of tickets given current crisis
- LGBT fans representation and discrimination actions
- Board members asked as individuals what they would improve about the Club

The Chair stated that the next AGM should be sooner (October 2020) to reposition the meeting within six months of the financial year. A new election cycle would also be held then to keep aligned with the AGM.

The FST had been in touch with the Muddyman family following the recent sad death of former Club Vice Chair Bill Muddyman. The Trust would liaise with the family in holding a memorial service once the current pandemic restrictions had been relaxed.

The meeting closed at 19.50

Gerry Pimm

Hon. Secretary.