



FST Board Election

November 2022

Candidate Statements

This document contains the proposer, seconder and statement (maximum 200 words) of each candidate standing in the FST Board Election of November 2022. The candidates are listed here according to a random draw carried out by the Independent Scrutineer.

Gavin Megaw

Board member standing for re-election

Proposed by: Tom Greatrex

Seconded by: Ian Clarke

Football clubs are nothing without fans. I was first elected to the Trust Board in 2020 and would love to continue to safeguard the best interests of all Fulham supporters. I am passionate about the community our fans create. I first stood on the Hammersmith End nearly 25 years ago and have been an active fan - home and away - ever since.

I represent fans on the local authority managed Safety Advisory Group and liaise with the club on safety matters. I led the Trust's 'One Fulham' campaign that brought the Fulham family together during challenging times.

I have extensive professional experience in football. I was Director of Marketing and Communications under Lord Brian Mawhinney at the EFL, and a member of the cross-game Football Management Team. I advise the Premier League and Football Association. I am a regular broadcaster on football finance and governance. I believe that every Fulham fan should know about the Trust and its important work and am committed to continuing to use my professional skill set to make that happen.

Away from Fulham, I'm honoured to be the Global Chair of parkrun, a charity with the objective of making the world healthier and happier.

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Steve Nicholson

Member standing for election

Proposed by: Peter Smith

Seconded by: Frank Scaife

My name is Steve Nicholson and along with my wife and three children (two girls and a boy) are long-standing season ticket holders in The Hammy End. We follow Fulham home and away, hence I am very aware of what supporting Fulham feels like! My first venture to The Cottage was in 1969 when I was lucky enough to see the Maestro Johnny Haynes play just before he retired. I am a recently retired Head Teacher of an Academy School in Oxfordshire, and would relish the opportunity to work for, and represent, the Trust and the 'Fulham Family' of supporters worldwide. I started working in education 25 years ago after pursuing other careers and travelling. Along the way I have developed a wide variety of

transferable skills that I am certain could be utilised by the Trust if I were to be elected. It would be an honour to give something back to the supporters I have loved watching Fulham with over so many years. As Fulham fans we teeter on the edge between unadulterated happiness and complete despair, but we wouldn't have it any other way, and we will always be there supporting Fulham.

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Sarah Keig

Board member standing for re-election

Proposed by: Emily Pound

Seconded by: Dan Crawford

I am a third generation Fulham supporter, having regularly watched Fulham play home and away for over 40 years. Whilst several owners have come and gone since I started supporting Fulham in the 70's, the supporters, who are the lifeblood of the club, have remained and grown in size.

Without the supporters there is no Fulham, and it is important that we have a voice within our Club, which reflects the diverse views of the supporters.

Since being elected to the FST Board in 2021 I have worked with the other female Board members and supporters to create the Fulham Lillies. A female run supporters, group for women of all ages who love Fulham Football Club. Through the work of the FST and Lillies we have seen significant progress in increasing female representation within our Club. However, there is still a lot of work to do and I would welcome the opportunity to continue this work by being elected to the Board for another 3 years.

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Jakub Krupa

Member standing for election

Proposed by: Dan Crawford

Seconded by: Gavin Megaw

I am a season ticket holder in Hammersmith End and regularly attend away games, too. You may also have seen me on Twitter, probably submitting three word reviews on our games.

Professionally, I work as a journalist covering regulatory issues in the UK and Europe. I also am a Premier League presenter and reporter for a European broadcaster, bringing the beautiful game to audiences abroad.

I have worked with a number of charities involving migrant communities, including the POSK Polish Centre, where I ran our outreach activities and the award-winning community-run cinema. I also once worked as a spokesperson for a one-time Europa League football club overseas.

I believe I can support the Trust's work as an advocate for our community, who can effectively campaign for and communicate our interests and values. I can also be a partner in technical discussions with key partners on often boring, but important issues that shape the way the game evolves in front of our eyes.

I am also keen to work on the Trust's communications and outreach strategy, including plans to grow our membership engaging both with match-going supporters and fans overseas, so we strengthen our position in talks with the Club.

[199 words]

Brian Phillips

Member standing for election

Proposed by: Daniel Philips

Seconded by: Stephen Gutteridge

- I am a lifelong Fulham fan(59 years old), 30+ years as a season ticket holder, and attend games with family and friends in the Johnny Haynes Stand.
- I am also an active member of the England travel club, attending most home games and some away fixtures. Always an interesting experience getting views of football from fans of other clubs.
- I have been involved as a committee member in various organisations, including football leagues, clubs and healthcare groups.
- I am a strong believer that clubs should have strong community links, and, finances allowing provide fans an opportunity to be involved in decisions.
- Football in general is in a strange position with many of the lower league/non league clubs living a 'hand to mouth' existence , whilst at top level, income continues to increase relentlessly, but many clubs struggling to live within that income.
- I now work on a part time basis, and feel I have the time to support the work of the trust.

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Farrell Monk

Board member standing for re-election

Proposed by: Archie Rhind-Tutt

Seconded by: Drew Heatley

Fulham fan since birth. My dedication for the football club extends to beyond watching. In 2016, myself and other fans set up Fulhamish, an award-winning bi-weekly podcast, website and YouTube channel. I have used this platform to promote the excellent work the FST has been doing, especially since September 2019 when I was elected a board member.

I am truly embedded within the culture; understanding what all fans go through daily. Knowing what it means to support our historic club, I have been honoured to help champion the rights of all Fulham fans. Leading on the annual FST survey, which has been invaluable tool in relaying to the club the strength of feeling on many topics such as match and season ticket pricing and gambling sponsorship.

I have campaigned to highlight the damaging effect of rising match ticket prices by the club. Unfortunately, this area of concern is growing, with £60 cheapest tickets becoming the norm. I am deeply concerned about the direction the club are going, long-standing Fulham

fans are being disposed of in favour of wealthy tourists, with the expectation we will return if things turn. If elected again, I will continue to fight this short-sighted, damaging strategy.

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Simon Duke

Board member standing for re-election

Proposed by: Tom Greatrex

Seconded by: Ian Clarke

I am currently Secretary of the Trust having first been elected to the Board in 2020. I am a Trust representative on the FSA Premier League Network and regular attendee at the monthly meetings held with the Club.

Over the past 2 years I have gained a greater understanding of the way the football industry works and have built relationships with key individuals at the Club, which enables us to share ideas and try to solve problems.

I am a long-term supporter having had my first season ticket at Fulham in 1962 at the age of 4, attending regularly ever since.

Fulham is in my family DNA and for many years I had a season ticket in the Riverside Stand, although currently relocated to the Putney End. I understand the ethos and family values of the Club and can still claim to have seen more bad times than good.

As well as the experience gained over the last 2.5 years, I bring to the Trust professional and personal experience as a long-standing supporter. I also believe my skills, enthusiasm and understanding of Club values can continue to help take the Trust forward.

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