



FST Board Election

November 2023

Candidate Statements

This document contains the proposer, seconder and statement (maximum 200 words) of each candidate standing in the FST Board Election of November 2023. No ballot was required on this occasion.

Jerry Cope

Board member standing for re-election

Proposed by: Ian Clarke

Seconded by: Sue Couch

Current Treasurer & Membership Secretary seeking re-election to the Board to continue the work we have started.

What do I stand for?

To bring the Club and fans closer together, so that Fulham is a well-supported welcoming sustainable Club. Keeping ticket prices affordable is a key, but not only, part of this.

What skills do I have?

My career has been and is based on working with people, negotiation skills, analysis, finance, and sorting out problems.

What have I focussed on so far on the Board?

As Membership Secretary and Treasurer I have, with lots of help from colleagues, built up membership numbers and increased the % of people renewing. I have also focussed on ensuring that Members get information speedily and informatively. But there is still more to do.

Why Fulham?

My Grandfather, who was a hero to me, brought me to my first match 60+ years ago. Having been to the Cottage where else could I then go? I now travel home and away, collecting grounds, 103, so far and counting; and collecting programmes; I need more space in the house but I am meeting some opposition.

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Hayley Davinson

Board member standing for re-election

Proposed by: Tamara Dragadze

Seconded by: Sue Couch

I'm seeking a new term on the board to help the Fulham Supporters' Trust strengthen its relationship with its membership. The success of our supporters' trust is based on a strong,

collective voice for our fanbase. As recent events have shown, we can do this positively, and I'd love the opportunity to help grow the #AffordableFulham campaign and more.

During my time on the board, I've been supporting our communications to members and the wider Fulham network via our website and by introducing and managing our monthly member newsletter update. I would love to develop this work further and tell more people about the Fulham Supporters' Trust - its history, the difference that it can make and why that matters.

I've also been part of creating the Fulham Lillies, which developed from Trust focus groups to help understand the female experience. I'd like to see the Trust extend this work to other groups and help grow our role as representative of all Fulham fans.

I feel that this is an important moment to build our supporters' trust and fanbase, and I'd love to help the board lead and amplify this work.

[191 words]

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 follow Fulham away, too. You may also have seen me on Twitter, probably submitting three word reviews on our games or saying how much we miss Neeskens Kebano.

Professionally, I work as a journalist covering regulatory issues in the UK and Europe, and as a Premier League presenter and reporter for a European broadcaster, bringing the beautiful game to audiences abroad. Previously, I worked with a number of different media outlets in the UK and Europe, with UK charities and as a spokesperson for a one-time Europa League football club overseas.

With the Club's commercial strategy raising more questions than ever, it's important to keep campaigning on these issues after the #AffordableFulham protest and lobby the Club further to make sure we take care of this special bond between our fans and the team, and not price out next generations of Fulham fans. We cannot afford that.

I am also keen to work on the Trust's own communications and outreach strategy, including plans to grow our membership, so we strengthen our position in talks with the Club.

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Steve Nicholson

Member standing for election

Proposed by: Peter Smith

Seconded by: Graham Brooker

My name is Steve Nicholson and I am a long-standing season ticket holder in The Hammy End along with my wife and children. 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. The way

football/Fulham are heading I doubt an 11-year-old today will have the opportunity to cherish similar wonderful memories! Fulham should be for all and not just those who can afford it. I wish Fulham would think more like the Bayern Chairman who said, 'fans are not like cows, who you milk'. I now live in 'sunny' Mid-Wales, a 15 hour round trip for home games, but that won't stop me attending. I have been lucky enough to have caught the bug and be part of this wonderful 'Fulham Family'.

Having worked in education for the last 25 years I am now semi-retired. it would be an honour to work for FST and help ensure that all supporters, old and new, have the same opportunity to watch Fulham as I have. As Fulham fans we teeter on the edge between unadulterated happiness and complete despair – I wouldn't have it any other way.

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