



BRISTOL CITY SUPPORTERS CLUB & TRUST

2024 Annual General Meeting | Saturday, November 30th, 2024

Supporters Bar, Ashton Gate Stadium

MINUTES

1. Apologies and welcome

Apologies had been received from D-M Withers and Mark Newman.

Stuart Rogers welcomed Marina Dolman to our meeting along with Club Vice-president Doug Harman.

He pointed out that Marina has been our President since 1977. Marina responded saying thank you for the invitation and went on to say how proud she is that the Club has such good supporters, who get behind the team and are much appreciated by the players. She also gave appreciation for the work of the Supporters Club & Trust and stayed for the whole meeting.

2. Minutes of 2023 AGM held on 20th January 2024

The draft minutes had been considered by the Board and posted on our website.

They were accepted as a true record Nem con.

3. Chair report

The report was for the period 1st November 2023 to 31st October 2024. It was posted on our website pre-meeting, and it remains available for viewing. Stuart Rogers summarised some of the main points:

- BCSC&T is the main supporters group recognised by the Club. As well as our own website we manage the Fans Forum One Team In Bristol.
- Meetings with the Club have expanded since the signing of our Memorandum of Understanding in 2022.
- We have developed work with the Club over away travel especially for Women's football.
- New members of the Hall of Fame were elected and presentations made.
- Our Chair, Stuart Rogers, was one of the fan representatives to meet the EFL for two meetings in May over current issues.

4. Bristol City Women

Shahan Miah highlighted the Board's contact with the Women's Club:

- 2023/24 was a challenging season, as a support in the WSL last season, on the pitch, and we were relegated without taking any points at home.
- There were however record crowd numbers at Ashton Gate to watch some of the bigger teams - City's home game against Man United had an attendance of 14,138.
- Throughout, away support was robust and committed, thanks to the partnership between BCSC&T and the football club to organise away coaches. Thank you to BCSC&T for supporting away travel.
- This partnership has continued this season, for selected games and when it is financially viable.
- There were increased numbers at the Fan Forum on 2 May 2024, with good engagement and dialogue.
- We hope to get a date in the diary for the next fan forum soon.
- We attended Bristol Pride July 2024, marching with the Robins Foundation, Bristol Panthers and deputy head coach, Nat Haigh
- We are yet to have our annual structured dialogue meeting with the club, but this is scheduled next Friday 6 December, and we will speak with new Head of Women's Football Romaney Pinnock and Gavin Marshall.



5. Treasurer's report

Our treasurer James Thomas provided the report, which was read by Terry Hamlin. Main things of note were:

- Membership income £12,851 was still our major source of revenue totalling £17,868. Other major sources were the Supporters Bar £3,359 and OTIB (net) £1,458.
- Notable expenses were 'Fans of the future' Tickets £1,498, Coach Travel £837, Donations £500, and Flags £200.
- Our net inflow was £11,309.

6. Membership report

Under the digital system, the majority of members pay month to month, which is recurring until ended naturally or by request.

7. Appointment of Independent Examiner of Financial Accounts

The proposal that 'Dick Maule at Bristol Community Accountants be reappointed' was carried Nem con.

8. Board membership

At the last AGM, the number of Board members was changed to a maximum of sixteen and a minimum of six. The current number is eleven.

9. Appointment of Secretary

The proposal that 'Terry Hamlin be re-appointed' was carried Nem con.

10. Proposed adoption of FSA Model Rules (2022)

Vice-Chair Miles Hendy outlined our position from our beginning in 2005 as the Supporters Trust, through our merger with the Supporters Club and going into the future. As this is a technical subject, the FSA summary is reproduced in full:

'Who we are'

We are Bristol City Supporters Society Limited but commonly known as (or trading as) Bristol City supporters Club & Trust. We are governed by Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014. We also register our accounts with the Financial Conduct Authority.

Community Benefit Purpose

The Society's purpose is to be the vehicle through which a healthy, balanced, and constructive relationship between the Club and its supporters and the communities it serves is encouraged and developed. The business of the Society is to be conducted for the benefit of the community served by the Club and not for the profit of its members.

Objects:

The Society's Objects are to benefit the community by:

4.1 Being the democratic and representative voice of the supporters of the Club and strengthening the bonds between the Club and the communities which it serves.

4.2 Achieving the greatest possible supporter and community influence in the running and ownership of the Club.



4.3 Promoting responsible and constructive community engagement by present and future members of the communities served by the Club and encouraging the Club to do the same.

4.4 Operating democratically, fairly, sustainably, transparently and with financial responsibility and encouraging the Club to do the same.

4.5 Being a positive, inclusive, and representative organisation, open and accessible to all supporters of the Club regardless of their age, income, ethnicity, gender, disability, sexuality or religious or moral belief.

4.6 To support and challenge the football club on matters relating to its governance mechanisms and its environmental and social impact.

4.7 To bring best practice from national fans' initiatives where appropriate.

4.8 To continue to honour the traditions of Bristol City Supporters Club, inaugurated in 1949, by promoting social activities amongst all who are supporters of Bristol City Football Club and to assist the Football Club in any way incidental to, or necessary for the purpose of the Society.

Board members:

Minimum: six

Maximum: sixteen

Members of the Board of Directors will normally serve for periods of three years (this does not mean that any director cannot serve for longer). The Society Board may co-opt up to five external Directors to the Society Board in addition to the number of Directors specified in these Rules.

A quorum for monthly meetings is 50% or 3 elected board members. For an AGM it is 5% or 20 members, whichever is the lowest.

Financial audit

The new rules will formally allow an independent review (which we currently do) rather than a full financial year end audit.'

The proposal to 'adopt FSA Model Rules (2022)' was carried Nem con.

11. Items sent in by members

There were none.

12. Questions from the meeting

There were none.

13. Any other business

Shahan Miah mentioned that users of the Bar should be aware that the Honours Boards are being updated from the season affected by Covid-19.