



# Minutes of HUST Board Meeting held at Richmond Place Club, Hereford, at 7.00pm on Thursday February 8th 2018.

## **Present:**

Elected Board Members: Richard Tomkins (RGT), Russell Cheasley (RC), Craig Goodall (CG), Joanie Roberts (JR), Tony Taylor (TT), Richard Morgan (RM).

Non-voting Officers: David Evans (DE) Secretary, Keith Hall (KH) Fundraising Officer

Apologies: Peter Davies Membership Secretary, Frank Williams Press Officer.

## **1.00 Minutes of January Meeting**

1.01 Minutes of the January Board Meeting were reviewed and agreed to be a true record.

## **2.00 Report From HFC AGM**

2.01 RGT confirmed that HUST attendance at the HFC AGM. Also questions raised by HUST before AGM seeking further understanding of some points in relation to the HFC accounts had been answered in writing by Peter Churchus.

***Action RGT to circulate info from Peter Churchus to all HUST board members.***

## **3.00 Report from HUST / HFC Joint Board Meeting**

3.01 RGT reported from the joint HUST / HFC Board meeting that took place after the AGM:

HFC provided an update on the lease agreement. HFC indicated that additional funds are required for wages for the academy and are looking at options for funding this, including a percentage of the 50/50. HFC provided job descriptions for the HUST nominated director roles, Admin, Community, and Volunteer.

## **4.00 UITC**

4.01 It was agreed that RC should continue to work with UITC as HUST representative

## **5.00 HFC Academy**

5.01 It was agreed that RGT should liaise with Paul Quarell re HUST involvement with the HFC Academy

## **6.00 GDPR**

6.01 CG reported that new GDPR regulations come into force in May. There will be some implications for trust in relation to member data.

## **7.00 Member Ballot**

7.01 CG presented draft ballot questions and member information doc and the Board discussed what recommendations if any the Board should make to members in respect of the vote. It was agreed that the Board recommend a YES vote to all proposals with the exception of the proposal relating to changing the name of the club. No recommendation to be made on this question as both Board and wider membership appear evenly split on whether the club should revert to name of Hereford United.

## **8.00 HUST Nominated Director Process**

[Potential candidates / nominators of candidates for HND positions (TT, JR, KH) left the meeting room]

8.01 It was agreed that RGT, CG, RC, RM would form the appointment committee for the HND with support from secretary. Interview dates and appointment timeline were agreed and interview questions discussed. Information pack to be published via HUST website and email to members on 12<sup>th</sup> February.

[TT, JR, KH returned to meeting room]

## **9.00 Fundraising Update**

7.01 KH provided update on fundraising including report on recent meeting between KH, JR and HFC general manager James Watts. Generally a positive meeting - James Watts appears sympathetic to aims and purpose of HUST.

## **10.00 Membership Report**

10.01 The membership report provided by PD was received by the Board.

10.02 It was noted that a decision is required re the status and title of Corporate Members / Commercial Sponsors. JR to update board at future meeting.

## **11.00 Treasurer's Report**

11.01 The Treasurers Report was presented by TT and received by the Board.

## **12.00 Independent Examiner**

12.01 TT reported that two volunteers have come forward re the Independent Examiner role. TT to discuss the role in more detail with volunteers.

## **13.00 AOB**

13.01 CG reported that he had spoken with East Midlands police re amnesty bin scheme for pyrotechnics. The Northampton trial had not proved very effective. CG also reported that he had been informed that possession of pyrotechnics at HFC games would become a different level of offence if / when HFC were promoted to Conference North or South. East Midlands Police also to share an educational leaflet with HUST re pyrotechnics.

13.02 JR queried whether an interim representative on the HFC board was required – it was agreed to ask CW to attend next HUST board meeting to provide an update.

13.03 RGT reported that he had spoken recently with Bulls News and an interview feature will appear on BullsNews shortly.

#### **14.00 Date of Next Meeting**

14.01 Next HUST Board Meeting will be Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March.