

## **Abbreviated Minutes of the AFCW PLC Board Meeting Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**Present:** Mick Buckley, Iain McNay, Graeme Price, Michele Little, James MacDonald, Dan Johnson, Michele Gull (online, from item 4 onwards), David Charles.

\*Dan Johnson was welcomed as a newly appointed Director; Laurie will complete administration for Companies House.

**1. Apologies for absence.** Nick Robertson.

**2 Matters arising not on the agenda and agreed action points follow through.**

Most matters arising and action points were handled swiftly, as they were of a practical nature; some also feature on the agenda of the current meeting. There was a more detailed discussion about the Academy operations.

**3. Minutes of previous meeting for approval.** Approved.

**4. Finance Update with Laurie.**

LH drew comparisons with the last month's budget, highlighting key changes. There was further discussion about payments expected from the club payable to the DT to repay Plough Lane bond holders identified through the consultation process as expecting repayment. The club is on track to fulfil this expectation.

**5. Refinancing and Finance Committee Update.**

The new potential rules around the percentage ownership of the club and associated voting rights were discussed, as was the procedures involved leading to a vote on this matter by DT members. It was proposed that the composition of the PLC board was made a little more flexible to include 8 in total from either NEDs or minority shareholders. Sale of the remaining equity currently available was discussed.

**6. Craig Cope update.**

CC updated the board on contract renewals for some players and pre-season arrangements made so far. He reported on the way the squad has been managed with injuries.

**7. Johnnie Jackson update.**

JJ reported on the positive aspects of recent games and how he has prepared the squad for the remaining games. He hopes for continued vocal support at home particularly.

**8. Women's Budget Update.**

DG presented the budget for the Women's Team, giving context to the needs this season and potential future needs in the case of promotion, as well as the plans for increasing revenue. The board discussed the priority in which the club want to hold the women's section and how they can be supported.

**9. MD's Report.**

JW expressed initial thoughts on what he has observed since starting at the club. He then presented a plan on the pricing of tickets for next season. There was discussion about the proposed inclusion of membership with Season Tickets and whether there should be the right to opt out. A final plan will be presented at next month's meeting.

**10. Safeguarding.**

JM reported on the incident at the end of the game on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and what we can learn from that. DSO interview dates have been set.

**11. Diversity and Inclusion.**

GP noted the involvement Armani Little had with the autistic school as a model example of community action.

**12. Boardroom and Ticketing policy.**

The ticketing policy was amended to clarify the games to which it applies and the sequence of priority for obtaining such tickets.

**13. NED recruitment update.**

ML said a third person is being sought with skills to address diversity, community and/or women's football.

**14. A.O.B.**

Meet the PLC Board meeting has been moved from April 9<sup>th</sup> to May 7<sup>th</sup>. The format of the evening was discussed. There will also be a PLC SGM on 13 May.

**15. Date of Next Meeting.** Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2024.