

Walsall Football Supporters' Trust – 2017 Annual General Meeting.

Thursday 20th July 2017 (7:30pm) – Pretty Bricks Public House, Walsall.

Due to quorum not being met for the start of the meeting, the meeting was adjourned for 10 minutes then closed due to lack of quorum. The meeting was subsequently reopened at 7:41pm as an EGM by the members present.

Present: S Davies (SD - Secretary), B Thomas (BT – Vice Chair), A Miles (AM - Trustee), I Astbury (IA - Trustee), M Evans (ME – Trustee), T Bradshaw (TB – Member), T White (TW – Member) and D Anslow (DA – Member).

Apologies: M Vardy (MV – Treasurer), N Ravenscroft (NR – Chair), D Neville (DN – Membership Secretary), M Garrett (MG – Trustee) and R Barnard (RB – Member).

1. **Minutes of 2016 AGM** – These were readily available on the Trust website. Paper copies were not available. Minutes approved. Proposed: IA, Seconded: BT, Accepted: unanimously.
2. **Matters Arising from 2016 AGM** – None.
3. **Chairs Report** – In the absence of NR, a statement was read by SD informing the meeting that NR will be away for 2 months in early 2018 and would be happy to relinquish the position of Chair if the members wish. To be discussed under election of officers.
4. **Treasurers Report** – In the absence of MV, SD reported that the accounts have now been brought up to date and three years' worth of accounts were available for scrutiny. The bank account continues to show a small increase and MV has asked that Liz Lerner (LL) be our accountant for the next year to prepare an independent examination of the accounts. Agreed: unanimously.
5. **Membership Secretary Report** – none received.
6. **Secretary Report** – Last years has proved to be a difficult one for the Trust with no real momentum. We continued our support for our charitable events with the toy and food collection still proving a popular event. SD has been busy as a member of the newly formed West Midlands Police Independent Supporters' Action Group which is proving a very rewarding experience and real progress is being made. Shift work and illness in relation to

Saddlers Club repetitive Colin Bromley (CB) have made Working Party Meetings with WFC somewhat sporadic but this will be addressed this year hopefully.

7. **Rule Changes** – None received.
8. **Election of Officers** – MG has written to the Board informing us he will not be seeking re-election to the Board. SD thanked MG in his absence for his support and will write to MG to thank him for his time. NR offered to step down as Chair. This was debated and it was decided to keep NR in the position of Chair with BT standing in if required during NR's absence. The rest of the Board was re-elected en-bloc. Agreed: unanimously.

Meeting closed at 8:00pm to be followed by an Open General Meeting (Minutes to be posted at a later date once confirmed).