

Society Board Meeting, at KPS and online via Zoom Monday 27 January 2025, 7.30pm

Present: SM [in the chair], LW, IB, JB, HG, SH, PR, BT, MT [in person]; CB, AD, KT [online]

Ref	Item	Action	Who/Date
1	Apologies welcome to new members. There were no apologies and SM welcomed the three new members of the Board and hoped that they would find the experience rewarding. All new board members have signed the code of conduct. Members were reminded about confidentiality regarding the meeting's discussions.		
2	Approval of Minutes, 6 January 2025 These were approved.		
3	AGM and resolution (a) Result of resolution at AGM. LW outlined the procedure followed and gave the results of the ballot. 230 votes had been received online and nine by post; there was one duplicate and 4 which could not be identified. The result was: 59% (136 people) voted in favour, 40% against and three abstentions. It was noted that a 75% majority is required for a rule change. (b) The result will be communicated to members as soon as possible. (c) There were 75 members attending the AGM in person or online. It was felt to be better with no LCFC employees present and it is planned to have an open meeting with a speaker at a later date. CB was thanked for his help with the technology. (d) SM has spoken to the FSA and Nicola Cave will undertake a governance review as soon as possible; this was agreed		SM & LW SM
4	Review of subgroups SM listed the existing subgroups and noted that if two board members are in a sub-group, they can make a decision on behalf of the board. There is a spare place on the engagement subgroup. SM outlined the roles of each subgroup; it was felt that some subgroups are too large and unwieldy. Activity on the women's group has been disappointing. There was a discussion on the number of subgroups and the overlap between them. JB suggested consolidating some together e.g. Comms and Membership. It was noted that there have been no community initiatives recently. JB reported that the Fosse Way also does match reports and it may be possible to combine the two sets of reports. SM and LW to review subgroup structure New board members to think about which sub-groups they could contribute to and to contact SM/LW.		LW/SM BT/JB/HG

5	Engagement subgroup (a) IB reported on the FAB, which has met twice; minutes should eventually appear on the club website, but they need to be easier to find. The next meeting will be on 5 March 2025, when ticket prices for next season will be discussed. All agreed that more communication is needed between the club and fans. In answer to a question, IB said that the FAB is being taken more seriously and Susan Whelan is listening more. The prices for the FA Cup game against QPR was seen as a positive response. SM asked all members to tell him if they have agenda items for 'Your 90 minutes' and FCC sessions. (b) PR reported on the FCC, looking at the match day experience. The catering contract is out for tender. The next meeting will be held on 30 April 2025, looking at ticketing. Exemptions from digital tickets will not be publicised. SM noted that all agenda points raised had been tabled but not all had been discussed. (c) SM will find out the date of the next reading of the Football Governance Bill and will then arrange a meeting for Dr Luke Evans. (d) AD reported on the meeting of East Midlands trusts and said that all clubs and trusts have similar problems. No trusts are interested in buying shares in their clubs and there was scepticism around the proposed football regulator. There will be another meeting at the end of the current season. AD felt it is worthwhile to resurrect the meetings. (e) SM has had three telephone conversations with which is unprecedented; some of the detail must remain confidential. SM has requested a meeting with the engagement team which had been promised for the week of 27/1/25. SM to follow up. (f) Fans are effectively boycotting the FA Cup game away to Manchester United. It was felt that the Trust should make a statement about match ticket prices. SM and JB will draft a statement.		All SM SM SM/JB
6	Safe Standing IB reported that the club will not publicise its decision until March. The work will be done in the summer, and the area may be expanded if it proves popular. All agreed that the club had provided fans with various opportunities to be consulted. It remains to be seen if the club have taken account of fans' feedback. Alan Dawson, Director of Stadium Operations, is leading the implementation, having overseen this at Old Trafford.		
7	Communications subgroup (c) SM had done an interview with Radio Leicester and IB had done one for BBC TV East Midlands. LW has been invited to do a podcast by Manchester City women's group before the match with them. It was felt that we should take part in Fans' TV		

	podcasts. Hits Radio is covering the inquest on the helicopter crash and has contacted MD. (d) Social media numbers: • Facebook 1376 (+16) • X 1159 (+21); one of those new followers is Henry Winter who shared a Trust post regarding the MUFC ticket pricing with his 1.3M following • Instagram 191 (+7) • BlueSky 259 (+21) (e) Ideas are sought for the next e-newsletter. Comms Group to progress asap		All Comms
8	LCFC Women subgroup There was nothing further to add.		
9	Finance subgroup Options for switching the savings account are still being explored and we need to determine the percentage to be invested. The accounting procedures need to be tightened up. Finance group to progress asap. It was agreed to renew the FT PO box £424.20.		Finance IB/DiS
10	Survey subgroup There are currently no further surveys planned until the end of the season unless a particular topic needs to be explored.		
11	Membership subgroup SM and PR are impressed with LoveAdmin and outlined the revised offer because of the size of our membership. They still think they are the best company to switch to and it may be possible to tweak the contract a little. PR to negotiate further. It was agreed to switch to a new webhost. SM to progress asap.		PR SM
12	National Dialogue SM will write a report, especially on a meeting of the PGMOL which he recently attended. He reported that the club control any messages on the screens inside the stadium about VAR decisions. SM will attend FSA PL Network meeting on 10 Feb.		SM
13	Community initiatives LW outlined the YMCA's 'Sleep out' event that will take place at the KPS on 19 March 2025. It was agreed to get involved, by promoting the event and asking for volunteers, and possibly to sponsor part of it. LW to contact YMCA and comms to promote		LW Comms
14	Any other business There were no items of any other business.		

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 24 March 2025 (King Power & online). SM to book

Chair: Lynn

Minute Taker: Alan (**Back Up:** Matt)