Leicester City Supporters' Society – The Foxes Trust

Society Board Meeting in Person (Box 26) and via Zoom Monday 30 June 2025, 7.30pm

Present: In Person: SM (Minutes) & LW [in the Chair], IB, JB, HG, BT, AD, KT, SH and PR, MD (online)

Ref	Item	Action	Who/Date
1	**Apologies**	n/a	n/a
2	**Approval of Minutes, 19 May March 2025** These were approved, no matters arising.	n/a	n/a
3	**Membership, Fee structure &FT Finances** LW introduced an open discussion to the question of reducing membership fees and how this related to required FT finances. All views were welcome. JB commented that the Engagement Subgroup were in favour of developing FT into a mass membership organisation. Currently 290 members had not renewed which raises the question, in a season of fan discontent (which needs to be capitalised upon), why? Has FT achieved enough in the past year to encourage members to renew? He proposed a reduced membership fee to £1 to encourage more to renew and more fans to join FT. All Board members were in agreement that FT should aim to be a mass membership organisation. It was suggested that we ask these members why they hadn't renewed. Questions were raised about how reducing the fee to £1 would affect FT operational finances. Alongside queries on the need for at least £1 to be allocated to the share option. On this latter point SM confirmed this only applied to the first membership fee paid on joining and not renewals. PR confirmed that 3,000 members at £1 would be required to cover operational costs. However, only 66 members currently pay the full membership fee of £10. It was noted that of the 291 renewal notices sent, 154 were opened by the recipient but still they had not renewed. SH queried whether some members had been deterred by the new CRM and need to join LoveAdmin? KT raised the query that any level of fee would not necessarily encourage fans to join – it would be a case of them believing that FT could hold the club to account and represent their views. It was agreed that overcoming fan apathy is an issue. It was noted that 41% of respondents MD enquired if the FTR movement could lead to an alternative Trust being formed? FSA and the FCA would need to confirm if this is possible. Is it thought that West Ham may have more than one Trust.	SM to ask FSA	Next meeting

	It was unanimously agreed to reduce the full membership Subscription fee to £5 and to halve the concessions fee to £2.50, for a period of one year. It was recommended that any members who renewed in 2025, in order to avoid issues of a two-tier fee system, will be given a free year in 2026 to effectively halve their fee for both years. PR and SM to advise how this will work. This reduced fee offer would come into place asap – PR needs to confirm with LoveAdmin how this can be handled and by when – consensus is from July if possible. Reducing the fee is only one aspect of what is required. The reduced fee will need promoting (initially at Survey results webinar on 8/7). Follow-up with promos online and socials. Better comms to members and fanbase on FT work and successes required. Need to request that the Club allow FT (and other fan groups) to have a presence in the Fan Zone next season.	PR to confirm Engagement Subgroup to advise	Asap in July On-going
4	**Communications** Taken as part of item 6.		
5	**LCFC FAB Update** IB reported: • Last FAB Minutes due for release this week. • Club has acknowledged the comms void. Nothing will be made public until after 1 July – not clear what action will be taken or what strategy will be revealed. • A new manager was planned to be appointed and in place for pre-season training! • Club has given all employees a 'strategic vision'. Based mainly around EDI and ethos considerations. • A new catering contract has been awarded to the Oakview Group following the tender process. The concourse will be revamped and new concession will be ready for the Fiorentina friendly. They will also provide services for the Fan Zone. Club will announce this in due course. • Women's Team now getting more discussion time • FAB fan reps have completed the review that goes to the Premier League. The Club scored itself higher than the Reps in some key areas such a comms and strategy. JB commented that the FAB needed to be clear about what questions were being asked on-behalf-of fans and to note any outcomes in public statements. • IB responded that the Club wants to see more 'good news' stories reported!?	IB to report On next FAB	Next meeting

	• FAB also want comms to be more approachable than the corporate structure of the official minutes. • IB to ask what numbers are returned on the Club survey • Next FAB will convene in August or September.	IB	Next meeting
6	**Engagement Subgroup** (a,b,c,d,e) – Subgroup Meeting 17/6 – JB reported Main objective of the meeting was to deal with the FT survey results: • LW had collated forms and results. • A newsletter would be released in 8 days – emailed – featuring the key results of the survey and other progress – a new style to be adopted. • BT had pushed last chance to complete the survey on socials. • JB attended UFS tournament to push the survey to a younger demographic • A Webinar on 8/7 will announce the results. Full survey results to go public on Friday pm 11/7. • Meeting with the club on Thursday am to review the results. • Club have been sent key findings in advance of the webinar. Survey results webinar: • Tuesday 8/7, 8pm – open to all who register • Data capture of attendees to be used • LW, JB and HG to present key findings not full results • Thanks to Andy B for results summaries • Thanks to Chris for graphic in the presentation • Course of action in slide pack circulated to Board members agreed. SM enquired if the newsletter would be printed as some members were paying for this. Engagement group to look into printing enough copies to be posted to those members.	LW & JB to report on webinar and meeting with Club Engagement Subgroup	Next meeting 1/8/25?
7	**Finance & Operations Subgroup** a) SM reported that the Strategic Plan and report from the first meeting had been circulated to the Board. Next meeting to be arranged prior to next Board meeting. b) FT Reserves – IB has identified building societies that will accept FT's reserves and provide reasonable interest rates. The Board agreed that £30k should be transferred to the Market Harborough Building Society, as soon as possible. A further £10k would be transferred to the Saffron Walden Building Society, no notice account. This would leave £7k cash in hand at	AD	tbc

	HSBC. Signatories to the account should be Co-Chair (LW), Treasurer (IB), Secretary (AD) and Assistant Treasurer (Di Statham). Account should be operated by any two of the four signatories to the accounts. Those members identified as signatories will need to be able to presented identification in order to be able to open the new accounts. The Santander account will require closing. SM advised that subgroup member, had been unable to prepare the 9+3 annual accounts expected.	IB and Di Statham to organise	asap
8	**LCFC Womens Game Subgroup** Progress – MD • Strategic Plan and meeting report, circulated to Board members. • Next meeting 3/7. • Schedule for all meetings diarised.	MD to report	Next meeting
9	**Community & Representation Subgroup** Progress – HG • HG met with LCFC in the Community (LCitC) • There has been little buy-in to events from fans • LCitC events confused as being LCFC • LCitC can offer help to run FT events • LCitC support nine causes • FT members to be surveyed to select one of these causes to raise funds for. • Plan is to survey fans and arrange and event in the early part of the season. • Could consider a Birch 'style' run or s sponsored Park Run. • HG to look into the possibility of producing a fundraising video and a Tifo, that could be co-shared with UFS. • Other plans include an event around LCFC history and a members-only event with guest speaker. • Plans for a Town Hall style open event for all fans – the likely topic for the first being around how to attract the next generation of football fans.	HG & LW to organise	tbc
10	**National Dialogue** Progress – SM The Football Governance Bill has reached the Third Reading in the Commons and it is still hoped it may achieve Royal Consent before Parliament's summer recess. FSA had been in contact about FT's alleged support for Fair Game's lobbying to add the primacy of Trusts into the Bill – as this countered FSA's own approach. SM had advised FSA that FT had not agreed to support any such	All to note	N/A

	group and had not responded to a request to support its stance, despite being in favour of the proposed Regulator recognising the primacy of Trusts. FT had always followed FSA guidance and advice on this matter and would not wish to go against this. It was noted that a motion to the FSA AGM on the above matter was defeated. As PR was unable to attend the FSA AGM due to a family bereavement, Board members were encouraged to review the reports and motions carried on the FSA website. SM, IB and HG had all been in contact with the FSA EFL Network managers. SM had attended a Network meeting on 2/6 – notes and minutes circulated. SM remains a member of the FSA Broadcasting Working Group, acting as liaison to the EFL Network – the last meeting was on 2/6. SM remains on the FSA Refereeing Working Group – a meeting with PGMOL on new rules is expected prior to next season. HG has sent data on away ticket pricing and digital ticketing to the FSA EFL Network managers.		
11	**Any other business** • IB – please circulate Subgroup meeting reports well in advance of Board meetings, to give members times to read and digest them. • JB – can slides of Subgroup progress be presented at each meeting. • JB – is it possible for FT to purchase its own laptop? • SM & LW – need to set up FT account for online meetings; online video eg. YouTube account; shared documents space • SM – need to request help from the membership to update the website. Board members to consider what should be offered in a members only section of the site.	All to note	N/A

Date of Next Meeting: 18 August 2025 (King Power & online). SM to book.
Chair: Steve
Minute Taker: Sarah (**Back Up:** Sarah)