

BEES UNITED

The Brentford Supporters' Trust

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3RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1ST NOVEMBER 2003

Agenda

1. Chairman's Welcome and Introductions
2. Chairman's Statement
3. Finance Report and Adoption of the Society's Accounts
4. Election of Officers of the Society
5. Election of Auditors
6. Any Other Business



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Dear Member,

October 2003

Society Board Elections – 2003.

In accordance with our rules, Brentford Football Community Society Limited (BEES UNITED) is holding an election for places on the Society Board. This is a postal ballot undertaken by Electoral Reform Services.

There are four candidates seeking election for three places. The three candidates receiving the highest number of votes will take the three available places on the Society Board.

Each candidate has been limited to an election address of not more than three hundred words. Please ensure that you read the guidance literature provided with the ballot paper and return it in the allotted time. As a current BEES UNITED member you will be able to vote for up to three of the candidates.

I would urge you all to use your votes. It is your chance to influence the working of the Society and we are keen to be as democratic as possible.

I would also like to remind all members that the Society AGM is to take place on Saturday 1st November 2003 at 10.30 a.m. in Stripes Bar.

Yours sincerely

Bruce Powell
Secretary

STUDY REPORT

Report No. 1234

1. Introduction

2. Objectives

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Society Board Elections 2003

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**CANDIDATES'
ELECTION STATEMENTS**

Attached are the personal profiles of the four candidates seeking election to the Society Board this year.

There are three vacancies to be filled this year with each elected candidate being able to serve for a period of three years.

Each society member will be able to vote for up to three of the candidates.

The four candidates are :-

Lawrence Brimicombe

John McGlashan

Paul Steadman

Andrew Wainwright

Please read carefully before marking your enclosed ballot paper

Lawrence Brimicombe

I'm standing for the BU board elections quite simply because I want to help secure Brentford FC for the new generation of 'Bees'. I was a Bees fanatic even before I joined the club as an apprentice professional in the 1970's and 30 years on my son Charlie plays in the Bees under 11's ensuring my continuing family connection to the club we all love.

In the past few months I've been 'helping out' BU and BFC as a volunteer. I've met with local residents, encouraged new match day sponsors and even ended up driving the Reserve Team minibus.

I've never felt passionate enough about a cause to stand for election to anything in the past but Bees United is the ONLY future for this club. I'm not an 'activist' or a business tycoon but someone who will roll their sleeves up and get 'stuck in' to the job at hand.

It is my view that BU needs to be more active in engaging with the fans and the local community. I believe my 'can-do' approach and passion can help improve BU communications and encourage more of our fan base to join Bees United and support the work of the trust

I hope through my continued involvement with Doug White and the BU board to make Lionel Road a reality and in the interim make Griffin Park a home we can be proud of. To be elected would be an honour and a privilege.

I know all BU members will make their vote count in this election. If you haven't joined Bees United yet, join today and make your voice heard. You don't need to be 'in-the-know' - the election is open to ALL members.

Thanks for taking the time to read this

Lawrence 'Lol' Brimicombe

John McGlashan

I am a previous chairman of Bees United, and have been a member of the Society Board since the supporters' trust was launched in 2001. I have also been a director of Brentford Football Club since January 2002, when supporters were first offered the opportunity of owning the Club.

There have been some important changes in the last year with the announcement of our plans for a new stadium at Lionel Road, and the new offer by Altonwood to sell its shares in Brentford FC and Griffin Park Stadium to Bees United.

There can be little doubt that the future of the Football Club lies with its supporters, who have shown remarkable enthusiasm, loyalty, and generosity over the last few years.

I am proud to have been associated with the changes we have enjoyed in such a short space of time, and am pleased that financiers, fans, and the football fans throughout the country have confidence that the Bees United board are following a sensible course. This has been acknowledged by the election of one of our representatives to the board of Supporters Direct, the Government appointed body which has helped supporters create trusts all over the UK.

I remember the dark days of 1967 when QPR nearly bought out our Club, and I am determined to do my utmost to prevent any such thing happening again. It was an emotional time for many people, during which the fans had, but missed, an opportunity to safeguard the Club's future, we mustn't make the same mistake again.

I have spent five years helping us reach the stage we're at now, and I am delighted that so many talented and devoted fans are rallying round to help. It's been five very rewarding years - I hope the future is even more rewarding!

Paul Steadman

I have been a regular at Griffin Park since 1965. I am 47 years of age, married with three children and live in Whitton. I am employed as a Graphics Studio Manager.

I am currently Chair of BIAS (Brentford Independent Association of Supporters) and will be standing down at our AGM in October.

I have taken an active role in a number of supporter campaigns: I was the first co-ordinator of the Stadium Action Group that has sought to break the log-jam on the Club's stadium proposals and I organised the ABeeC Campaign that created political history at local elections in 2002.

I was firmly opposed to proposals to groundshare with Woking and Kingston and proud of the lead I took in campaigns to oppose those plans. I was also closely involved in petitioning the Local Planning Authority for the restrictions on the residential redevelopment of Griffin Park.

In a number of different meetings and forums – whether it be with officials of the Football Club, the Football League, Local or National politicians – I have sought to articulate the views of supporters and promote Brentford FC.

Since the formation of Bees United in April 2001, I have worked with the Trust on a number of levels. I am a member of the Trust's Stadium Committee that regularly meets with Council members and officials; I am a member of the Fundraising and Marketing Committee; I have recently joined the Community Committee and will take a lead in promoting the Football Club to different ethnic and racial groups.

I have worked tirelessly to secure this Football Club's future. Irrespective of whether I am elected to the Trust Board or not, I look forward to working equally hard in raising the profile of Bees United both within the fan base and the wider local community.

Andrew Wainwright

I would be honoured to represent the Trust once again if re-elected. I have been involved with the Trust since its inception in April 2001 and am as committed, as then, to the aims of ensuring good corporate governance at the Football Club, a wider share of ownership amongst supporters with democratically elected representatives guiding the Club, moving away from control being in the hands of the unaccountable few.

I have endeavoured to use the skills, harnessed from almost twenty years of running a Law Practice, in my work with the Trust. In the last two years I have been heavily involved in negotiations over the option to take a controlling interest, advising on whether it should be exercised, persuading the majority shareholder not to sell Griffin Park and to underwrite the overdraft for a two year period. In April 2002 I stood as an ABeeC candidate in the Chiswick ward. I believe the campaign highlighted the need for a Community stadium, and it is gratifying now to have the Local Authority's full support.

In April 2003, I was elected to the Clubs' Board as Non Executive Director. I have worked very hard with my fellow Trust Directors to help achieve our short term aim of running the Club prudently and our medium term aim of improving the income streams at Griffin Park. I have provided legal advice without charge, and used my professional contacts, where appropriate, to ensure we obtain the best possible deal for the Club.

I urge all Brentford supporters to work together to enable us to reduce the overdraft and construct a financial package which allows us to exercise the option in the most advantageous way.

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