

**BRENTFORD FOOTBALL COMMUNITY SOCIETY LIMITED**  
**(trading as Bees United "BU")**

Minutes of Society 9<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting  
Held at St. Paul's Church Hall, Brentford  
at 7.30pm on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2009.

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**Board Members Present:**

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| David Merritt   | (DM) | Chairman  | Andre Sawyer  | (AS) |
| Stephen Callen* | (SC) |           | Paul Stedman  | (PS) |
| Donald Kerr     | (DK) |           | Stephen Dando | (SD) |
| Mike Rice       | (MK) |           | Natasha Judge | (NJ) |
| Chris Gammon    | (CG) | Secretary |               |      |

In total 28 members were present at the meeting

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**1 Approval of Previous Minutes**

The chair welcomed members and asked for approval of the 2008 minutes. The minutes were approved.

**2 Chairman's Statement**

David Merritt presented the Chairman's annual statement, as distributed to members. The Chairman made reference to the recent overwhelming approval by members of the proposed deal with Matthew Benham and also thanked Natasha Judge, Paul Stedman and Chris Gammon who were stepping down from the board.

**3 Finance Report and Adoption of the Society's Accounts**

Stephen Callen presented the Accounts. A question was asked whether all the Brentford FC Ltd's accounts and other subsidiary companies had also been approved. DM advised that the BFC accounts had been approved recently.

A proposal made to adopt the accounts was passed unanimously by members present. The Chairman advised that proxy votes had been received with 146 votes approving, 8 abstentions and none against.

**4 Election of Auditors**

A proposal to re elect the auditors was put to the meeting and was passed, 27 members voting in favour with one abstention. The Chairman advised that proxy votes had been received with 144 votes approving the election, 8 abstentions and 2 against.

**5 Confirmation of Board Appointments**

The Chairman explained that two nominations had been made to fill the two board vacancies falling due this year. In accordance with the Society's election rules an affirmative ballot was required at the AGM.

**5.1** A proposal was put to the board to confirm the appointment of Greville Waterman. The proposal was confirmed unanimously by the members present. The Chairman advised that proxy votes had been received with 146 votes approving his appointment, 8 abstentions and none against.

**5.2** A proposal was put to the board to confirm the appointment of Trevor Inns. The proposal was confirmed unanimously by the members present. The Chairman advised that proxy votes had been received with 132 votes approving his appointment, 10 abstentions and 12 against.

### **Close of Meeting**

There being no further business the formal meeting concluded and the board took questions from the floor. Questions were focussed on the following areas:

#### **Status of the Matthew Benham deal.**

DM provided an update to the members, advising that an AGM of BFC was planned for the 5<sup>th</sup> January in order to approve the necessary changes to the articles.

#### **Status of Lionel Road**

CG provided an update advising that matters were still on hold due to viability issues. Although there had been some recovery in the housing market, a further sustained improvement was required to bridge the current gap. A member highlighted the need to ensure that the fans were kept informed of progress.

#### **BU promotion and Fundraising**

The board was asked about the current status of fundraising, what the key focus was and why revenues had decreased. DM replied that recent board discussions on fund raising had agreed that the focus should be on converting more BU members to establish regular standing order payments, approaching lapsed members/boosting new member numbers and encouraging those who already had established payments to increase their contributions.

#### **Administration**

A member highlighted an issue regarding the membership forms being sent out later than normal. DM advised that the board had taken the decision to extend the membership expiry date to beyond the end of June to allow all members to vote on the Matthew Benham deal.

#### **Change of AGM date to midweek**

The Board was asked why the date had been changed to a midweek date late in the month. DM advised that the date had partly been dictated by the audit and the desire to ensure that the accounts would be ready for the AGM. It was recognised that holding the AGM date midweek was likely to impact attendance.

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Chairman