

Everton Shareholders' Association
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
People's Club Lounge, Goodison Park
20th August 2015

Chairman: John Blain
Vice-Chair: Anne Asquith
Hon. Secretary: Ian Seymour
Hon. Treasurer: Adrienne Bonwick

Welcome and Apologies

The Chairman welcomed all present and opened the meeting.

Apologies were recorded from: Adrienne Bonwick, Tom Hughes, Mike Owen, Richard Arden, Mark Grayson, Mark O'Brien, Shaun O'Brien and Irene Birch.

The Chair opened the meeting by remembering the sad departure of Tony Heslop, one of our Executive Committee members, and explained to the meeting of our intention to provide an award in his name through the Everton Academy.

Angela Heslop went on record to convey her thanks to Tony's memory.

To receive and approve the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting

The minutes having previously been circulated to members, they were taken as read and approved by the meeting.

To receive and consider the report of the Executive Committee

Copies of the report were handed out to those present.

The Chair gave a presentation and summary of the year covering the following topics:

- The Quarterly Meetings held with Robert Elstone
- Update on the proposed new stadium project
- Work undertaken by the Committee

Questions were raised from the floor regarding the proposed new stadium project and the timing of the next AGM of the Club.

The Chair reported that there appeared to have been no material progress made as it was stated that the Board has still not made a decision to progress towards the submission of a formal planning application and asked if there were any questions or comments from the floor.

The Chair also provided an account of how we are working with the Club to hold a more productive AGM, outlining our suggestions to the Club of how to improve the Q&A session at the AGM. Specifically the Association want the Club AGM to make more time available on the night for questions to ensure that all those in attendance who wish to pose a question are given the opportunity to do so.

To receive and approve the Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts

In the absence of the Treasurer, the Chair gave a summary of the accounts. He provided an explanation of the need for a miscellaneous adjustment and that this had been done on the advice of an independent accountant.

The Executive Committee noted that with an increasing positive balance in our financial position we consider it appropriate now to use an independent and practicing accountant as Auditors. Colin Laphan proposed that we should now use the Accountants we had taken guidance from as the Auditors, this was seconded by Paul Freeman and agreed by those present.

There was discussion from the floor regarding our proposed contribution to the Everton Former Players Foundations (EFPF) in the UK and Chile and what other charities that we may consider providing a donation to.

Pauline Laphan proposed Everton in the Community, this was seconded by Anne Asquith and it was agreed by those

present that a £500 donation would be suitable.

This contribution was in addition to that agreed by those present of £1000 each to EFPF (UK) and EFPF (Chile) plus the proceeds of the contributions from our use of the Directors' Box tickets which means a further donation of £500 to the EFPF (UK).

To set the Annual Subscription level

The Executive Committee recommended no change be made to the level of annual subscription.

Hayden Taylor proposed that the current level of annual subscription (£20 per member) was maintained; this was seconded by Keith Seymour and was agreed by those present.

Accordingly the membership subscription for the 2015-16 year will remain at £20 per member.

To receive an announcement of the membership of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year

The Chair reported that 2 members of the 2014-15 committee would not be standing for re-election.

The other existing members of the Executive Committee had confirmed their willingness to stand for another year. No new nominations for membership of the Committee for the coming year had been received meaning there were fewer nominations than positions available and thus an election was not required.

The Chair announced that the Executive Committee for 2015-16 would initially consist of:

- ⤴ Garry Anders
- ⤴ Anne Asquith
- ⤴ James Asquith
- ⤴ John Blain
- ⤴ Adrienne Bonwick
- ⤴ Tom Hughes
- ⤴ Dave Kelly
- ⤴ Mike Owen
- ⤴ Ian Seymour
- ⤴ Keith Seymour
- ⤴ John Vanderwerff
- ⤴ Paul Wharton

This leaves two places available on the Committee.

In such a situation, the Association's Constitution empowers the Committee to draft new members as they see fit.

The Chair announced that the committee would welcome applications from any paid-up member who wished to join the Executive Committee.

There were tentative enquiries of interest from the floor and it was suggested that interested parties contact the Secretary after the meeting, who would provide further details as required.

Any Other Business

It was agreed that minutes of the Executive Committee Meetings should be posted on our website on a regular basis and anyone wishing to receive paper copies should contact the Secretary who would arrange for them to be posted.

There being no other business to conduct, the formal part of the meeting was closed at 20.55 and the draw for recipients of the Association Directors' Box tickets was made