

Executive Committee Report for 2014-2015

Meetings with the Club

During the year the Association continued with regular meetings with the Club, typically held at Goodison Park, when members of the Executive Committee met with the CEO and the Director of Communications. The Chairman always attends the meetings with the Club along with two other committee members who attend on a rotational basis.

All meetings are documented and the minutes are published on our website at www.efcsa.org

The meetings frequently discuss matters of the time including those suggested by our members but recurring subjects this year has been the focus on the proposed new stadium at Walton Hall Park and the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

The Association has been proactive on both matters. The Club attendees have always been quite open around the issue of the stadium but it is fair to say that the headlines are that little has changed in the year. Indeed the current status can be summarised as “waiting on the Board to make a decision” something that the CEO highlighted at the last Club AGM.

During the year we sought to have meetings with the Club's Stadium Partners, Liverpool City Council (LCC), Everton in the Community (EiTC) and Liverpool Mutual Housing (LMH). This proved harder to make happen than one might have imagined but we did meeting with LCC and LMH. The meeting was open and as can be seen in the meeting notes posted on our website they had little to add to the initial announcement of their involvement.

Everton FC Annual General Meeting

As far as the Club AGM is concerned the Association remains committed to working closely with the Club to make the meetings as productive as possible. We have made a number of firm recommendations as to how we think the meeting should be conducted. This includes, as directed by our members, ensuring that sufficient time is made available for an in-depth Q&A session.

We are confident that whilst the Club is not being as responsive as we would like that the forthcoming AGM will continue the improvement of recent years. We are hopeful that the Club will take on board our thoughts and spend some time highlighting the forward plan for the Club in addition to the traditional retrospective view.

The Association remains committed to having the Annual General Meeting as close as possible to the publication of the Club's Annual Accounts as is practical. The CEO recently indicated that the next accounts will be finalised after the close of the Transfer Window and published in good time to allow for an AGM in late October or early November.

EFCSA Annual Dinner

Our Annual Dinner in May was again a great success and was sold-out for the 2nd Year in succession.

The Executive Committee would like to express its gratitude to those involved in the planning and specifically Paul Wharton, it should not be underestimated how much effort is involved in planning for such a successful evening. Hosted by Darren Griffiths and attended by former players Jimmy Husband, Kevin Sheedy, Pat Van Den Hauwe (who didn't stay to be interviewed), Ian Snodin and Graham Stuart the evening was also graced by Dr David France, our Lifetime President, and the League Championship, FA Cup, European Cup Winners Cup and Canon Trophies.

As has been reported in the Annual Accounts of the Association the dinner contributed to our financial surplus and allowed for another significant donation to the Former Players Foundation. This year, and in recognition of Tony Heslop, donations will be made to both the UK and Chile foundations.

Great Evertonians

This year we lost two great Evertonians.

In January we lost a truly great Evertonian and colleague from the Association. **Tony Heslop** was a valued and long standing Executive Committee member and was of course a Founding Member of the Heritage Society, a Trustee of the Everton Collection and a Founding Member of the Ruleteros Society.

During the year we agreed with the Heritage Society and the Ruleteros Society to create a permanent memorial award in memory of Tony. Club officials are fully supportive and once the finer details are complete the inaugural winner will be announced in 2016.

Tony's passing was sudden and a great shock to all of us knew who this lovely man, he is greatly missed.

In April **Sir Philip Carter** passed, he will be fondly remembered and respected by all Evertonians and we are sure that his experience is being missed at Board level.

Looking Forward

Looking forward into the remainder of 2015 and into 2016 we expect the incoming Executive Committee will build on previous successes and continue to develop an effective relationship with the Club.

Finally, and as an aside, last season an Executive Committee member sponsored John Stones in the name of the Association. We're pleased to announce that the same Executive Committee Member will sponsor Tyias Browning, again in the name of the Association, for season 2015-2016.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John Blain'.

John Blain

Chairman, Everton FC Shareholders' Association

On behalf of

Garry Anders - Anne Asquith (vice-chair) - Adrienne Bonwick (Treasurer) - Ian Seymour (Secretary) - James Asquith – Mark Edwards – Tom Hughes - Dave Kelly - Michael Owen– Keith Seymour – John Vanderwerff – Paul Wharton – Keith Wilson