



<b>MEETING</b>	LINCOLN CITY FOOTBALL CLUB SUPPORTERS' BOARD MEETING
<b>LOCATION</b>	LNER Stadium
<b>DATE</b>	11 February 2023
<b>TIME</b>	12:30

## MEETING #35 MINUTES

### PRESENT:

Tony Smith (Chair) (TS)  
Jonathan Battersby (JB)  
Charlie Beeston (CB)  
Marcus Burton (MB)  
Sam Kendall (SK)  
Chris Laming (CL)  
Rob Noble (RN)  
Liam Scully (LS)  
Roy Thomson (RT)  
Andy Helgesen (AH)  
Jay Wright (JW) – Virtually  
Jackie Atkins (JA)  
Toby Freestone (TF)  
Jon Clack (JCI)  
Rob Noble (RN)

### APOLOGIES:

None

### CLERK:

Jen Coulson

### CHAIR'S NOTES:

Ticket pricing, latest annual accounts, playing budget and the welcomed new investment from the WMA group were among the major items discussed during our first full Supporters Board meeting of 2023.

We thank Liam and the club board once again for their continued transparency with us whilst inviting our feedback ahead of their decision making on and off field matters such as next season's membership pricing which has been structured to make watching the Imps as affordable as possible at a time when both fans and our club are faced with ever increasing running costs.

The Supporters Board send our sincere condolences to the family and friends of all of our valued fans who we have sadly lost in recent months including Mick Norton (Ringo), Marcus Needham and club president John Jennison whilst recognising their loyal support of the Imps.

The Supporters Board as part of the Fan Led Review working party are continuing to work towards both meeting and going beyond the recommendations of the recently published Government White Paper on football governance to further enhance the already excellent fan engagement we enjoy at Lincoln City.

You can get in touch with the Supporters Board by emailing [sbchair@theredimps.com](mailto:sbchair@theredimps.com).

Should you wish for us to discuss any non football (including financial) matters with the club's hierarchy at our next meeting in April.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Tony Smith

Lincoln City FC Supporters Board Chair

#	ITEM	ACTION:
1.	Meeting Admin	
	A. Apologies	
	Noted above.	



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	B.	Estimated or required time of meeting close – 13:30	
		Noted.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Minutes/Actions From Last Meeting – 12 11 22</b>		
	All items have been actioned or are covered elsewhere in this Agenda.  Minutes were agreed and accepted.		
<b>4.</b>	<b>Membership Terms &amp; Conditions</b>		
	The recent marketing campaign for lottery via phone was discussed.  it was agreed that an option to opt out of calls specifically should be added to Terms and Conditions.  It was further suggested by members that the best way to contact members for marketing campaigns is via SMS. LS and the team will look into this.		<b>LS</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Ticket pricing for disabled (in ambulant disabled) fans</b>		
	RN presented a paper proposing the ambulant disabled price category moved to age related pricing as recommended by Level Playing Field and used by the majority of the clubs across the EFL.  It was agreed that this is fair and the transitional process for change in policy with a proposed step change for gold members renewing rather than in one go was also a good move.  The club will call all those fans affected to explain the changes if approved.  LS will take this paper to ExCo for consideration, noting it has Supporter Board backing.		<b>LS</b>
<b>7.</b>	<b>New Investment</b>		
	LS gave a verbal update on the WMA group who will be shortly announced as joining the club.		
<b>8.</b>	<b>Annual Accounts 2021/22</b>		
	Following the publishing of the Accounts, the board had a quick discussion on how these had been perceived by the fans.		
<b>9.</b>	<b>Playing Budget 2022/23</b>		
	LS reiterated that we have a 3 <sup>rd</sup> quartile LG1 playing budget (“top of the bottom”) but did also share the context that there are far bigger spenders immediately above us.		
<b>10.</b>	<b>Streaming</b>		
	Data has not yet been received (or requested) from the 3pm blackout during the World Cup. LS to bring to the next meeting, if available.		<b>LS</b>
<b>11.</b>	<b>Matchday Travel</b>		
	The resurrection of the pre-pandemic Skegness/Louth service was queried. LS informed the group that unfortunately, it had very little take up and was no reinstated due to this reason.		
<b>12.</b>	<b>Fan Led Review Update</b>		
	<b>NB: NOTES PROVIDED BY CHAIRMAN</b>  All members of the Supporters Board met privately at the beginning of the meeting during which TS presented a proposed draft outline of the Shadow Board constitution and an updated RAG assessment based on the recommendations of the Fan Led Review ahead of publication of the government's white paper. Supporters Board members were supportive of both documents and TS forwarded a proposed confidentiality agreement to board members for review.		
	<b>AOB (including questions from Supporters)</b>		



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<p><b>NB: NOTES PROVIDED BY CHAIRMAN</b></p> <p>Lizziie Wilkins- South Common entrance pothole reported to City Of Lincoln Council</p> <p>Nick Oxberry - Elinor &amp; club's IT support both requested to ensure giant screen in Centre Spot switched on for live TV games on our matchdays, the club continues to search for improved &amp; cost effective WiFi at the stadium on matchdays without adversely affecting the standard of the club's social media output.</p> <p>Richard Hardwick - subsidised travel for east coast fans was withdrawn due to insufficient numbers making it unviable. The Foundation are looking to develop this area which may lead to a larger fanbase in the future.</p> <p>Matthew Buckley - Away travel discounts covered in the minutes of our previous meeting, away ticket price capping unviable for the club &amp; unlikely to continue at other EFL clubs next season, half time EFL Trophy queues due to reduced staff levels to be discussed with club's catering provider.</p> <p>All of the above fans have received personal replies &amp; thanks from the Supporters Board.</p>	
<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>	
TBC (likely to be online)	