

## **Supporters Board Meeting Minutes – 26<sup>th</sup> October – 12:30pm**

### **Chair's Notes**

Despite the postponement of the Bolton fixture our latest meeting went ahead as scheduled within Michael Appleton's office following a change of venue. All fans will be pleased to know that this will be the closest any of us will get to the manager's chair!

The minutes of the meeting sadly show that it was necessary for us to spend considerable time discussing the implications of recent fan related matters including increased segregation and the subsequent loss of income for the club together with how we as a fanbase, are perceived by other clubs, particularly when we visit their stadiums.

On a lighter note it was pleasing for us to discuss several initiatives with the club aimed at further improving your matchday experience including the selection of a new ticketing partner and the trialling of cashless bars.

Please email [feedback@theredimps.com](mailto:feedback@theredimps.com) should you have any suggestions for future consideration.

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Tony Smith

### **Attendees**

Andrew Helgesen, Paul Pyrah, Tony Smith, John Wilson, Jonathan Battersby, Nick Procter, Liam Scully, James Lawton, Julian Burley, Sam Kendall

### **Apologies**

Jackie Atkins, Dan Rawson, Gary Hutchinson, Roger Bates

### **Safeguarding**

- N/A

### **Health and Safety**

- N/A

### **Equality and Diversity**

- N/A

### **Cashless Bars Trail**

- Concept discussed
- It is projected this could speed up service by up to 30% in high traffic areas (i.e. Red Imp Bar & TP Suite)
- Supporters Board agreed to a trial in various areas of the ground, which needs to be communicated well in advance.

### **New Pouring Contract**

- The Club is currently looking into new pouring contracts due to rising supply costs
- Aim is to procure a new deal which will prevent any price rises to the fans as well as create more pouring points
- This may include a change of brand(s).
- Various indicative contracts/brands were discussed and a Supporters Board recommendation was offered.

### **Banning Orders**

- Due to recent incidents at Sincil Bank, the club have volunteered to re-segregate block 1 in the Stacey West Stand which means is a loss of c300 seats which will not be sold to away fans. Aspiration is to open this section up once again, however the club do need to revise our approach due to a host of recent incidents.

#### **Alleged Racism in Stands**

- The club have received a report of racist abuse from a fan/fans. At this moment investigations have been inconclusive; however the club re-affirmed its zero tolerance policy in relation to any discriminatory behaviour. The club will continue to monitor this matter closely and with the utmost attention.

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#### **Stadium Update**

- Club reps will be attending a stadium consultation event in November 2019.
- There is an ongoing project looking to increase the capacity at Sincil Bank, which would most likely be the summer of 2021. The viability of this project is heavily reliant on external grant funding from the Football Foundation.

#### **EPC Update**

- All works are complete and all three pitches are in use.
- The land owner would potentially be open to LCFC purchasing the land, but the current leasing agreement is the best scenario for both parties.

#### **Ticket Partners**

- The club has gone out to tender for new ticketing partners and this has been narrowed down to two organisations with the assistance from members of the Supporters Board. Club will make decision in the near future.

#### **DONM**

14<sup>th</sup> December – 11:30am

