

FSA AGM 2020 MOTIONS

MOTION ONE

The AGM reaffirms its support for the detailed reform proposals approved at the last AGM, and the principles of our "Sustain the Game" campaign, but believes that we must now go further, looking at both short term issues to address the impact of COVID along with a more holistic review of football governance.

To that end the AGM believes:

(i) that our clubs must be protected and to enable this there must be a fundamental reform of football governance and the creation of a regulator with wide-ranging responsibilities and powers which is fully independent of clubs.

(ii) that broadcasting revenues should be shared fairly in a way which both strengthens the pyramid and allows for fair competition, allowing promotion and relegation opportunities for all clubs throughout the pyramid.

(iii) that there should be tougher financial controls, to include regular monitoring and appropriate sanctions

(iv) that transparency must apply throughout the game, including, but not restricted to, ownership and financial reporting and sanctioning.

(v) that supporters must be considered as key stakeholders both nationally and locally and involved in both operational and strategic decision making at all levels of the game.

(vi) that the Government's promised "fan led review" should be wide-ranging and established very early in 2021

Proposed by the Tom Greatrex on behalf of the FSA Board

Seconded by Roger Ellis on behalf of the FSA Board

MOTION TWO

The AGM notes a range of concerns about the operation of VAR at Premier League and cup games in English Football, particularly the negative effect on the experience of supporters present at the games.

It therefore resolves to establish a working group with terms of reference to identify specific actions and changes to improve the experience of match-going supporters in this regard, following consultation, through the Premier League network group, with FSA affiliates, associates and individual members. The target date to deliver this action plan is no later than Easter 2021.

Proposed by Neil Dady on behalf of Wolverhampton Wanderers Fans Parliament

Seconded by Tony Scholes of Burnley FC Supporters Groups

MOTION THREE

An opening up of regular two-way communication for the FSA with the Professional Game Match Officials Board (PGMOL) in terms of VAR application and in-stadia communication to match-going football supporters.

This will provide a chance - on, ideally a monthly basis - to ask for and receive feedback from PGMOL, unfiltered by the media, to help clarify and address specific fan concerns and point to best practice.

Context:

There has been concerns in terms of the accountability of the organisation behind VAR, but at the same time PGMOL has reached out to the FSA, appearing at a FSA National Council meeting and extending invites to Stockley Park.

These two factors alone mean it's a realistic proposition to organise what is simply an occasional email exchange, especially if the Premier League are serious about fan engagement.

This active relationship will be beneficial to the FSA and its member's planned discussions on VAR and formulating its own policy on it. It will also create at least some level of immediate accountability for match-going supporters.

Proposed by David Michael - My Old Man Said (Aston Villa)

Seconded by Ricky Cheema of Punjabi Villans