FOOTBALL SUPPORTERS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD ON SUNDAY 1st JUNE 2025

TIME:	**12.15pm to 1.30pm**	
LOCATION:	**Box 3109, Wembley Stadium**	
PRESENT:	**Tom Greatrex (TG)**	**Chair**
	Chris Paouros (CP)	**Vice Chair**
	Tim Hillyer (TH)	
	Christine Seddon (CS)	**(Online)**
	Heather Alderson (HA)	
	Sachin Patel (SP)	
	Kristine Green (KG)	
IN ATTENDANCE:	**Kevin Miles (KM)**	**Chief Executive Officer**
	Richard Irving (RI)	**Secretary**
	Darren Bernstein (DB)	**Head of National Game**

Item	Action
Tom Greatrex chaired the meeting. **1. Apologies for absence** There were apologies for absence from Tony Burnett (TB), Sarah Keig (SK), Joe Blott (JB) and David Rose (Deputy CEO).	
2. Minutes of the 16th January 2025 Board Meeting The minutes of the above meeting were agreed.	

3. Matters Arising / Actions Log In relation to facial recognition issues, TH advised that he would be discussing this further with Vicki Goodfellow and at the next Metropolitan Police IAG on 4 June 2025. **AGM Actions** • Women's Voice in the Men's Game – network established. Action completed and will be removed from log. • Sporting Integrity and Competitive Balance – work ongoing. • VAR – ongoing engagement with PGMOL, providing supporter input and presence at FSA Conference – ongoing. • Charter for young people's attendance – work ongoing. • Ticketing – Stop Exploiting Loyalty campaign established and ongoing work led by steering group. • Overseas games – work ongoing, including in context of football regulator legislation. • Facial Recognition Technology – ongoing (see above) • Multi club ownership - ongoing. RI and academic colleague working report • Fan Advisory Boards – arrangements now in place. Action in place and will be removed from log. • 3pm Blackout – working group established, FSA Exec lead Garreth Cummins – work ongoing	DR / SK RI GC
4. CEO Report In addition to the written report, KM advised that the proposed Chair of the Independent Regulator, David Kogan (DK), had yet to be	

ratified, with the final decision resting with the Sports Minister, Steph Peacock, as Lisa Nandy has recused herself from the process as DK had donated to her leadership election campaign. The Commons committee stage of the Bill will commence on 3 June 2025, with the aim of Royal Assent (the Bill becoming Law) l being achieved by the summer recess. The FSA has provided detailed input into the guidance for the Bill, and continues to seek assurances from government on a number of issues, including games being played overseas and the significance of Supporters' Trusts in engagement with Clubs. The Bill does have amended proposals on the operation of the backstop powers on financial distribution, and a right for the FA to be consulted on any changes which feels unnecessary. KM will be engaging with members of the Bill committee, as it progresses.	
5. Finance DR had circulated the Finance report in advance. CP asked whether it was the intention to retain reserve funds at 2 months operating expenditure or whether 3 months was the target. CP asked about approach to resourcing work on the Women's Game and approach to securing additional funding. KM explained a number of options were being examined, including direct project funding from external providers. Further updates would be provided in due course. TH provided an update on the progress of the annual accounts and asked that thanks be passed on to Nina Bond for all her work in getting them to the stage that they are almost ready for presentation. He further stated that there no areas for concern within them. DR had asked that the duplication on p3 of the report be ignored.	

TH further advised that there is likely to be a modest overspend this year primarily due to the crossover in the work of DB and Andy Walsh.	
6. AGM & Elections Update RI advised that, to date, only one motion had been received in advance of the AGM. This concerned the "Three Up" campaign from the National League. KM advised that other motions on a range of issues, including ticketing, role of Trusts in engagement, no fault stand down policy and regulation of agents. RI further advised that three elections had been completed in the past week. In the National Game network, Sarah Sterling (York City Supporters' Trust) had been the only nomination and had therefore been elected (subject to an affirmative vote) to the representative position for three years until the AGM in 2028. The second affiliate/ associate position remains vacant and a by-election will be held in due course. In the Fans For Diversity network, Lewis Wale (Proud Sky Blues) had been elected for their three-year term until the. AGM in 2028. Alan Murrell, Sachin Patel and Bik Singh would be candidates in the individual member section. In the Community Owned Club election, Neil Le Milliere (Exeter City) had been elected and will serve for three years until the AGM in 2028. Rob Usher will be a candidate individual member section. Competitive elections are taking place in the Premier League, Championship, League One/League Two and Women's Game networks and will be concluded on Thursday 5th June.	
7. Community ownership & Other Democratic Models DB gave a presentation on some research he had recently carried out looking into other democratically run clubs in the National Game system. With 40 clubs currently in community ownership it was	

thought as many as ten times that number may have some form of democratic structure including companies limited by guarantee, community interest companies, charities and unincorporated associations. DB explained that consideration of how the FSA can support the broader range of community clubs is something that dialogue with members will begin on, not least at the community ownership day following the AGM, in Manchester on Sunday 15 June 2025.	
7. Any Other Business RI asked that TH provide a profile for the Board page of the FSA website. CP asked that congratulations be passed on to staff member Liam Thompson on the birth of his first child. [Post Meeting note: A short Council meeting to agree the Board election process will take place after the AGM in Manchester on Saturday 14th June 2025.]	TH
There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.30pm.	

Minutes by Richard Irving
17th June 2025