

Organisation:	Bluebirds Trust	Date:	20/11/2021
		Time:	12.00pm
Meeting:	AGM Meeting	Location:	The Crossbar Barrow AFC
		Author:	Richard Ingham
		Ref.:	TBC
Meeting Agenda:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and apologies for absence • Acceptance of the minutes of the 2019-20 AGM • Ratification of the policy to allow members on 31st July 2021 to attend and vote at the AGM, according to Rule 38 of the Society • Receipt and consideration of the Chairman's Full Year Report • Ratification of the decision of the Society Board to dis-apply the obligation under the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1965 • Receipt and consideration of a revenue account and balance sheet of the Society for the financial year ended 31st May 2021. • The appointment of an independent Examiner of the Society's accounts for the year ending 31st May 2022. • To agree that surplus funds held by the Society shall be used for a) the maintenance of prudent reserves and b) in progressing the stated aims and purposes of the Society, until the next Annual General Meeting. • Society Board elections. Richard Ingham Chris Lloyd • Election of the Bluebirds Trust Board Representative on the Board of Barrow Bluebirds Limited (trading as Barrow AFC). Frazer Stewart. • AOB 		
Attendees:			
Steve Herbert	Barrow Bluebirds Trust Representative		SH
Frazer Stewart	Bluebirds Trust Chair		FS
Richard Ingham	Board Member & Acting Secretary		RI
John Little	Treasurer		JL
Andy Leitch	Board Member		AL
Chris Lloyd	Board Member		CL
Levi Gill			
Chris Altree			
Kelly Moxham			
Dave Pointer			
Graham Chapman			
David Ingham			
Pat Leitch			
Bob Leitch			
Bob Steed			
Dave Leitch			
Andy McKinnon			
Lindsay McKinnon			
Darren Riley			
Chris Roddie			
Ronan McCarthy			
Mike Hoggan			

		Action On	Complete By Date
1.0 Chair of the Meeting			
1.1	<p>RI introduced the AGM, thanked everyone for attending and the meeting began.</p> <p>Apologies from Neil McDonald, Stuart Nichols, Peter Greenwood, Stephen Leonard, Mark McCarthy, Mark Nuttall, Peter Naylor and Matthew Messenger</p>	Note	
2.0 Minutes from previous AGM meeting			
2.1	<p>Previous meeting minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting of 23/11/20 held on Zoom.</p> <p>Proposed by: RMc Seconded by: AL</p> <p>The minutes were passed unanimously.</p>	Note	
3.0 Ratification of the policy to allow members on 31st July 2021 to attend and vote at the AGM, according to Rule 38 of the Society			
3.1	<p>Proposed by: AL Seconded by: GC</p> <p>The vote was passed unanimously.</p>		
4.0 Receipt and consideration of the Chairman's Full Year Report			
4.1	<p>Good morning and thank you for coming to the Bluebirds Trust AGM covering June 2020 to May 2021.</p> <p>It was a strange time and feels odd saying now that our promotion to the EFL fell within this reporting window, it feels a lifetime ago.</p> <p>One of the largest successes from this time was taking Russ Rawley into the 21st century with the online Russ' Raffle, this is essential to our fundraising right up to the present day and has sold over 115,000 tickets.</p>	Note	

Another success from the “covid season” is how closely we have worked with the Club on Covid policy and strategy. Plaudits to Steve Herbert for providing many many hours of his time and expertise. Which culminated with us having more matches in front of fans than any other EFL club.

Despite a challenging year for fundraising we have successfully maintained our stake in Barrow AFC; investing £80,000, to keep our stake for you, the fans.

Unfortunately, there are some departures from the Trust Board, Freya, Neil and Mike were co-opted in the last year, however their current circumstances mean they are unable to stand for election but we would happily welcome them back.

Ronan McCarthy has been on the board for a number of years, over which he mastered the art of half time coffee making in the trust shop and he led the campaign to double the weekly lottery subscribers.

Jamie Moore who has spearheaded Trust Travel for several years will be a huge miss; he was a steady hand at the wheel. Ensuring we provided travel to every match in the last national league season and so far every game this year. Hopefully he enjoys his well earned rest!

We have also lost our secretary, Anya Wood, whom many of you will know from her time with Barrow. Unfortunately she has moved on to pastures new at Morecambe.

Thank you to them for all their efforts.

Last but not least Steve Herbert is stepping down as our Club Board director but happily is carrying on with the Trust Board. As mentioned before Steve was hugely important with the covid support to the club, he’s also been able to provide his wealth of knowledge on safeguarding and helping to get various groups up and running including the new Disabled Supporters Association.

I’d like to place on record my thanks to everybody who has supported any of our initiatives or given up time to help us. Most of this goes unnoticed, the hours that the likes of Richard Ingham puts in keeping everything organised, John Little does counting every penny and making sure we justify every penny we spend or Russ Rawley cutting up raffle tickets

	<p>for the 97th season; the list of unseen tasks is huge and thank you to everyone who has helped.</p> <p>On that note, we are desperate for more help. We are working at absolute capacity, we have huge potential but right now we are scraping by to maintain the stake in Barrow AFC and our legal obligations. If you feel you can help, be that as a secretary, selling raffle tickets, creating marketing content for Russ Raffle, or anything, please get in touch with us.</p> <p>To summarise, a very successful period in a strange time, we have outgrown our current volunteers and need your help to keep our success going.</p> <p>Proposed by: AMc Seconded by: BS</p> <p>The vote was passed unanimously.</p>		
<p>5.0 Ratification of the decision of the Society Board to dis-apply the obligation under the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1965 (or any Act or Acts amending or in replacement thereof) to appoint auditors, given that the turnover of the society is within the specified threshold for audit exemption.</p>			
6.1	<p>We have our accounts independently examined by JL Winders accountants and as we are below the turnover threshold stated in the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1965 we are not required to have our full accounts audited. However, we need the approval of the membership to not carry out an audit.</p> <p>Proposed by: RMc Seconded by: JL</p> <p>The vote was passed unanimously.</p>	Note	
<p>6.0 Receipt and consideration of a revenue account and balance sheet of the Society for the financial year ended 31st May 2021.</p>			
6.1	<p>JL took everyone in attendance through the annual report and financial statements for the year ending 31st May 2021. The accounts are available online in a separate document.</p> <p>DI commented that everyone who has supported the Trust during the last year should be proud of the accounts and the results of their efforts given the difficulties faced due to the pandemic.</p> <p>Proposed by: AL</p>	Note	

	<p>Seconded by: DL</p> <p>The vote was passed unanimously.</p>		
7.0 The appointment of an independent Examiner of the Society's accounts for the year ending 31st May 2022.			
7.1	<p>The decision to appoint Stephen Leonard as out Independent Examiner for the next accounting period.</p> <p>Proposed by: DI Seconded by: RMc</p> <p>The vote was passed unanimously.</p>	Note	
8.0 To agree that surplus funds held by the Society shall be used for a) the maintenance of prudent reserves and b) in progressing the stated aims and purposes of the Society, until the next Annual General Meeting.			
8.1	<p>We are required to have a vote to provide the Board the delegated authority to use any surplus held by the Trust as seen fit, within our approved aims and purposes.</p> <p>Proposed by: AMc Seconded by: GC</p> <p>The vote was passed unanimously.</p>	Note	
9.0 Society Board elections. Richard Ingham Chris Lloyd			
9.1	<p>The profiles and statements from the candidates were sent out with the AGM notices.</p> <p>The candidates were elected unanimously.</p>	Note	
10.0 Election of the Bluebirds Trust Board Representative on the Board of Barrow Bluebirds Limited (trading as Barrow AFC). Frazer Stewart.			
10.1	<p>The profile and statement from the candidate was sent out with the AGM notices.</p> <p>The candidate elected by a majority vote.</p>	Note	

11.0 AOB

11.1	DI asked asked if it was an appropriate time to reconsider the aims and objectives of the Trust, and would members be given any input into this. FS agreed that this would be a worthwhile exercise and members would be asked for their views.	Note	
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