



## Minutes

<b>Title of Meeting:</b>	MK Dons Supporters' Board – Meeting <b>01</b>	
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	Thursday 22 September 2022 at 6.30pm – 8.30pm	
<b>Attendees</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Attended</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Andy Gibb ( <b>AG</b> )	A	Group Marketing & Sales Director at Stadium MK
Hannah Alker ( <b>HA</b> )	A	Head of Marketing at Stadium MK
Andy Standen ( <b>AS</b> )	A	Safety & Security Manager at Stadium MK
John Samuel ( <b>JS</b> )	A	Member of MKDSA
Louise Walsh ( <b>LW</b> )	A	Member of MKDSA
Ollie Charnock ( <b>OC</b> )	A	Member of Dons Action
John Brockwell ( <b>JB</b> )	A	General Admission
Tina Kenny ( <b>TK</b> )	A	General Admission
Alexander Jovic ( <b>AJ</b> )	A	General Admission
David Wright ( <b>DW</b> )	A	Club Red
Carol Head ( <b>CH</b> )	A	Club Red
Jim Mann ( <b>JM</b> )	A	Hospitality
Antony Yates ( <b>AY</b> )	A	Disability
Tom Gidley ( <b>TG</b> )	A	Under 16
<b>Apologies:</b>		
Bailey Bedborough ( <b>BB</b> )		
<b>No.</b>	<b>WELCOME &amp; UPDATE FROM ANDY STANDEN</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>1</b>	Andy Gibb began by welcoming all Supporters' Board Members (SBMs) and congratulated them on their appointment. He then handed straight over to Andy Standen (Stadium MKs Safety & Security Manager).	<b>N/A</b>

	<p>AS provided an update to all SBMs following the pyro incident that occurred at the Oxford United v MK Dons fixture on Saturday 17 September. AS explained that immediate action was taken, and he is still in discussions with TVP.</p> <p>The Club are keen to communicate and educate supporters on the impact and consequences this behaviour carries. Pete Winkelman and Aiden Gray (Chairman of the MKDSA) will talk to supporters ahead of kick-off at our upcoming home fixture on Saturday 1 October.</p>	
2.	<b>INTRODUCTIONS</b>	
	<p>AG invited everyone in the room to introduce themselves.</p> <p><b>Ollie Charnock</b> – Heads up the fan group Dons Action and attends every MK Dons home and away fixture. Ollie is always looking at ways to improve the atmosphere, especially in the Cowshed.</p> <p><b>Alexander Jovic</b> – Alex is a Season Ticket holder who sits in the Cowshed. Alex believes the club needs to harness passion of supporters especially in the 15 to 25 age group.</p> <p><b>John Samuel</b> – A lifelong Season Ticket holder and MKDSA committee member. John is passionate about all things MK Dons.</p> <p><b>John Brockwell</b> – John has been a Supporters' Trustee of MK Dons SET, Chair of MKDSA, on the National Council of the FSF. John is a lifelong Season Ticket holder and sits in the Standard Corner.</p> <p><b>Louise Walsh</b> – Louise is a lifelong Season Ticket holder, who attends all MK Dons home and away fixtures, as well as supporting MK Dons Women. Also, secretary for MKDSA.</p> <p><b>Antony Yates</b> – Antony has been a Season Ticket holder for 11 years. As a wheelchair user, Antony would like to have a voice and support fellow disabled supporters to enhance their experience.</p> <p><b>Jim Mann</b> – Jim has been a lifelong Season Ticket holder and sits in Club Platinum. Jim has experience as Chairman of Kilmarnock FC. Jim is also a lifetime member of MKDSA and one of the sponsors of the annual Academy Showcase fixture.</p> <p><b>Tom Gidley</b> – Tom has been a Season Ticket holder for ten years and sits in Club Red. As a younger supporter, Tom is keen to share his ideas and represent supporters of his age.</p>	N/A



	<p><b>Carol Head</b> – A lifelong Season Ticket holder who sits in Club Red. Carol comes to games with her son, who has autism. Carol helped establish the first SEN football group in MK in 2006.</p> <p><b>David Wright</b> – David sits in Club Red and has been a Season Ticket holder for 11 years.</p> <p><b>Tina Kenny</b> – A lifelong Season Ticket holder who sits in the East Stand. Tina attends all home games and a large number of away fixtures.</p>	
<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p><b>TERMS OF REFERENCE REVIEW</b></p>	
	<p>Ahead of the meeting, all SBMs were sent the latest version of the Terms of Reference. AG shared this on the TV screen for SBMs to go through and make amendments.</p> <p>AG clarified that this Supporters’ Board has been introduced following the success of the Ticket Working Group consultation in 2021/22.</p> <p>TK questioned what is the relationship between the supporters and the Club? AG explained the Supporters’ Board (SB) has been put in place to improve the communication between the Club and supporters. The Supporters Board can work on proposals, for the Club board to review and comment on. This SB will replace the myriad of ‘working groups’ from previous season.</p> <p>The following amendments/comments were made and updated accordingly:</p> <p>All SBMs agreed that there will be no discussions about ‘on the pitch’ and it will solely focus on ‘off the pitch’ topics.</p> <p><b>Section 3</b> – The word nominations changed to ‘applications.</p> <p>CH raised a point that this could be changed to ‘initial’ selection.</p> <p>All members agreed to remove section g...</p>	

~~(g) The Club reserves the right to remove any member from the Board at any time, without notice.~~

**Section F** - changed to 15 working days (rather than 5)

SBMs discussed producing a Code of Conduct, which they must abide by. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

**Section (h)** - Membership of the SB will be three seasons (rather than two), but a timeline for Board members will be agreed by the Board, unless the Board decides that special considerations exist which permits a longer term of membership.

**Point added** - The Board will elect a Chair at the beginning of each season.

**Point K** – all members agreed they did not agree with this point and agreed to remove it.

~~(k) Continued membership of the Board is dependent on good behaviour at both matches and meetings.~~

**Section 4:** Amended point A to...

Members of the Board will make every effort to be present at all meetings, except for extenuating circumstances.

**Point C** - changed to Members are required to present the views of all supporters and abide by the Board Code of Conduct.

**Section 5** – Governance

JS discussed distributing the meeting minutes in paper form in Lewington's/Cowshed Bar, for those who do not have access to the website or social media.

**Point added** - Decisions will be based on a majority vote, with the Chair having the casting vote if there is a tie.

**Point added:** Board members will be asked to declare any conflicts of interest prior to each meeting.

**Point added:** The Club may from time to time, ask Board members to sign a Non-Disclosure Agreement.

CH raised a point of having hybrid meetings. If some members cannot attend in person, they have the option of attending via Zoom.



	<p>CH suggested the Board needs to consider roles for each member and discuss how they will communicate to fans and the Club and how they can action it. All members agreed and will be discussed at the next meeting.</p> <p>AG will circulate the latest version of the ToR and it will be published online.</p>	<p><b>AG – send latest version to HA and all SBMs.</b></p>
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>ELECTION OF CHAIR AND SECRETARY</b></p>	
	<p>AG handed over to SBMs to elect a SBMs Chair and Secretary.</p> <p>OC raised a point that as a rule, any members from the MKDSA and Dons Action, who were part of the selection process should not put themselves forward.</p> <p>JB proposed that Jim Mann should have the role as Chair, due to his vast experience as Chairman of Kilmarnock FC and relationship with the Club.</p> <p>All SBMs agreed and it was a unanimous decision.</p> <p>SBMs then discussed the role of the secretary, this would cover writing the meeting minutes, sending out relevant paperwork to Board members, writing the agenda and booking in meetings.</p> <p>JB was proposed and all members were in agreement.</p> <p><b>Chairman – Jim Mann</b></p> <p><b>Secretary – John Brockwell</b></p>	
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>DATE FOR NEXT MEETING</b></p>	
	<p>DW suggested setting up a group email as a way to communicate, alternatively, JM suggested setting up a WhatsApp group.</p> <p>It was agreed that the next meeting will take place on <b>Thursday 6 October, 6.30pm – 8.30pm.</b></p>	

	HE will check availability of the Suzuki Boardroom with the hotel team. HE will send JB details once confirmed.	<b>HE to book meeting room</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING</b>	
	JB to work on the agenda and circulate with all Board members ahead of next meeting.	<b>JB to write agenda</b>