

LINCOLN CITY SUPPORTERS' SOCIETY LIMITED
(Trading as Red Imps Community Trust (RICT))

Notes of the Board Meeting (BM) held via Zoom at 8.40pm on Thursday 27th June 2024

1 PRESENT

- a. RICT Board Members: Biff Bean (BB) – Community Engagement Team Leader; Rob Bradley (RB) - Fan Engagement Team Leader; Julian Buttery (JB) – Football Supporters' Association (FSA) Engagement Director; Mandi Slater (MS) – Fan-Elected Club Director (John O'Gaunts Club); Emma Crellin (EC); Kirsty Hackney (KH); Stewart Millar; and Steve Tointon (ST), with Observers Alice Carter (AC), representing Lincoln City Foundation, Steve Freestone (SF), Gavin Gordon (GG) and Andy Porter (AP).
- b. Apologies for absence had been received from David Milling (DM) and Observer Ian Hodgson (IH).

2 ELECTIONS OF SECRETARY AND OFFICERS

The following people were elected to retain the RICT roles specified until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting (AGM):-

- a. SF as Company Secretary;
- b. RB as Chair;
- c. MS as Vice Chair;
- d. ST as Treasurer;
- e. IH as Membership Secretary; and
- f. AP as Minutes Recorder.

3 CO-OPTION OF EXTERNAL BOARD MEMBERS

- a. Rule 57 of RICT's constitution, as adopted at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held earlier on 27/06/24, specified that RICT should have a Board of Directors comprising not less than six but not more than twelve persons. As there were currently nine elected RICT Board Members in place, RICT had complied with its constitution.
- b. Rule 65 of the RICT's constitution empowered RICT's Board of Directors to co-opt up to four external directors (selected by virtue of their specialist skills and experience considered to be of benefit to RICT) to RICT's Board in addition to the number of directors specified in the Rules, provided that at all times the total number of external directors and members co-opted under Rule 64 should be in the minority. As no members had been co-opted under Rule 64, up to four external directors could be co-opted by RICT's Board under Rule 65. The following co-options were made under Rule 65 until the conclusion of the next AGM:-
 - i. Chris Baldam, representing Lincoln & District Football Supporters' Club;
 - ii. Jonathan Battersby, representing the Club's Fan Advisory Board;
 - iii. GG, representing Lincoln City Former Players' Association;
 - iv. Lincoln City Foundation.

4 FAN-ELECTED CLUB DIRECTOR

The post remained vacant following the AGM held earlier on 27/06/24. The nominee who, on 24/06/24, had withdrawn his application for medical reasons had requested

that a statement should be read at the BM. As that statement disclosed sensitive personal data about his health, it fell within the “special category data” provisions of the UK General Data Protection Regulation. It could therefore not be disclosed in any way whatsoever outside RICT’s Board. All RICT Board Members were required to treat all the contents of the statement as strictly private and confidential, in accordance with RICT’s Board Membership and Conduct Policy. The contents of the statement were noted and the nominee would be wished well with his ongoing treatment and recovery to good health. **ACTION (1): RICT’s Nominations & Governance Working Group would meet on 03/07/24 to review the situation, following which it would be discussed at the next BM. ACTION (2): RB would meet the nominee on 05/07/24.**

5 TRAINING

Online training courses were available from the FSA. **ACTION: AP would circulate details to all RICT Board Members.** Training on the use of Zoom could also be arranged by SF.

6 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next BM would be held via Zoom at 7.00pm on Wednesday 10/07/24, unless the England team was participating in the UEFA Euro 2024 semi-final tie scheduled for 8.00pm that evening.

7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.23pm.