

RED IMPS COMMUNITY TRUST (RICT)

Notes of the Board Meeting (BM) held via Zoom at 8.09pm on Thursday 26th June 2025

1 PRESENT

- a. RICT Board Members present were Biff Bean – Community Engagement Team Leader; Rob Bradley (RB) - Fan Engagement Team Co-Leader (FETCL); Julian Buttery – Football Supporters' Association (FSA) Engagement Director; Emma Crellin - FETCL; Phil Scrafton - Fan-Elected Club Director (FECD); Mandi Slater (MS) – FECD (John O'Gaunts Club); Steve Tointon – Treasurer; and Chris Baldam, with Observers Jonathan Battersby (JB), Steve Freestone (SF), Claire Hunsley (CH) and Andy Porter (AP).
- b. Apologies for absence had been received from Observers Alice Carter, Gavin Gordon (GG), Martin Hickerton, Ian Hodgson (IH) and Kate O'Reilly.

2 APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY

SF was appointed as RICT's Company Secretary until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting (AGM). SF duly took the Chair.

3 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

- a. RB was elected as RICT's Chair until the conclusion of the next AGM. SF handed the Chair to RB.
- b. MS was elected as RICT's Vice-Chair until the conclusion of the next AGM.

4 APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

- a. IH was appointed as RICT's Membership Secretary until the conclusion of the next AGM.
- b. Tamyra Beeston and Tony Beeston were appointed jointly as RICT's Social Media Secretaries until the conclusion of the next AGM.
- c. AP was appointed as RICT's Minutes Recorder until the conclusion of the next AGM.

5 CO-OPTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

- a. Rule 57 of RICT's constitution 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 64 of RICT's constitution empowered RICT's Board, if the number of Directors dropped below twelve, to co-opt until the next AGM any RICT Members to fill the casual vacancies, provided that at no time should more than one-third of the RICT Board Members be co-opted members under Rule 64. As nine elected RICT Board Members were in place, three vacancies existed, which could be filled by co-option under Rule 64. CH was co-opted under Rule 64 until the next AGM, to fill one of those vacancies. Another of those vacancies was the Events, Fundraising & Commercial Co-ordinator post, which remained unfilled following the AGM held earlier on 26/06/25.
ACTION: The situation would be reviewed at the RICT BM on 13/08/25.
- c. 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 Rule 57, provided that at all times the total number of external directors and members co-opted under Rule 64 should be in the minority. As only one

member had been co-opted under Rule 64, up to four external directors could still be co-opted by RICT's Board under Rule 65. The following co-options were made under Rule 65 until the next AGM:-

- i. JB, representing the Club's Fan Advisory Board;
- ii. GG, representing Lincoln City Former Players' Association;
- iii. Lincoln City Foundation.

One further external director could therefore still be co-opted under Rule 65.

6 GOVERNANCE

- a. All necessary support would be provided for new RICT Board Members. **ACTION (1): SF would amend appropriately the list of users allowed access to RICT's WhatsApp Group. ACTION (2): AP would provide details of relevant training courses offered by the FSA and by The Football Association.**
- b. The pen-pictures for RICT Board Members on RICT's website required updating. **ACTION: SF and AP would liaise as necessary to make the necessary updates.**

7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next BM would be held via Zoom at 7.00pm on Wednesday 09/07/25. **ACTION: RICT Board Members' reports should be submitted to SF by 27/06/25, for circulation with an agenda on 02/07/25.**

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Visualisations were shared of the displays on the columns in the refurbished Centre Spot Tavern, including the plaque acknowledging the role played by RICT in their creation.
- b. As all other business was deferred until the next BM, the Meeting closed at 8.24pm.