



TELFORD UNITED SUPPORTERS LIMITED (AFC TELFORD UNITED SUPPORTERS' TRUST)



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 9TH DECEMBER 2006

1. PRESENT

Some ninety-five members were present.

2. CHAIRMAN

Mr Anthony Goodwin took the chair.

3. ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

The agenda had explained that, at the annual general meeting held on the 3rd December 2006, the Society (Trust) had amended its rules so as to establish a Board of a maximum of fifteen members, and at the same meeting had elected five members for three years and a second five for two years. During the course of the year, the Board had co-opted five members, whose term of office expired at this meeting. There were therefore five vacancies at this point.

Members completed ballot papers, which were then passed to representatives of Bromsgrove Rovers Supporters' Trust for counting.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The meeting was informed of a list of some thirteen members who had apologised for absence.

5. PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE SOCIETY'S (TRUST'S) RULES

The Secretary had circulated with the agenda papers a report explaining the Board's proposals for various changes to the Trust's rules.

RESOLVED that the following changes be approved:

2.1 Rule 25

Delete "officers of the Society" and substitute "members of the Society Board" to give the following rule:

The functions of the annual general meeting shall include.....(c) electing members of the Society Board.

2.3 Rule 45

After "casting vote" insert "except that, where the equality of voting occurs in the election of members of the Society Board, that matter shall be determined by the drawing of lots." To give the following rule:

On a show of hands every member present in person, and on a poll every member present in person or by proxy, is to have one vote. In the case of an equality of votes the Chair of the meeting is to have a second or casting vote, except that, where the equality of voting occurs

in the election of members of the Society Board, that matter shall be determined by the drawing of lots.

2.4 Rule 56

Delete the existing rule and substitute the following:

56.

(a) With effect from the Society's first annual general meeting, the Society Board is to have no fewer than 6 and not more than 15 members, all of whom shall, subject to rule 56(b), be elected by members of the Society at general meetings.

(b) The Society Board shall have power to co-opt, with full voting rights, members of the Society to fill vacancies that may become available on the Society Board, subject to the total number of members of the Society Board not exceeding the number permitted by rule 56(a)

(c) The Society Board shall have power to co-opt, without voting rights, members of the Society to help the Board for specific purposes.

(d) The Society Board shall have the duty of allocating liaison duties to its members, and in doing so shall consider the need to include liaison with the following in such allocation:

local authorities

the young

disabled supporters

local businesses

groups of supporters

employees of the Club

the Sports Council or any community scheme run in association with the Club

the Club's players, through a professional association or otherwise.

2.4 Rule 86

Delete "31 August" and insert "31st May" to give the following:

The Society Board will in respect of each year of account ending on the 31st May.....

2.6 Rule 113

Delete "12 Arleston Lane, Wellington, Telford, Shropshire, TF1 2LT" and insert "the New Buck's Head Stadium, Watling Street, Wellington, Telford, TF1 2TU" to give the following:

The Society's registered office is at the New Buck's Head Stadium, Watling Street, Wellington, Telford, TF1 2TU.

6. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the annual general meeting held on the 3rd December 2006 (copies of which had been circulated) be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

7. REPORT AND ACCOUNTS OF THE SOCIETY (TRUST)

The meeting received, in draft form, the accounts for 2005/6 and the balance sheet as at 31st May 2006. Members were informed that, because the audit of the Trust's subsidiary, AFC Telford United, had not been completed, the auditors had not been able to "sign off" the Trust's accounts.

The Chairman of the Trust gave a report that would be circulated with the accounts at a later date, and responded to a number of questions from members. He concluded by thanking members and the Board for their support during the year.

8. REPORT AND ACCOUNTS OF AFC TELFORD UNITED

The meeting received, in draft form, the accounts for 2005/6 and the balance sheet as at 31st May 2006. On behalf of the Football Club, Mr Lee Carter apologised for the fact that the accounts had not yet been cleared by the auditor, although clearance was expected in a matter of days. When the accounts had been signed off by the auditor, they would be circulated to all members. Mr Carter responded to a number of questions from members.

9. SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

Members were reminded that, at the annual general meeting on the 3rd December 2006, the Society (Trust) had agreed to sponsor a team at the School of Excellence, at a cost of £2,000 a year for three years. However, it had transpired that the sum was need for a central pool for setting up the school rather than for sponsoring a particular team.

RESOLVED that authority be given for the Trust's contribution to be put into the central pool.

10. TO APPOINT AUDITORS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2006/7

RESOLVED that a decision on this be deferred to a later general meeting.

11. TO APPOINT AUDITORS FOR ANY OTHER ASPECT OF THE PERFORMANCE OF THE SOCIETY (TRUST)

RESOLVED that a decision on this be deferred to a later general meeting.

12. DOCUMENTATION FOR ELECTIONS

The agenda had explained that the Board had taken the view that the Trust was an open, democratic organisation, and had therefore decided that the election documents should be sent out to all members, as had been the case in 2005. However, this created an expense in terms of printing and postage, and money that was spent in that way could not also be donated to the Football Club. With that in mind, the meeting was invited to consider approving an alternative way of providing members with the information. For example, when the first notification of an annual general meeting was sent to members they could be invited to apply for a nomination form, together with the other documents, to be sent to them by post. They could also be sent by email or posted on the website.

RESOLVED that these proposals be supported.

13. ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS – ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS

Members of Bromsgrove Supporters' Trust had counted the ballot papers, as a consequence of which the Secretary announced the following results:

Dewi Barlow 58 votes; Steven Bowyer 43 votes; Emma Dean 48 votes; Tony Edwards 59 votes; Jonathan Martin 61 votes; Alan Palin 36 votes; David Topping 58 votes, and Stephen Williams 44 votes.

As a result, Jonathan Martin, Tony Edwards, Dewi Barlow, David Topping and Emma Dean were elected to the Board.

14. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

RESOLVED that formal consideration of the report and accounts of (1) the Trust and (2) AFC Telford United, and the appointment of auditors, be deferred to an extraordinary general meeting.

Chairman

AGM minutes, 9th December 2006