

## Ravens Supporters Board Meeting – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023 - Boardroom Hayes Lane

### In Attendance - Board Members

Ian Pettyfer, Alex Robins, Sue Spencer, Christina Andrews, Nigel Beer, Mike Buckingham, Greg Jones, Paul Messenger, Ian Micklewright, Roy Oliver, Georgie Weaver

### Guest

Jeff Hutton, David Melliush and Micky Doyle.

### Apologies

Adrian Elms, Richard Simpson and Brandon Morse

### Absent

Luca Crisford and Dave Wilkinson

IP - Opened meeting, thanked everyone for attending.

IP – informed the board that IP, NB, MB and SS had met the previous week, mainly to discuss setting up a bank account for the board and transfer of the clubs 100 club+ money, also how we can improve communication, supporters board page to be updated regularly and to become more relevant.

Minutes from the last meeting approved.

SS – Due to this being the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting in a row that Luca Crisford has failed to attend she will be contacting him via email asking him to confirm his intentions to continue on the board and to inform him that failure to attend the next meeting will be taken as his resignation from the board.

Jeff Hutton Update.

### ST/Membership and Attendances

Average crowds last year 2585, this was below the target set of 3000 but up year on year, hope that with small improvements in all areas will increase the average this season to reach the 3000 target average gate.

Ravens bar had an average use of 62 supporters, this was above the target of 50.

This season ST/Membership sales up to 1<sup>st</sup> June are 2056 this includes 200 U11 complimentary tickets, 135 seats have been sold for the John Fiorini stand and 188 in the Glynn Beverly stand and 49 memberships for the Ravens Lounge.

ST/Memberships will start to be issues to fans on 26<sup>th</sup> June.

On the day ticket prices will be staying the same as last season.

### Coaches

Due to the increased numbers for the coaches for the Oldham and Chesterfield fixtures this bought the lose for coaches for the season down to around (-£2200).

There has been no decision regarding whether the club will continue to run coaches next season or whether it is decided to only run for particular fixtures.

### Stadium Development

Planning for East stand development has been granted and the club have applied for a FA grant, The club are waiting to hear regarding grant before works to start, works to be completed in a 2 part process replace the terrace then add a roof.

SGSA have raised issues regarding the safety of the north terrace and the club are awaiting their report.

The rear paddock area has now been sectioned off and work on the 2 new 4G pitches should start soon.

### Kit

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June New Kit release, stock due for sales 26<sup>th</sup> June.

### AOB

Open training session on 8<sup>th</sup> July

Fans forum/Meet the Management – date TBC.

IP welcomed David Melliush and Micky Doyle into the meeting.

DM – Explained that he and Micky run sporting memories and are mental health champions.

DM- Explained that he and the Ravens chat are looking to assist in running coaches, that after using the coaches for the play offs, he was concerned about the behaviour of some of our supporters, also that the older generation find the regulated running of the coaches unsatisfactory, that the limited stops doesn't necessarily suit the needs of the older supporter. He also felt there were security issues on the current coaches.

DM – Unfortunately the idea to resurrect a supporters club only attracted the interest of 37 supporters, therefore has decided that it would be better to direct his efforts towards OAP- Disabilities and Good Mental health path, and with this in mind is looking into the possibility of

purchasing a 2<sup>nd</sup> hand coach which could be developed for access for members with various disabilities, wheelchairs and purpose built toilets, individual safety seats etc. for around 20 people which could be used for away travel and community projects.

The ravens chat are looking for fundraising for the project and at present have raised £314.

JH – Thinks this is better directed at the community trust and will liaise with Matt Hall to arrange discussions between the Ravens Chat and The Community Trust.

IP – Suggest that as this is a long term project that perhaps the club could speak to Cannon cars in regards to subsidised taxis to assist bringing disabled supporters to home matches.

IP – Thanked DM and MD for their attendance and they left the meeting.

#### 100 club+ update

MB – Has been researching bank accounts for the supporters board, and has decided on a Barclays Business account which would give us easy access, online banking etc, This requires 2 signatures – MB will be one and CA has put herself forward as the 2<sup>nd</sup>. MB will look to open the account this week and will provide JH with the account details once done so that transfer of the outstanding funds can be completed. At present this is around £6500.

Ideas put forward as to what the 100 club funds can be used for-

1. Disability related- purchasing of club based wheelchairs, funding disabled carers, subsidised taxis for disabled supporters to attend home fixtures, development of disabled viewing area.
2. Information ambassador
3. Free child places for the underprivileged children on the soccer school courses
4. Free lunches for children attending the soccer school course
5. Nets for behind the goals
6. 100 club members supporters Plaque
7. Fund for supporters' flags.
8. Sponsorship of local schools/football clubs

AR – will be contacting 100 club+ members to allow them to vote on how the money could be spent.

GJ – Asked JH if the club could also provide extra small prizes such as signed footballs etc for the prize draw, JH will look into this.

### Match day Experience

CA – A block in the GB stand has been assigned to be used as a family section, this is the block nearest to Broomfields, work is in progress as to how tickets will become available for family's to book, extra stewards will be available to ensure any unwanted supporters are moved from the area if necessary.

Signage etc will need to be temporary as new family area is incorporated within the plans for the new east stand.

Plans are still on going regarding the possible use for a family room to the rear of Broomfields, further investigation into insurance, chaperones etc needs to take place.

### Her Game Too

IP – wants greater involvement with the women's teams and we will be inviting Andrea to the next meeting.

GW – will invite her and will act as a go between for the board and women's section.

### Club History

RO – This is going well, regular updates on the podcast etc

MB – suggested that RO reached out to local newspapers

### Food and beverage

Due to Simon Wakefield stepping down from the board Paul Messenger is going to join MB working on F&B along with continued work on Matchday Experience.

MB mentioned to JH the need for a concession stall in the far corner (GB stand/East terrace) JH confirmed the club are looking into this with Will.

### Aims and Objectives for the board

IP – Boards aims for the future is Equality for All

### AOB

MB – Brought to JH attention the unsatisfactory procedures regarding shirt sponsors at the end of season – Cancellation of presentation evening, failure for sponsor to get the shirt presented and meet players, having to just collect from club shop. JH will feed this back.

Next meeting Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August.

