

Supporters Board Meeting Minutes – 17th April 2020 – 13:30pm

Chair's Notes

We hope that all Imps supporters & your families are keeping well during these unprecedented times.

Our latest meeting held on Friday 17th April via video conferencing focused on the effects of Covid-19 on the football club & how we may be watching our team when it is safe for football to resume as detailed within the minutes below.

We are very fortunate at Lincoln City to have a club board who continue to value communicating transparently with their supporters so highly whilst busy implementing their business recovery plan aimed at getting our club through the pandemic in a reasonable shape.

Their decision following promotion to League One to adopt a more sustainable business model placing greater emphasis on developing & trading of young players should provide a solid platform for the club to overcome the challenges ahead.

The Supporters Board are extremely grateful to Liam & the club board for agreeing to continue meeting regularly with us during the current situation & as always we will keep all fans informed of ongoing developments via our minutes posted on the club's official website.

Following his resignation prior to the meeting we thank James Lawton for his contribution to the Supporters Board during the last eighteen months & welcome Marcus Burton who will join us having been chosen from the most recent pool of applicants.

Please stay safe & UTI

Tony Smith
Supporters Board Chair

Attendees

Andrew Helgesen, Tony Smith, Nick Procter, Liam Scully, Sam Kendall, Jackie Atkins, Gary Hutchinson, Roger Bates, Julian Burley, Jonathan Battersby, Jon Clack, Jane Chamberlain

Apologies

- Julian Burley, Dan Rawson

Pre-meeting

- Prior to the meeting James Lawton made contact with Tony Smith and Liam Scully and resigned from the board, effective immediately.

Safeguarding

- N/A

Health and Safety

- N/A

Equality and Diversity

- The Supporter's Board have agreed to adopt the same policies as the club within the Customer Charter for equality and diversity.

Covid 19 Update

- Liam Scully discussed the current situation which is a huge challenge for the club with the picture changing on a daily basis.

- The future of the football club is the number one priority with the wellbeing of staff and players also being vitally important.
- The club are in constant dialogue with the EFL on how to finish the season of which we believe must conclude no later than July 31st due to financial reasons. Anything beyond this may need consideration as to an alternative method of completing the season.
- The club still wish to complete this season on the pitch providing it is safe to do so, albeit noting the 31st July deadline.
- Revenue into the club is currently very low with some significant outgoings in general operating costs.
- The club are currently planning based on a worst-case scenario model, which does include games being played behind closed doors until January 2021.
- Under this scenario it is expected that supporters will be able to watch the remaining games via iFollow and/or live broadcasts.
- Should games be played behind closed doors, they could be played at a central venue which will significantly reduce medical provisions required and mitigate putting further stresses on the NHS.
- Games streamed on iFollow would likely be exchanged 'free' in a swap agreement for season tickets. Logistics of this are currently being investigated.

Recovery Process

- A business recovery plan has been put in place, the details of which will be shared at the next meeting.

AOB

- A replacement for James Lawton is required, with the last group of applicants to be approached in order of application to understand if they still wish to be considered to join the group. It is hoped the vacancy will be filled from this pool of applicants.

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- TBC

