



TRUSTEES REPORT OCTOBER 2019

Mike Coyne, Chair, welcomed Trustees to the meeting and accepted apologies from Paul Rickard and Mike Spinks (in attendance). The Chair welcomed Lancaster's, professional auditors, and Ian Laithwaite, Commercial Director, for their respective agenda items, which largely supplanted the standard agenda.

In considering the Association's financial position, Trustees:

- Approved the financial statements, as recommended by the professional auditors;
- Agreed the statement of going concern;
- Approved the recommendation to build in the capacity to take on line payments in the new IT system;
- Noted the cashflow, showing a better than expected cash position, due largely to the timing of payments;
- Agreed a mechanism to support player sponsorship in the international programme.

In considering the Association's regulatory, policy and statutory framework, Trustees:

- Approved the updated complaints procedure.

In considering the Association's staffing, Trustees:

- Were pleased that safeguarding requirements for the international managers were significantly ahead of schedule in terms of compliance.

In considering the Association's sponsorship and partnership arrangements, Trustees:

- Reviewed the situation with one new partner to determine the future of the sponsorship arrangement;
- Received an update from the Commercial Director on new and emerging partnerships.

In considering the Association's progress against its business plan, Trustees:

- Received a report on progress towards the completion of Association restructures;
- Further debated the "Player Passport" model with a view to determining whether further IT investment was necessary.

In considering the Association's governance arrangements, Trustees:

- Approved the final arrangements for the AGM, subject to minor amendments.

Finally, Trustees reviewed all decisions taken during the meeting from a safeguarding and equality and diversity perspective to double-check that appropriate consideration had been given in each case.