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2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 4 July 2016

7.00 pm, Club Bar, Dulwich Hamlet Football Club, London SE22 8BD

Existing Board Members:

Jack Bagnall – elected (2014), **Alex Crane** – elected (2015) **Andy Greig** – elected (2015), **Duncan Hart** (Chair) – elected (2014), **Mel Hughes** – elected (2015), **James Masini** – elected (2014), **Darren McCreery** – elected (2014), **Isaac Parnell** (Treasurer) – elected (2015), **Matt Purser** – co-opted (2015), **Dave Rogers** – elected (2015), **Fiona Scurlock** – elected (2015), **Jack Spearman** – elected (2014).

Mark Panton (Secretary) – appointed.

MINUTES

1. APOLOGIES - None

2. MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING – 30 June 2015 – copies were available at the AGM. No additional comments were received. Chair to sign as an agreed record of the meeting.

3. CHAIR'S REPORT – see separate slide presentation, which covered issues on Trust objectives, ground development, supporter-ownership, volunteer hours, vision & governance, a growing supporter's Trust, strong links to the community. Duncan Hart thanked everybody for their contribution to a successful year. Duncan took questions from the floor on a number of issues, see separate Q & A document.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT - Isaac Parnell presented a summary of the Trust's finances, including contributions to the football club and other organisations in the last year. He also outlined the current position with the 100 Club.

5. SECRETARY'S REPORT - Mark Panton reported on the current membership position and the new membership renewal process. He also thanked all Board members for their support during the 5 years of his role as Secretary and confirmed Darren McCreery as the new Secretary.

6. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS - The Chair opened the meeting out to questions from the floor.

Q1 Planning issue. Has everything been done and roughly when will it be heard?

James Masini said it was difficult to confirm exact date for hearing, but the Trust is willing to use whatever influence it has at the relevant time.

Q2 Memorandum of Understanding and discussions on the contingency plan. And any moratorium on improvements to the existing ground?

James Masini said that the understandable priority of HPG was to get planning approval on their proposal. Any refusal of planning application may just be the start of a longer process. This may then then prompt further discussions.

There is an acknowledgement and willingness to commit to keeping things ticking over in the current ground. This includes improvements as evidenced by the financial commitment of the owners to the new mega-container.

Q3 Offered congratulations to the Board for what done over the last year, including the new mega container and a growing trust that is due to a well-run board. However, the questioner, as a fan and member of the local community doesn't support development. He expressed concerned about viability of the Club. Club should be much more than viable, but there has been an increase in the club's debt, HPG's finances and governance.

Duncan Hart acknowledged the important role for the Trust is to ensure the Club is playing in East Dulwich and also the viability of the Club, which involved working closely with HPG to understand the finances of the Club. Also said that the Football Club is an important part of the local community that is working increasingly in that role, supported by the Trust.

Q4 Can you understand how there is a debt of over £400, 000?

Matt Purser said that a lot of this is historical debt and the club has been stabilised since HPG took over. If the development plan is approved there is a commitment by HPG to make the Club sustainable.

Q5 Is there any more work to be done over the transition to a fan-owned club?

Some progress has been made over the last 18 months, but some of the work with the new Board is about how we take this forward. It is essential to get this right at the start and it will be prioritised in the coming year.

Q6 Board and supporters need to consider if there is a Plan B and expressed hope this would be taken seriously.

Duncan Hart said that the Trust is aware of the fact that members expressed strong support for the proposed development in the Trust's poll. The Trust is also alive to the club's financial situation.

Another supporter expressed the view that everybody should be pushing for Plan A and it is the only way to secure long-term solution for the club. Need to use public energy to support the development.

Q7 Has anybody spoken with Sainsbury's about their vies on the development?

It was acknowledged this is something that the Trust may need to pick-up on.

7. RESOLUTIONS – none received or raised from the floor.

8. ELECTION OF NEW BOARD – RESULTS - In accordance with the election procedures laid out in the DHST board membership policy and constitution the following Trust members were elected after the election to serve DHST for a period of three years:

Alex Atack, Alex De Jongh, Walter Johnson, Matt Purser, Mark Scoltock and Peter Wright.

Together with existing members not up for re-election (Al Crane, Andy Greig, Duncan Hart, Mel Hughes, Isaac Parnell and Dave Rogers), they will form the new DHST Board, which is due to meet on 13 July for the first time.