

Minutes of meeting of Supporters' Board, March 12, 2022

Present: James Errington, Martin O'Hara, Derek Daniels, Paul Mayfield, Mellony Shepherd, Gill Shepherd, Len South, Matty Davis, Lizzie Robinson.

Club representatives: Gavin Baldwin, Shaun Lockwood, Liam Hoden

Apologies: Dan Pearson, Lee Rourke

Absent: Patrick Queen

- It was explained that the meeting would have one agenda item - electing a chair from the existing members of the Supporters Board, that would carry through to the migration into the Shadow Board, as per the recommendations of the fan-led review.
- The Supporters Board was introduced to the new Club Doncaster media manager Liam Hoden and it was explained that there would be an increase in the reporting of the work of the Supporters Board/Shadow Board to the wider fanbase.
- The voting process was explained, with the two candidates (who had previously put themselves forward for election) provided the opportunity to speak to the Supporters Board and present their case for election. Voting would be carried out by members of the Supporters Board only, with representatives of the club present (Gavin Baldwin, Shaun Lockwood, Liam Hoden) playing no part.
- Candidates Derek Daniels and James Errington both spoke and presented their case for election as well as sharing prepared written material.
- A question from Len South regarding the length of term for the new chair position. It was confirmed it would be a three-year term. The sitting chair would have the opportunity to apply for re-election at the end of the term.
- The two candidates were then asked questions by the other members of the Board prior to voting.

Questions included:

- Have you read the fan-led review? (As a response, Shaun Lockwood read out the specific section of the review which suggested how a Shadow Board should be operated)
- How do you define 'what is best for DRFC'?
- How are you going to unify the fanbase?
- How are you going to listen to the wider fanbase?
- Do you have the strength of character to chair meetings?
- Will you be able to manage conflict within the Board and/or the wider fanbase?
- Would you be willing to work together with the candidate not elected?
- The vote was held, with Board members filling in a secret ballot. Those members who had given apologies had provided their votes beforehand.

- Due to Board member Patrick Queen not being present and not providing apologies, and the one vote margin of the result, it was decided Shaun Lockwood would speak with Patrick as soon as possible regarding his vote.
- Following this action it was confirmed that Derek Daniels had been elected Chair of the new Shadow Board by his fellow supporters

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1. Shaun Lockwood discussed meeting with a representative of the Football Supporters Association (FSA), alongside members of the Safety Team and a Supporters Board member regarding concerns over fan behaviour this season.
 - It was explained that concerns over behaviour had led to the implementation of all-ticket policies for away matches
 - Discussions were held over measures by which issues could be avoided at home matches. One suggestion involved holding dialogue/meetings with supporters aged 15-24.
 - In regards to targeted abuse on social media, there was a suggestion from the FSA representative that an avenue of potential legal injunctions that could be issued or extensions to banning orders.
 - The situation will continue to be monitored.
2. There was a presentation from Matty Davis on a proposed section banner to be placed in the South Stand for big matches. This would be a Rovers For All initiative rather than the Black Bank. The section banner would be made up of a mosaic of supporter photos, making up a larger image reading Rovers Til I Die. The sizing of the banner would be one of four options between 49x7m to 70x9, and range in price from £1,661 to £3,071. The proposal for funding the banner would be selling space for supporter photos at a cost of between £4 to £5.15. The Board offered their support for the initiative

The date of the next meeting was set at March 26, 2022