

## **Minutes of the Tuffley Rovers AFC 2025 Annual General Meeting**

**Held in the 1929 Suite at Glevum Park on Saturday, 28 June 2025 at 12:30pm**

### **Attendance:**

Dan Boon (DBo), Neil Spiller (NS), Sonia Spiller, Ken Blackburn (KB), Dean Brooks, Will Cronshaw (WC), Terry Young (TY), Pete Gardiner, Paul Smith, Graham Moody (GM).

Dan Boon (DBo) opened the meeting at 1235hrs and welcomed all members in attendance.

### **Apologies:**

Apologies had been received from Adrian Viner, Keith Wallington, Leah Whiffen, Joe Cole and Coke Craddock.

### **Minutes of 2024 Annual General Meeting:**

Neil Spiller (NS) confirmed that hard-copies of the minutes were available for those present. Unfortunately, he had been unable to publish the minutes and other papers due to an issue with the website.

WC proposed acceptance of the minutes and KB seconded. All in attendance confirmed acceptance of the minutes.

There were no matters arising.

### **Officers' reports:**

#### ***Executive Chair's report:***

DBo confirmed that as the post of Executive Chair remained vacant, so there was no Executive Chair report.

#### ***Football Chair report:***

DBo offered his thanks to the Executive Committee, Football Committee, players, managers, coaches and sponsors over the past 12 months. He felt that most teams had a good season but the club had made the difficult decision to fold the Development, largely associated with a sporadic fixture schedule when the squad was struggling for player numbers.

DBo confirmed that the Thirds' management team had stood down at the end of the season but all other teams were confirmed for the 2025/26 season and managers confirmed, including the appointment of Antoine Thompson and Spike Devlin to run the Reserves' squad.

KB had identified a Ladies' team manager, who should be formally appointed shortly. He recorded thanks to those who had supported the team through a difficult season.

DBo confirmed that the club had some new sponsors this year but it was clear times are harder and it was difficult to attract new sponsors. Some of the existing partners had renewed their deals, which was welcomed. WC complimented DBo on his work in securing number of sponsorship deals.

DBo then offered an update on the build at the social club, with the 1929 Suite now in good use, with the first event having been held on 5 October 2024. DBo remarked that there had been lots of positive comments from those attending events. The Executive Committee were now looking to render the front of the club.

There had also been work at Glevum Park, with DBO confirming Wales & West had installed new gates and fencing.

### ***Head of Football Development report***

KB felt that DBo had covered most issues but he commented his view that coaches appointed had started to work well together and that boded well for the season ahead.

Looking forward, KB commented that the pre-season fixture against Gloucester City the next week would be a good event. He hoped it might be good for the club, in terms of connections to Gloucester City. WC commented that there was now a really positive relationship with Gloucester City and if that could be sustained there would be opportunities for player development in the future.

### ***Football Secretary report:***

NS offered this thanks to all involved in supporting the running of the club. He briefly summarised recent or planned AGMs for the various competitions the club competed in (Hellenic League, Ladies, Vets and U18s) and confirmed that the FA Cup, FA Youth Cup and FA Vase draws were due to take place shortly.

In addition, NS commented on a very successful Presentation Evening in May and thanked everyone for their support with the event.

NS confirmed that he would be looking to reduce his commitments to the club over the next 12 months and hoped other volunteers would come forward in support of this,

### ***Treasurer's report and adoption of club accounts***

In the absence of a formally elected Treasurer, DBo and NS provided an update in relation to the club finances, which had been reviewed by an independent accountant.

In presenting accounts they summarised some aspects:

- Accounts finalised on Thursday – short turnaround from end of year

- They drew attention to the Brewery loan of £25k which was paid off through purchases from Molson Coors
- There was a hire purchase arrangements with Kennett, which related to the furniture in the 1929 Suite and would be paid off in September 2026

NS drew attention to the way in which football income was recorded and DBo then confirmed that additional charges had been introduced for non-members at both sites.

In closing, NS confirmed that some savings had been achieved through the renegotiation of utility bill contracts and this had proved positive in the current financial environment.

DBo invited questions about the accounts. GM and TY proposed and seconded.

### **Election of life members:**

NS set out the process for nominations and confirmed none had been received.

### **Election of officers and football committee:**

NS set out that as there were no roles against which there was more than one nominee (save for where there was more than one role) and recommended that all candidates were elected en block for both the Football Committee and Executive Committee roles.

WC proposed that NS' suggestion was supported; TY seconded the proposal. Officers were elected, as follows:

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| Executive Chairman           | : | (remains vacant) |
| Football Chairman            | : | Dan Boon         |
| Football Vice-Chair          | : | Dean Brooks      |
| Treasurer                    | : | (becomes vacant) |
| Assistant Treasurer          | : | Sonia Spiller    |
| Head of Football Development | : | Ken Blackburn    |
| Football Secretary           | : | Neil Spiller     |
| Assistant Football Secretary | : | Will Cronshaw    |
| Football Welfare Officer     | : | Leah Whiffen     |
| Commercial Manager           | : | (remains vacant) |
| Committee volunteers         | : | Keith Wallington |

There were no nominations for the roles of General Secretary, Treasurer, Commercial Manager or Players' Representative, so vacancies would be carried. NS confirmed that the Executive Committee would have the power to appoint to the roles if a suitable candidate came forward after the AGM.

DBO proposed taking issue to next Coaches Meeting, which was agreed.

### **Amendment to Club Constitution:**

NS confirmed that there had been no proposed amendments to the constitution.

### **Membership Fees 2025/26:**

DBo confirmed the Football Committee proposal for revised fees for 2025/26, as follows:

- New player registrations would be £25, including membership of the social club.
- £8 match-day subs, with the discretion for team managers to apply a reduction to £5 where the was limited playing time.
- U18s would be required to pay fees, as set out, for participation in Saturday football.
- Reserves and U18s Floodlit fixtures exempt from match-day subs, but arrangements would be made to charge admission on the turnstiles for U18s fixtures.

This proposal was agreed by all present.

### **Any other business:**

NS confirmed that no proposed business had been sent to him in advance of the meeting.

WC addressed the meeting and commented positively on the position the club was currently in, maintaining multiple teams and with moderate success.

DBo took the opportunity to update those present following a recent meeting with the brewery representative, where it had been revealed that Tuffley Rovers AFC was their 4<sup>th</sup> biggest customer (of 40) in Gloucester

There being no further business, the meeting closed 1321hrs.