

**Minutes of the Weymouth FC Supporters Society Limited
(Terras Trust)**

Annual General Meeting

Held on Friday 26th June 2009 at the Wessex Stadium.

Meeting Started 7.30 pm
Meeting Closed 8.10 pm

1. **There were 20 members present** including the following Board Members:

John West	Acting Chairperson	
Colin Huckle	Secretary	Co-opted
Steve Walkinshaw	Treasurer	Co-opted
Tony Baylis	Membership Secretary	Co-opted
Connor Kinsella	Communication and Trust Board Nominee To Weymouth FC	
Richard McGowan	Web Master	
Mark Golsby	Vice Chairperson	
Nathan Wood	Minute Secretary	Co-opted

2. **Apologies for absence** were received from 27 members including Board Member Matt Barton – Fundraising, 24 of whom appointed John West (Chairperson) as their proxy.
3. **Introduction.** John West welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Board Members.
4. **Minutes.** The Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting and Inaugural Election held on 6th June 2008 were outlined by John West and accepted as a true record.
5. **Acting Chairperson's report.** John West stated that he had taken over this position in February. He thanked fellow Board Members for their hard work during the year. He specially thanked Caroline Kinsella, Anthony Sams, Robin Nichols, Shaun Hennessey and Matt Pitman, all of who had stood down during the year. The past year had been difficult particularly following various issues at Weymouth FC. A new Board has now taken over but the club's position is very precarious. The Trust had taken the decision to back the New Board and had purchased £5000 worth of Shares. Mark Goldsby had been the Trust's first appointed Trust Representative to the Club's Board and recently Connor Kinsella had replaced him. John thanked them both for undertaking this very difficult and time demanding role. The Trust had prepared and published a Business Plan, several sections of which are now being developed, including a Membership Strategy. Communications are improving. The Web Site contains a good deal of information, including Trust Board Minutes. A Race Night and an Evening with Steve Perryman are being arranged as fund raising events. The Trust wants to achieve maximum transparency from the Football Club. We wish the Club's new management team every success and we feel that there are grounds for optimism for the

coming season. The Trust wants to have a positive influence on the Club's development

6. **Membership Report.** Tony Baylis reported that a Computerised Data Base was being used. Currently there are 161 members. This down slightly and we are trying to establish why some have not re-joined. However, more families are joining. July will be our second anniversary and we shall be sending out over 100 renewal reminder letters. Members are encouraged to pay by standing orders. Members with Email are encouraged to let us have their email address, as it is very convenient to communicate by email. Membership fees will remain the same.
7. **Treasurer's Report.** Steve Walkinshaw presented the account for the period ending 30th September 2008. Income was £8916, expenditure £3123 leaving a closing balance of £5793. The accounts have not yet been audited because the cost of a full audit as required by the rules is in the region of £2000 that is thought to be excessive compared to our turnover. We are looking into reducing this cost. We need to amend our rules and agree to appoint an Independent Examiner in future. Once audited, the accounts will be placed on our Web Site. The un-audited accounts were accepted.
8. **Rule Change in Respect of Audit Requirements.** The resolution having been circulated to all members and attached to these minutes as Appendix 1 was discussed. It was proposed by Steve Walkinshaw and seconded by Ian Gardner that the resolution be approved.
This was agreed. 42 For
 1 against
 1 abstention
9. **To Approve Appointment of Independent Examiner.** The resolution having been circulated to all members and attached these minutes as Appendix 2 was discussed. It was proposed by Steve Walkinshaw and seconded by Caroline Kinsella that the resolution be approved.
This was agreed. 43 For
 1 against
10. **Report From Trust Director to Weymouth FC Board.** Connor Kinsella reported that he had been appointed to Weymouth FC Board as the Trust's Representative in March. He explained his role; that he plays an active part but he has to be objective as he considers that he is the eyes and ears of the supporters. The New Board has been fire fighting and has been faced with many problems, mainly financial. Debt repayments have been negotiated to help with cash flow problems. There is now a Director's Blog on the Club's Website. The Football Club Board are keen to keep fans informed and hope soon to be able to add a representative from the Supporters Club to their number. The long-term aim is for the Trust to take over the running of the Club.
11. **Election Results.** Colin Huckle explained the conduct of the election. Three Trust Board places were available but only one candidate had been nominated. It was therefore for this meeting to approve that nomination. Nathan Wood abstained from voting and his nomination was approved by 43 votes to none against. John West welcomed Nathan Wood as an elected member of the Board.
12. **There being no other business** the meeting closed at 8.10 pm.