

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surveying Evertonians for their thoughts about the European Super League and New Deal for Football. 	
2	<p>Minutes of the last meeting</p> <p>A vote was held to accept the minutes of the meeting on 23 June 2023 as accurate. Proposed by RH, seconded by KS and voted as accepted.</p>	
3	<p>Declaration of AOB</p> <p>JB declared one item.</p>	
4	<p>Matters arising from minutes of the last meeting</p> <p><u>EFC Mobile App (not including Everton Women players within 'Favourite Player' section):</u> JM reminded the FAB that the intent was for this feature to be available for the 2023/24 season; there was no further update. Ongoing.</p> <p><u>Away Travel to Everton Women's Matches:</u> JM reminded all attendees that EFC had agreed to trial away travel for one match and that the original proposal was for Manchester City (Away) during the 2022/23 season. JM had declined this due to the proximity of Manchester to Liverpool. Discussions with the Club had then focussed on the first away fixture of the 2023/24 season. JM to pick up the conversation with EFC, following the release of the 2023/24 season fixtures on 18 Jul 23. Ongoing</p> <p><u>FAB Attendance at the Football Supporters' Association (FSA) AGM:</u> JB attended the AGM of the FSA and will report in item 5. Closed.</p> <p><u>Timeframe for Responses from the Club to FAB Communications:</u> JB stated that EFC requested specific details of communications that have not been responded to, which he was unaware of. He asked that anybody sending an e-mail to the Club copies in the FAB Chair and/or Vice-chair, so that responses could be hastened as appropriate. JB reminded members that they may e-mail the Club in-between meetings, in line with the FAB's objectives; and he will provide the appropriate contact details if required. Closed.</p> <p><u>Sustainability:</u> All FAB members have had the opportunity to join the EFF's Sustainability project group. Closed.</p> <p><u>End of Season Police Meeting:</u> The original meeting, set for 27 June was postponed until 14 July. DK attended the reconvened meeting and will report in item 7. Closed.</p> <p><u>Provision of a Meeting Space for Disabled Fans at Bramley-Moore Dock (BMD):</u> JC confirmed that she had raised this with EDSA. KD said the matter was due to be raised by EDSA at their next meeting with the Club. Closed.</p> <p><u>Deputy FAB representatives for Reserved Groups:</u> All groups have now nominated their deputy representatives and will report in item 6. Closed.</p> <p><u>FAB Operating Budget:</u> JC confirmed she had sent the proposal, amended and agreed by the FAB, to the Club on 30 June. Closed.</p>	<p>JM</p> <p>JM</p>

5	<p>Chair's Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JB reported that he had attended the European Football Fans' Congress, held in Manchester on 24 Jul. This consisted of the Football Supporters Europe Biennial General Meeting, an address from Stuart Andrew MP (Sports Minister) and the FSA AGM. On behalf of the FAB, JB had raised a motion, supported by Brighton and Hove Albion's FAB, to recommend FABs have the same level of access that is provided to affiliate member organisations. This would enable FABs to represent FSA Networks on their National Council and also enable 5 votes at FSA AGMs. The motion was not voted on, but the FSA confirmed this is priority work for them. • JB also reported that the FAB had been invited to attend Liverpool City Council Ground Safety Advisory Group meetings; the organisation that issues the safety certificate for Goodison Park and Anfield. He had spoken to DK, who agreed that this should fall within the Vice-Chair roles. This is to be reflected within the FAB's constitution. • JB thanked all of those who had assisted in the Recruitment Subcommittee for their endeavours during the recent recruitment process; as well as independent Evertonians Ellen Louden and Frank McKenna who had aided during shortlisting. 	JB
6	<p>Reserved group updates</p> <p>EDSA: KD reported that EDSA's last meeting had been postponed, due to the unavailability of their meeting room at Goodison Park. It will now take place next Wednesday 26 July and a report will follow at the next FAB meeting. He reported that Amy Wilson had been nominated to deputise for him on the FAB.</p> <p>EFF: CH reported that he was attending for Andy Vernon (AV) the appointed EFF rep on the FAB, as the nominated deputy. He reported that during the last EFF meeting, they had discussed the season ticket waiting lists, with concerns from many fans about not having been allocated a season ticket, after waiting on the list for a substantial amount of time. Other issues included the new ticketing platform, which does not currently allow a 'view' from seats, but the EFF have been told this will be resolved before the new season. There was discussion on relatively small allocations of away tickets for 2023/24 Premier League matches and ensuring a fair process was in place to facilitate ticket allocations. The EFF has discussed the issue about whether or not the Club should move into BMD on completion, which is likely to be mid-season, or to wait until the season's end and move in at the start of the following season. Leads on projects for the upcoming season (of which there are six) have been agreed and details have been posted on Twitter. The EFF was also undergoing their annual recruitment and the application window will close on Friday 21 July at 10am. Concerns were raised over supply of the new kits i.e. baby/infant kits not being available at the launch, but the Club had taken the decision not to delay the launch, due to the risk of revenue loss. Baby kits are now available. CH confirmed that the EFF had noted EHS's concern about a replacement to St Luke's, near BMD and had also raised this with EFC.</p> <p>EHS: RG thanked the EFF for their support, stating that St Lukes gets up to 500 visitors at every home game. He said that there needs to be more awareness of the EHS and St Lukes, as fans who do not travel from that direction may not be aware of it. He asked for FAB members to make their communities aware. He confirmed that Paul McPartlan had been nominated to deputise for him on the FAB.</p> <p>SCC: KS reported disappointment that official memberships were unavailable until shortly prior to pre-season tickets going on sale. The SCC has also requested the Club to have bi-monthly meetings, instead of the current four per season. There are currently around 30 supporters' clubs awaiting affiliation with Everton and it is unclear why there is a delay in</p>	All

	<p>processing applications. He confirmed that Tony Sandle had been nominated to deputise for him on the FAB.</p> <p>EWSC: JM reported that there had only been one (single-issue) meeting since the EWSC's last meeting and that was to nominate a representative on the FAB. She had been voted back in and the deputy will continue to be Peter MacFarlane.</p> <p>ISCN: TS said that there had been no formal meeting of the ISCN so far, but that he had held informal discussions with other leads in global regions to agree targets for improving the structure and communications routes between international supporters and FAB - to ensure the voice of overseas supporters is shared with the Club. He will be working with Justin Bradstreet (EFC Supporters' Club Australia), who has been nominated to deputise for him on the FAB and others to improve the current set-up, including hosting online meetings with a view to building on trust and connections. The ISCN will also expect to hear from the Club on their international strategy, where he believes there is a role for the FAB to drive forward such a strategy. RG asked how the ISCN formulates its meetings. TS said that his previous experience was with the USA groups and that he would use that experience, with Justin and others, to agree meetings with the regional leads to feed in and send reports to the FAB.</p> <p>FSA: PM reported that he now has access to the FSA Premier League network group and can take part in discussions on a national level. The next FSA Premier League network meeting is on 7 August and he will be attending; supported by JB as the FSA deputy.</p>	
7	<p>Elected member updates</p> <p>DK Reported that he had attended the police meeting on 14 July and was given a breakdown of figures for fan behaviour. The police's report was broadly complimentary of fans' behaviour, but there were concerns about the use of pyrotechnics. It is a criminal offence to let off pyrotechnics in and around football grounds and the police intend to take action for future infringements. The police have confirmed that they are happy to meet with fan groups on a regular basis in an effort to reduce arrests and banning orders. Overall, it was agreed that behaviour needs to improve and that police need to review walk-ups to grounds. DK said that he is still concerned that there had been no meeting between the Club and the Shareholders' Association, after almost a year and this is particularly unacceptable, as the Club are content to meet with other supporter groups on a regular basis. He asked that the minutes also reflect the FAB's collective thanks to former members, Tony Whittaker and Helge Gunnervag.</p> <p>JC Said that she was happy to have been re-elected onto the FAB and took the opportunity to thank any members who had supported her. She confirmed that since the last meeting she had made agreed amendments to the FAB budget proposal and has forwarded them to the Club. She expects the proposal to be on the agenda for the FAB/Club meeting in August. She said that she had ordered a Club shirt in the new kit design but was surprised that all designs were not available in all sizes, including children's sizes (without the gambling sponsor's name on) when she ordered.</p> <p>PR Said he was concerned that the kit launch had been very late and slow and this must have resulted in some lost revenue for the Club.</p> <p>This led to a short discussion on the kit. PM said that he would prefer to buy a shirt without a gambling sponsor on it and that it was a pity there were none available for adults. KS said that some people object to gambling sponsorship on religious grounds and those people should be provided for. RG said that other Clubs find solutions and alternatives to gambling sponsors' names on shirts. KS said other clubs sell kits without sponsors' names on and Everton should be able to do the same. CH said that the EFF had</p>	

	brought up the subject of the shirt sponsor with the Club and reminded the FAB that the former CEO had given an undertaking not to sign a sponsorship deal with a gambling company again, after SportPesa.	
8	<p>Subcommittee Updates</p> <p>JB confirmed that no subcommittees have yet been formed for this season and asked those who would like to be included in the groups which were in place last season (Communications and Women’s Game) to express their interest before the next meeting, so that communication channels can be set up. He also reminded the FAB that any member can propose a subcommittee, but it is to be seconded and then passed through a vote.</p>	All
9	<p>Election of Officers</p> <p>JB asked for a FAB member who was not standing for election in one of the three officer positions to oversee this item. PM oversaw the votes and the following votes took place:</p> <p>Chair: KS proposed JB as Chair and JB accepted the nomination. He was duly voted in unanimously.</p> <p>Vice-chair: JB nominated DK as Vice-chair and DK accepted the nomination. He was duly voted in unanimously.</p> <p>Secretary: JB nominated JC as Secretary and JC accepted the nomination. She was duly voted in unanimously.</p>	
10	<p>FAB Policies</p> <p>JB reminded the FAB that three policies need to be approved and he had emailed these to members in advance.</p> <p>The Code of Conduct and Complaints Policy had received no comments and were passed as approved.</p> <p>JB asked for agreement on some necessary changes to the Constitution, in line with the new make-up of the FAB: Clause 3.1 needs to be changed to 11 members from 10 Clause 3.2 needs to be changed to 7 reserved groups, from 6 Clause 3.3 needs to be changed to reflect two FAB positions which had a 1-year tenure now have a 3-year tenure. Clause 4.4 needs to include an additional duty for the Vice-chair to attend Ground Safety Advisory Group meetings.</p> <p>On the issue of extraordinary meetings with the Club, JB asked that Clause 6.7 be changed from “...process for initiating these meetings”, to “...process for requesting these meetings”.</p> <p>JC requested that the document reflects the agreement the Club made, at the FAB’s first meeting in July 2022, to the concept of extraordinary meetings being called in exceptional circumstances, such as (for example) issues surrounding the new stadium which might adversely impact fans.</p> <p>DK requested that the Constitution includes a statement about what the FAB response should be to Directors not attending FAB/Club meetings. He also asked whether the Club’s fan engagement standards could be circulated.</p>	

	Further work on the Constitution will continue following the meeting.	All
11	<p>Agenda for upcoming FAB/Club meeting</p> <p>JB reminded the FAB of the timeframe for agreeing agenda items with EFC for their joint meeting scheduled for 9 Aug 23. A discussion ensued about potential agenda items and which FAB Objective they fall within.</p> <p>The proposed agenda items will be firmed up by the FAB following the meeting and presented to EFC in advance of directed timelines.</p>	All
12	<p>AOB</p> <p>JB reminded the FAB that new members and deputies need to sign the confidentiality agreement, prior to meeting with EFC.</p>	All
10	<p>Date/location of next meeting</p> <p>The next virtual FAB-only meeting was agreed to be 8 Aug 23 at 6pm.</p> <p>JB informed the FAB of the provisional dates for joint meetings with EFC. Currently, the only confirmed meeting is scheduled for 9 Aug 23 at 5pm. JB will request that future meetings take place from 6pm to facilitate those working 'routine' UK business hours.</p>	JB