

	<p>JB reminded those who have still not provided details to do so as soon as possible, so that the website could be updated. Closed.</p> <p><u>Use of St Luke's, on closure of matchday café:</u> There had been some discussion about the use of the ground floor, now that the Club has closed the café. Suggestions included EHS using that floor for some of their activities, for fans who had limited mobility and could not get to the upstairs room currently used. RG said he is discussing sharing the space with 'Homebaked' community catering and will be speaking to the Club. DK said the Club had no problem with the idea, in principle. JC asked whether some of the space could still be used for FAB drop-ins, where fans could meet FAB members on an ad-hoc basis. RG believes this might still be possible. Ongoing.</p> <p><u>Ground Safety Advisory Group (GSAG) Meeting:</u> DK attended the last meeting and reported that the ground's safety certificate had been issued. Closed.</p>	RG/DK
5	<p>Chair's Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Club's Fan Engagement Standard (FES) has been released, in accordance with the timeframe set out by the PL. All PL clubs should have published theirs by now (with the exception of newly-promoted clubs, who have been given a little more time), but only 12 clubs have so far published theirs. • The FAB has made representation for there to be a FAB presence at the Club's Board meetings and these discussions are ongoing. So far, only one PL Club appears to have put the practice into place. One PL club has also committed to provide full minutes to their FAB members. TS said this should be a minimum requirement. PM said it was disappointing that the Club had only released the FES to the FAB on the day of publication, when we had expected to have prior sight of a draft. • JB announced that he was to step down from his position as FAB Chair. He told the group that he had given the matter a great deal of consideration and that the workload associated with the role is now impacting his family and work commitments. He has, therefore, made the decision to prioritise those two things. He thanked his colleagues on the FAB and said how much he had enjoyed the work he had been involved in for the past year, as well as his previous work with the Fans' Forum. He confirmed that it was his intention to formally resign the following day, after completing some ongoing tasks. Members of the FAB thanked JB for his work and commitment to the formation of the FAB and representation on their behalf since 2022. Having informed the FAB, he said he would inform the Club the following day. 	
6	<p>Reserved group updates</p> <p>EDSA: KD reported that the group are currently reviewing existing parking permit arrangements, for members who can no longer attend, in order to re-allocate those permits.</p> <p>EFF: AV reported that there had been a meeting last week, where the issue of the Club's ticket resale platform was raised, as well as new season ticket pricing, prior to the move to Bramley-Moore Dock (BMD) and have urged the Club not to raise prices higher than the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The lack of new kits available for children at the Everton Store was noted and the Club was asked to bring out new kits in time for the school holidays. EFF will hold a meeting with Nick Humphreys, Merchandise Lead at the Club, next week, to discuss the undercutting of official merchandise in some shops, compared with the Everton shop. The EFF registered their appreciation of the Club's response to the sad death of Michael Jones at the BMD construction site. Members of the FAB asked that the EFF take back questions about the availability and</p>	

	<p>sponsorship of merchandise. The matter of the upcoming game with Arsenal, and it's change of date for the second time was discussed; particularly by those fans who had sold, or passed on their ticket, but were now able to attend. The EFF are still in discussion with the Club about fixture changes.</p> <p>SCC: KS informed the FAB that the SCC has its first meeting of the season with the Club coming up and will be discussing the upcoming fans' survey and the need to encourage fans to engage with the survey. Also up for discussion will be entrance prices for BMD and the intended new "All" bar and experience packages. The SCC currently only meets with the Club quarterly but would like to increase the frequency. The SCC also brought up the matter of the re-arranged Arsenal fixture, which supporters are very unhappy about.</p> <p>EWSC: JM reported that the ongoing issue with members having to join other clubs' membership list in order to buy ticket for the Women's away fixtures is still not resolved. She notes that some clubs have managed to sort the problem out and can now sell tickets themselves for these fixtures, but that Everton have not addressed the issue. It is unsatisfactory for any Everton supporter to have to become a member of another football club in order to buy a ticket to watch a match. JM will take the matter to the Club at the next FAB/Club meeting.</p> <p>ISCN: TS said plans are in hand to hold an engagement meeting with a number of overseas supporters' groups and that one such meeting could hopefully take place in conjunction with one of the planned fan engagement sessions at the Blue Base. A meeting has been held with the Club, who, committed to having a discussion about their strategy for overseas engagement and promotion, although that meeting has not yet taken place. TS has asked those on the FAB who are interested in getting involved to let him know.</p> <p>EHS: RG reported that Mike Royden has been voted in as Vice-Chair of the EHS. The group has also brought out a video, which includes a ballad about Stanley Park and they will be holding an event in the park. The EHS are disappointed that the affiliate supporters programme is discouraging members, such as the Cork group in Ireland, who have found the cost of joining prohibitive. RG reported that the cost is also putting other global groups off joining. Through the EHS, Kit-Aid will be working with Graham Varley, an Everton supporter, who will be returning to work at a refugee camp in Moldova for Ukrainian women and children. Shirts are due to be sent in November.</p> <p>FSA: PM updated the FAB on an initiative, fronted by Jamie Carragher, against the distasteful practice of 'tragedy chanting', including songs about Hillsborough and Munich. The FSA is also alarmed at the steep rise in ticket costs this season and will highlight the issue in their various campaigns. There will be upcoming media training, provided by the FSA for fans groups and PM will report back once that is in place.</p>	<p>JM</p> <p>TS</p> <p>PM</p>
7	<p>Elected member updates</p> <p>DK said he had held a meeting with Homebaked community caterers and will speak to the Club later this week, about involving the organisation in providing a service at Goodison, possibly at St Lukes. He will report back at the next meeting.</p> <p>JC said she had written to the Club about the issues involved in the very late change to the Arsenal fixture and its impact on fans, telling the Club that it was unfair and asking what, if any, influence the Club had on the decision. She will report back when she receives a response.</p>	<p>DK</p> <p>JC</p>

	<p>PR said he is encouraged by the level of support in the USA and how many people follow (and make efforts to watch) Everton's games, despite the very early morning starts, and he doesn't feel that the Club fully appreciates this. With the current uncertainties about investors and questions fans have, not just in the UK, but globally, he thinks there is a need to convene a Subcommittee, focussing on the business and possible technological advances in fan engagement. He would like to demonstrate what it means to be a customer in the football industry. He proposed a new committee and JC seconded his proposal. FAB members interested in joining should contact PR.</p>	PR
8	<p>Sub Committee Updates <u>FAB Communications:</u> PM said that the proposed transitioning over to the Teams platform for all communications activity is moving forward and that TS had already completed a lot of work on upcoming fan engagement sessions, which was now available in the Teams Comms space. He noted that the Comms subcommittee is very large at the moment, which creates a problem when trying to get agreement and sign-off on items, so he suggested cutting the numbers down to those who had volunteered to carry out tasks necessary for the FABs communications needs. It was agreed that the subcommittee would consist of PM, DK, JC, PR and TS. Interviews with FAB members were in the process of being completed and edited, prior to posting online. PM said a recent Twitter/X Space event had been hosted, with a view to introducing fans to the new make-up of this season's FAB membership. It was well-attended and had given fans an opportunity to learn more about the role of the FAB.</p> <p><u>FAB Women's Game Working Group:</u> JC said that the group had organised a meeting on the 21 September, to discuss ideas and areas of relevance to put to the Club, in accordance with the PL Fans' Fund initiative, which includes funds to improve diversity and matchday fan experience.</p>	JC
9	<p>AOB PM thanked those who attended the recent X-Space fan engagement event and said that he would like to see members of the FAB taking up the media training offered by the FSA, when it is available, to enhance our communications with fans.</p> <p>JB left the meeting and the group discussed the position of an Interim Chair. It was agreed that, as Vice-Chair, DK should take up the position of Interim Chair, until a further (extraordinary) meeting could take place, to accept proposals and votes for executive officers, and to agree how the resulting vacancy should be filled.</p>	PM DK/JC
10	<p>Date/location of next meeting The next virtual full FAB meeting was agreed to be Tuesday 3 October, 6pm – 8pm An extraordinary meeting, referred in item 9, is to be confirmed.</p>	