



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2015

19th July 2015

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AGENDA

Football Supporters' Federation Annual General Meeting 2015

Delegates are encouraged to arrive as early as possible to ensure the AGM can start on time at 11.00 am. Note that the times stated below are approximate and may be adjusted as necessary by the Chair

- 11.00 am **Chair's welcome** & introduction
- 11.10 am **Adoption of Minutes** for FSF Annual General Meeting 2014 and matters arising
- 11.20 am **FSF AGM elections**
- Chair's explanation of format of elections
 - Appointment of FSF President
 - Election of FSF Chair (unopposed).
 - National Council election of directly elected representatives – Introduction of nominees
 - **Ballot boxes open - election of directly elected NC reps**
- 11.30 am **Adoption of accounts & financial report**
- 11:40 am The remainder of the meeting will be spent discussing the FSF Annual Review and motions submitted.
- 12.00 pm ***** CLOSURE OF BALLOT BOXES – Election of directly elected National Council representatives *****
- 12:45 pm National Council election of directly elected representatives - Announcement of election results
- 12:50 pm **Any other business**
- 13:00 pm **Close**

Jon Keen
Secretary
FSF

Motions received for debate by the main assembly

The following motions and amendments to motions have been received for debate during the Annual General Meeting 2015 and are listed in the order received.

Jon Keen
Secretary FSF
10th July 2015

Motion 1

Motion regarding Governance of FIFA

Proposed: Arsenal Independent Supporters' Association

Seconded: Rick Duniec

Football supporters across the globe are dismayed at the corruption and incompetence at the top of football's world governing body FIFA. It is time for the voices of supporters to be heard.

This AGM resolves:

- 1) To welcome the announcement by FIFA president Sepp Blatter that he will stand down;*
- 2) To call for supporters and their organisations to write to FIFA's sponsors calling on them to demand an independent commission to propose changes to FIFA's statutes ensuring robust safeguards against corruption;*
- 3) To call for supporters and their organisations to write to FIFA's sponsors calling on them to demand an independent commission to propose changes to FIFA's statutes ensuring transparent and fair elections and transparent governance;*
- 4) To support changes to FIFA statutes incorporating the highest standards of transparency, accountability and effective safeguards against corrupt practices and a requirement for such transparency and probity as a condition of FIFA affiliation and recognition by continental confederations and national associations.*

Motion 2

Motion regarding Protection of Club Heritage

Proposed: Hull City Supporters' Trust

Seconded: Andy Mills

The Federation recommends that the Football Association amends its Rules such that a specific and binding rule is put in place to protect the heritage aspects of its football clubs, including but not limited to the club's playing name, the club's playing kit colours, the club's badge and the club's nickname. Changes to any aspect of a club's heritage will be permitted within the new Rule, but only after a fair, clearly worded and unambiguous ballot has been conducted amongst a reasonable spread of supporters – which could comprise any or all of the club's season ticket holders, the club's supporters club(s) members and/or the club's Supporters' Trust members.

Motion 3

Motion regarding Protection of Club Heritage – Media Assets

Proposed: Hull City Supporters' Trust

Seconded: Andy Mills

The Federation recommends that the Football Association amends its Rules such that the club's media assets use only the club's playing name, playing kit colours, badge and nickname as determined by the proposed new Rule as set out in Motion 2, in so far as the name, colours, badge or nickname are deemed necessary to identify the club in any media asset. The media assets that relate to the amended Rule will include, but not be limited to, the club's name in the matchday magazine, affiliated team names (junior teams, ladies teams, etc); the club's websites; the club's social media sites and usernames, the club's press, radio, TV and online advertisements; the club's press releases; and the club's stadium signs and banners. The use of a club name other than the registered playing name on a media asset will be prohibited, and subject to a sanction to be determined by the appropriate FA committee.

Motion 4

Motion regarding Recognition of LGBT Supporters' Groups

Proposed: Canal Street Blues

Seconded: Proud Lilly Whites & Proud Canaries

This AGM welcomes:

- *The huge growth of LGBT supporters groups over the last 12 months*
- *The recent establishment of the Pride in Football as 'the voice of LGBT fans'*
- *The commitment from #PIF to play a full part in all the work of the FSF at a local, national and international level*

This AGM also congratulates staff from Fans for Diversity and Football v Homophobia, who have enabled, supported and encouraged many thousands of new fans from non-traditional communities to become part of the wider football fan movement.

It calls on the Federation to:

- *Campaign jointly with Pride in Football on issues specifically related to LGBT football*

- *Encourage all affiliates to use the expertise of #PIF and Football v Homophobia to further strengthen and develop new linkages with the fan community to make the wider campaign against homophobia one we all proudly support*
- *Support the Fans for Diversity campaign by promoting it within the work of the FSF*
- *Instruct the National Council of the FSF to co-opt a representative from #PIF as a voting member of that body.*

Motion 5

Motion regarding Independent Appeals Process

Proposed: The Blue Union

Seconded: Dave Kelly

We call on all clubs in the Premiership and Football League to ensure that fans are able to raise concerns via an independent appeals process.

Motion 6

Motion regarding National Council Agendas

Proposed: The Blue Union

Seconded: Simon Magner

We call on the officers of the FSF to ensure, where practically possible, that agendas and reports are circulated seven days before the National Council.

Motion 7

Motion regarding Independent Football Ombudsman

Proposed: Richard Knights

Seconded: Dave Kelly

1; Preamble

The IFO operates under the terms of reference agreed with Footballs governing bodies the FA, Premier League and the Football League in consultation with the Department of Culture Media and Sport (DCMS) The IFO provides independent external scrutiny of complaints within a transparent, accountable and effective system of self-regulation by the football authorities. This includes commitment to the Customer Charter process and recourse to the PL, FL, FA rules when necessary.

The football authorities are committed to providing robust and open complaints procedures, widely publicised, taken seriously by the clubs, reinforced by the PI, FL, FA and subject to external appeal. The IFO will also provide an external and independent voice within football on issues which affect the public.

2. The Independent Football Ombudsman's Terms of Reference

(i) The IFO acts as the final appeal stage within football's complaints procedures and its adjudications will be published. These adjudications shall be final and the football authorities expect that normally IFO recommendations will be implemented. If, in exceptional cases, there is a failure to agree, the football authorities will publish their reasons and their proposed alternative resolution of the issue.....

For a process to be fit for purpose, open and transparent it should include the involvement of all stakeholders. We call on the FSF to make representations to the Football Authorities for Supporters to play a full and meaningful part in a process that all stakeholders participate in and that recommendations of the IFO are respected and implemented.

Motion 8

Motion regarding National Council Meeting Venues

Proposed: The Blue Union

Seconded: Spirit of Shankly

Conference notes the current policy of the FSF to rotate National Council meetings to various locations around the country. This policy promotes the Federation in a positive way, run by fans for the benefit fans.

We call on the Federation to conduct an audit of previous, current and potential venues, that share our, or similar aims, objectives and policies. Once this audit is completed that we draw up a list of preferred venues that meet our requirements.

Motion 9

Motion regarding FSF Promotion Campaign

Proposed: Simon Magner, Everton Supporters' Trust

Seconded: Dave Kelly (The Blue Union)

This conference recognises the fantastic work done by the The FSF to promote its campaigns and the services it offers fans over the past couple of years, however we also recognise that there are still a large number of fans who do not know who or what the FSF is and does.

We would like to propose that over the 2015/16 season the FSF undertake a promotion campaign that sees them commit to visiting every football league ground before a game to promote the organisation, the services it can offer and the campaigns we are running.

Draft Minutes of the FSF Annual General Meeting 2014

The 2014 AGM of the FSF was held on Friday 25th July at Wembley Stadium, as a part of the Supporters' Summit jointly organised by the FSF and Supporters Direct.

The meeting opened at 4.38 pm

1. Chair's Welcome

Malcolm Clarke, FSF Chair, opened the meeting and welcomed delegates.

It was reported that apologies for absence had been received from Raj Chandarana, Joyce Cook, Glen Mullan and Roisin Wood.

2. Adoption of Minutes from Previous General Meetings

The minutes from the previous general meeting, held in 2013 were presented to the meeting and were adopted, as below:

Minutes of FSF Annual General Meeting 2013

Adoption proposed by Paul Corkrey, seconded by Tony Roome

Carried: Nem con

Mark Ogbourne raised a matter arising from these minutes, requesting an update on the two motions remitted to National Council at this meeting.

Kevin Miles, FSF CEO, responded, reporting that Motion 1 had been discussed at National Council, and that the FSF office was now producing monthly newsletters for dissemination to all members. He also discussed different ways of working and the issues and benefits of each, and emphasised the role of the divisional representative in communicating between NC and divisions. Kevin reported on Motion 4, confirming that the subject of this motion was already incorporated into the FSF ticket pricing campaigns.

A question relating to political contacts for safe standing was responded to by Peter Daykin.

3. Adoption of Accounts & Financial Report

The accounts and financial report of the FSF were presented to the meeting by the Treasurer, although these were not provided in sufficient hard copies to allow full review by all delegates. It was proposed that these should be distributed fully in hard copy at future conferences and this was carried.

The adoption of accounts and financial report was proposed by Tim Hillyer, seconded by Kevin Miles

Carried: Nem con

In response to a question asking what proportion of Federation income was spent on parliamentary campaigns, Kevin Miles outlined future plans for campaigns in this area.

The re-appointment of John Davis & Co of Wrexham as the Federation's auditors was proposed by Malcolm Clarke and seconded by Alan Bloore and passed Nem con.

4. FSF AGM Elections

Election of Deputy Chair

Malcolm Clarke reported that one nomination had been received for one vacancy as Deputy Chair.

- **Martin O'Hara**, proposed by Rick Duniec, seconded by Alan Bloore

Malcom asked if there were any objections to Martin's election. None were received and he was duly deemed elected.

Election of Directly Elected National Council Members

Malcolm Clarke reported that 15 nominations had been received for 19 vacancies as Directly Elected National Council Members and so no election was required.

He introduced these to the meeting one by one, as below:

- **Vince Alm**, existing NC member, proposed by Paul Corkrey and seconded by Ken Malley
- **Gareth Barker**, proposed by Lee Williams and seconded by David Rose
- **Raj Chandarana**, existing NC member, proposed by Tim Hillyer and seconded by Chris Gilmour
- **Peter Daykin**, existing NC member, proposed by Ian Todd and seconded by Jon Keen
- **Rick Duniec**, existing NC member, proposed by Martin O'Hara and seconded by Gary Cooper
- **Billy Grant**, proposed by Jon Sams and seconded by Tom Brights
- **Leviathen Hendricks**, proposed by Allan Simpson and seconded by Joanie Evans
- **Tim Hillyer**, existing NC member, proposed by Wimbledon ISA and seconded by Fulham ST

- **Jon Keen**, existing NC member, proposed by Pam Wilkins and seconded by Ian Todd
- **Dave Kelly**, proposed by Richard Knights and seconded by Simon Magner
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- **Fiona McGee**, proposed by Elli Rhodes and seconded by Andrew Fleming
- **Ian Todd**, existing NC member, proposed by Sunderland SA (London) and seconded by Jon Keen
- **Dave Tomlinson**, existing Divisional representative, proposed by Allan Galley and seconded by Michael Brunskill
- **Roisin Wood**, proposed by Anwar Uddin and seconded by Hashim Piperdy

At this point Motion 5 was brought forward for consideration.

Motion 5

Proposed: Jon Keen

Seconded: Kevin Miles

This meeting instructs the National Council of the Federation, at the earliest opportunity, to co-opt Laura Fleck and Simon Magner as National Council members for a one-year term of office.

Jon Keen explained the reason for this motion, in that the nominations for these delegates were submitted in good faith but not received before the closure of nominations.

This motion was carried Nem con.

In response to a question on this, Jon Keen confirmed that co-option of members could only be performed by the National Council of the Federation.

He also confirmed that at the first National Council meeting lots would be drawn to decide which of these elected directly elected National Council members would be elected for a two-year period and which for a one-year period.

5. FSF Motions

Motion 1

Motion regarding the use of pyrotechnics at football matches.

Proposed: Jenni Hutchinson

Seconded: Anita Hola

This organisation believes that the use of pyrotechnics adds a special ambience to football matches and contributes to the atmosphere at games. We believe that the FA and media crackdown on the use of pyrotechnics at football matches is unnecessary and counterproductive, and that illegal and unregulated 'pyro' use is dangerous. We believe that the solution to potentially harmful 'pyro' use is legalisation within strict parameters, not harsher punishments.

As football supporters, we commit to the following principles, endorsed by fans in Austria during a similar campaign:

- *Not using firecrackers or bangers*
- *Avoiding game interruptions by handling pyrotechnics responsibly and posing no danger to other stadium visitors, ball boys and girls, or personnel*
- *By providing containers filled with water or sand to ensure a safe burning off inside the fan sector and thereby also providing an orderly disposal of the hot objects*
- *Not throwing flares or other pyrotechnic objects on the track or playing field*
- *Limiting the use of pyrotechnics to specific areas of the stadium, which should be designated 'adults only'*
- *Ensuring that adults who buy football match tickets are made aware of whether or not pyrotechnics will be used in that sector of the stadium. This would be an improvement on the current situation, where unregulated use means that children and people with respiratory conditions can be exposed to pyro smoke.*

We call upon the Government to legalise the use of pyrotechnics within these strict parameters, and the FA and clubs to subsequently allow the responsible use of 'pyro'. We accept that there should be harsh punishments for those who use pyrotechnics in a dangerous fashion.

Jenni Hutchinson spoke in favour of this motion and outlined reasons why she felt it should be carried. Malcolm Clarke reported that National Council recommended defeat of the motion, and Amanda Jacks spoke against the motion on behalf of National Council. There followed lively debate from the floor.

The motion was defeated.

Motion 2

Motion to change appropriate rules of the Constitution to remove the post of Vice-President.

Proposed: FSF National Council

Background: At a meeting of the FSF Services Board held on 17th Jan 2014 it was recommended that the role of Vice-Presidents be discontinued – this was discussed by National Council at a meeting on 9th February 2014 and passed by 9 votes to 2, with 5 Abstentions.

It is proposed that Bye-Law 8 of the Federation, which currently reads:

"8. PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT

The Annual Conference of the Federation shall have the power to appoint a President and/or one or more Vice Presidents, the latter being appointed in recognition of past service to the

Federation. Any person elected to one of these positions shall have the same rights as individual members, unless specified otherwise elsewhere in this constitution.

The term of office of President, if appointed, shall be three years, with post holders being eligible for re-appointment. Vice Presidents will be appointed for life and become honorary individual members of the Federation. However, National Council may remove any of these appointees at any time for good reason. Such a decision shall be reported to, and ratified or otherwise, at the subsequent conference.

Ex-officio the holder of the office of President will be a member of the National Council having the same duties and voting rights as other members.

Any Vice President may be nominated to stand for election at the annual conference, to be one of the individually elected members of the National Council, as referred to in bye law 9, with the same rights, duties and term of office as other eligible members of the Federation.”

be replaced in its entirety with the below wording:

“8. PRESIDENT

The Annual Conference of the Federation shall have the power to appoint a President, being appointed in recognition of past service to the Federation. Any person elected to this position shall have the same rights as an individual member, unless specified otherwise elsewhere in this constitution.

The term of office of President, if appointed, shall be three years, with post holders being eligible for re-appointment. However, National Council may remove any such appointees at any time for good reason. Such a decision shall be reported to, and ratified or otherwise, at the subsequent conference.

Ex-officio the holder of the office of President will be a member of the National Council having the same duties and voting rights as other members.”

Jon Keen, FSF Secretary, explained the rationale behind this motion on behalf of FSF National Council.

This motion was carried unanimously.

Motion 3

Motion regarding FSF communications strategy.

Proposed: Tony Roome

Seconded: Mark Ogbourne

This meeting acknowledges the excellent work representing football supporters and their interests undertaken by FSF, its National Council, officers and staff. However, this meeting regrets that the majority of members of FSF, and even more so the great majority of football supporters, are unaware of the Federation’s work.

The main current media through which the FSF communicates with its membership and the wider football world is its website. Any website requires a conscious decision by the user to go to the site, and this only happens when the site is interesting, well-constructed

and functionally effective. The FSF site struggles to meet these criteria. FSF's use of social media is not focused on making sure that members, friends, followers etc are aware of what we are doing. Similarly, the now apparently-defunct weekly email, like the Twitter feed, focused on items of general interest to football fans, and not on the activities of FSF.

The shortage of information flowing from the Council and staff to members, both those who are active and those who are only generally supportive, risks creating an 'us and them' situation - where there appear to be those in the 'centre' who are aware of what's happening, and the majority of members etc who are not.

Consequently, this meeting instructs the NC to critically review its website, social media and overall member and public relations strategy and find ways to improve the information flow; with the aim of publicising better the work of FSF to ensure that all football supporters know of our activities and are encouraged to take an active role in the Federation.

Tony Roome spoke on behalf of Southern Division to propose the motion, emphasising that this was not a motion of censure but rather a request for a review of communications.

Malcolm Clarke introduced an amendment on behalf of FSF National Council, which was proposed by Tim Hillyer and seconded by Ken Malley.

AMENDED MOTION:

This meeting acknowledges the excellent work representing football supporters and their interests undertaken by FSF, its National Council, officers and staff including the development of a range of communication mechanisms within limited resources. However, it recognises that there is always scope for improvement and welcomes ideas from members on this. However, this meeting regrets that the majority of members of FSF, and even more so the great majority of football supporters, are unaware of the Federation's work.

This AGM welcomes with relief that the data issues with Life Champions Ltd. have now finally been resolved, enabling resumption of regular direct email communication with our membership

Consequently, this meeting instructs the NC to continue to review its website, social media and overall member and public relations strategy and within available resources find ways to improve the information flow; with the aim of publicising better the work of FSF to ensure that all football supporters know of our activities and are encouraged to take an active role in the Federation.

The proposer of the original motion did not accept the amendment: however after discussion the meeting voted in favour of the amendment.

The amended motion was carried.

Motion 4

Motion proposing Rule change to clarify types of organisations able to join as Associate Members.

Proposed: Jon Keen

Seconded: Tim Hillyer

*It is proposed that the first sentence of Bye-Law 3 of the Federation, which currently reads:
"3. ASSOCIATE GROUP MEMBERS*

Fanzines, web sites and other non-membership organisations shall be entitled to join the Federation as members subject to their acceptance of the Federation's aims and objectives."

be changed to read:

"3. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Fanzines, web sites, and other bodies or organisations which do not qualify for membership as Affiliate members shall be entitled to join the Federation as Associate members subject to their acceptance of the Federation's aims and objectives."

Jon Keen explained the rationale behind this motion. The motion was carried Nem con.

Motion 5

Already discussed earlier in the meeting.

Motion 6

Motion regarding due process in Stadium Bans etc.

Proposed: The Blue Union

Seconded: Simon Magner

Over the course of the last couple of years, we at The Blue Union have become more and more aware of football fans who have received the ultimate punishment from their football club and have had their season ticket revoked and banning orders from football grounds imposed on them. Although some may be considered just punishment, there are a large percentage that have had these sanctions imposed for frivolous offences or even in some cases (including one of our own members) fabricated offences.

Whether innocent or guilty anybody who feels to be aggrieved over decisions made by football clubs directly affecting them have a right to a fair and independent hearing by professionals who, if in cases of ruling on the supporters side, have the authority to be able to overturn the decisions made by the football clubs. From personal experience we know that bodies such, as the Independent Football Ombudsman is unprofessional and not fit for purpose.

We call for strict procedures to be set and adhered to and a body setup that are fit for purpose and capable of carrying out independent reviews of grievances raised by football supporters, who have the authority to overrule decisions imposed by Football Clubs where appropriate

Malcolm Clarke reported that the National Council has undertaken to perform a full review of the roles of organisations affecting supporters, and Richard Knight, on behalf

of the proposer of the motion, confirmed that they were happy to withdraw this motion as a result.

Motion 7

Motion regarding Fans Forum/Supporter Liaison Officers.

Proposed: The Blue Union

Seconded: Dave Kelly

UEFA Fan Charter guidelines state that Clubs should have independent Fans Forums and Supporter Liaison Officers. Many of the SLO's and Club FF's are appointed by the Clubs and in some cases are Club employees which opens up conflicts of interest between Club and Supporters.

We call for an urgent review on the roles of Supporter Liaison Officer and Fans Forum. The post of Supporters Liaison Officer should be taken by supporter of the Club and not a Club employee. The Fans Forum should be a body of supporters elected to that position by fellow supporters and not selected by the Club.

After discussion, it was requested that this motion be remitted to National Council due to the complexity of the issues covered. The proposer of the motion agreed to this and so the motion was remitted.

Motion 8

Motion regarding Secondary Ticketing Agencies.

Proposed: The Blue Union

Seconded: Richard Knight

Clubs throughout the Premier and Football Leagues enter into many, varied and imaginative partnership/sponsorship agreements with third parties that benefit the whole of the football industry. These agreements will benefit clubs financially and will often have fringe benefits for supporters.

The Blue Union notes the influence of Secondary Ticketing Agencies within the game and whilst we accept that it allows supporters who are unable to attend games to recover some of their losses we also note the widespread abuse of the system with many tickets reappearing on the market over and above the tickets face value. This practice damages the reputation of the game and to many, is little more than ticket touting.

"Federation notes the use of Secondary Ticket Agencies within the game and calls on both The FA and The Premier League to introduce, by rule that match tickets cannot be resold above the face value as printed on the ticket".

Dave Kelly spoke in favour of this motion, and Malcolm Clarke proposed an amendment to the motion as below:

AMENDED MOTION:

Clubs throughout the Premier and Football Leagues enter into many, varied and imaginative partnership/sponsorship agreements with third parties that benefit the whole of the football industry. These agreements will benefit clubs financially and will often have fringe benefits for supporters.

Federation notes the influence of Secondary Ticketing Agencies within the game and whilst we accept that it allows supporters who are unable to attend games to recover some of their losses we also note the widespread abuse of the system with many tickets reappearing on the market over and above the tickets face value. This practice damages the reputation of the game and to many, is little more than ticket touting.

Federation notes the use of Secondary Ticket Agencies within the game and calls on both The FA and The Premier League to introduce, by rule that match tickets cannot be resold above the face value as printed on the ticket other than the addition of a small charge to cover reasonable administration costs. This AGM believes that there is no good reason why clubs should not operate such a returns scheme themselves, without recourse to a profit-making secondary agency.

Dave Kelly on behalf of the Blue Union agreed to accept this amendment, and the amended motion was carried unanimously by the meeting.

Motion 9

Motion regarding Federation AGM.

Proposed: The Blue Union

Seconded: Simon Magner

We call for all future FSF AGM's to be held on a Saturday in a venue easily accessible by the public rather than a Friday evening due to attendance issues for fans travelling from across the country.

Malcolm Clarke requested that this motion be remitted to the National Council, and the proposer of the motion confirmed they were happy for this to happen.

Following the formal discussion of motions, Kevin Miles spoke on the FSF Annual Report and outlined some highlights to the meeting. He also paid tribute to Steven Powell, who had retired this year from his role with the Federation.

6. Any Other Business

There was no other business, and the Chairman closed the meeting at 6.24 pm.

Jon Keen
Secretary
Football Supporters' Federation

Nominations for the post of Chair

One nomination received.

Name of Candidate : **Malcolm Clarke**
Proposed by : **Stoke City Supporters Club**
Seconded by : **FC United, Manchester**

Candidate's Statement:

I have been proud to serve as FSF Chair, and I put myself forward for a further term of office. I believe the Federation is now in a better place in terms of its profile and effectiveness than it has ever been since it was established in its present form in 2002. The new structure is generally working well (although there are always grounds for review and improvement). We have an excellent staff under the leadership of Kevin Miles. As the Annual Report shows we have made significant progress in campaigning on the issues which are of concern to our members.

As Chair, I have had some involvement in this progress and I hope and believe I have represented supporters well on the FA Council.

But we must not be complacent or rest on our laurels. The problems in football remain daunting. We must continue to develop new ways of campaigning; develop our relationships with allies on the key issues and engage professionally with the key agencies: Government; the football authorities; other statutory and representative bodies involved in the administration and running of football.

Above all, we must find new ways of involving our grass roots membership and ordinary football fans in campaigning for change. A small number of people "at the top" sitting in meetings cannot do it on their own.

We must continue and develop our relationships with other groups who are also working for change. These include, but are not restricted to Kick It Out; Level Playing Field; Show Racism the Red Card; Pride in Football and Supporters Direct, to whom I also regularly report on my FA Council activities, and with whom we work closely.

I have stated at the last two conferences that I believe we should review whether the current organisational configuration of supporters' organisations is the most appropriate to best serve the need of football fans and meet the challenges we face. That remains my view. We are all involved in essentially the same campaigns. We have a joint Conference. We fish in the same ponds for funding. Any duplication of functions is a waste of those precious resources.

I know that this is a complex matter and that organisational change can be time consuming, threatening and distracting if not handled correctly. It should never be undertaken for its own sake, and it shouldn't involve any 'take overs'. But equally, sometimes, to fail to recognise the need for some change is to fail to serve the best interests of the membership.

Nominations for Directly Elected National Council Members

18 nominations received for 14 posts.

Note: Of the 15 National Council Members elected at the 2014 AGM, ten must serve a one-year term only and so need to stand for re-election in 2015, together with one who was elected in 2013 to serve a two-year term. Lots were drawn to determine which members would serve a two-year term – Vince Alm, Gareth Barker, Peter Daykin, Billy Grant, Tim Hillyer and Richard Knights were selected in this way and so serve as Directly Elected National Council Members until the AGM in 2016.

Name of Candidate : **Ally Simcock**
Proposed by : **Port Vale Supporters' Club**
Seconded by : **Ian Barnett**

Please give any experience or past involvement in football which you consider may be relevant to your nomination, or which could be useful to the FSF if elected.

I have been Chair of the PVFC Supporters' Club since February 2013. I am responsible for the day to day running of the SC, liaising with the football club, it's staff, players and board, along with local Members of Parliament, Staffs Police, the FA, local schools, the FL, organisations and most importantly, the fans. I chair a committee which currently consists of 8 members, I run meetings for the committee and for SC members on a monthly basis. I write an article in every match day programme and speak in front of large numbers of people.

Outline how you might be able to use any skills, knowledge or experience you have, as a National Council member.

I have worked with young people and adults with complex needs in further education for over 15 years, teaching to level 3 in many subjects. This vocation requires me to be organised, diplomatic, conscientious, diligent and professional at all times. I feel the skills and knowledge I have acquired within my profession, along with my excellent interpersonal skills, will assist with supporting the FSF National council in achieving many things. I am experienced in creating and amending policies for such topics as health and safety, equality and diversity etc. I am eager to get my teeth into a challenge and am passionate about football as a whole. I am also very experienced in creating lessons and resources to meet given criteria, which would assist with supporting the FSF to keep in line with quality standards and to work towards campaigns. My teaching job requires me to be unbiased, to consider others' points of view and to keep a balanced viewpoint. This will be useful when working on controversial topics.

What would be your aims or interests if elected? What are your views on current issues which affect the welfare and interests of the football supporter?

I am extremely passionate about equality and diversity. I would like to support the national council with working towards a reduction in discrimination cases within

football as a whole. I would also aim to explore ways of capturing wider audiences for clubs, especially encouraging more diverse groups to attend matches.

Name of Candidate : **Dave Kelly**
Proposed by : **Simon Magner**
Seconded by : **Richard Knights**

Please give any experience or past involvement in football which you consider may be relevant to your nomination, or which could be useful to the FSF if elected.

I was a founder member of the Everton Fan Group KEIOC (Keep Everton in our City) As the Chair of this group we successfully opposed the relocation of our Club opposing Everton, Tesco and Knowsley Council including opposing the planning application at a nine week Public Inquiry

Outline how you might be able to use any skills, knowledge or experience you have, as a National Council member.

I have successfully represented supporters and workers in meetings at local, regional and national levels. As a fan representative or in my employment as a full time Organisor for Unite the Union.

What would be your aims or interests if elected? What are your views on current issues which affect the welfare and interests of the football supporter?

To continue campaigning for affordable football, for justice and equality. For Safe Standing (and Safe Seating) I also believe that fans get a raw deal and that we need to promote Governace to the wider fan base

Name of Candidate : **Dave Tomlinson**
Proposed by : **Michael Brunskill**
Seconded by : **Alan Galley**

Please give any experience or past involvement in football which you consider may be relevant to your nomination, or which could be useful to the FSF if elected.

I have supported Crewe Alexandra FC for over 30 years and I watch them both home and away.

At the start of the 2013/14 I was appointed to the position of a Supporters Liaison Officer at the football club, I am one of the very few SLO's which have been appointed by a club from their fan base, my role is to be the link between the supporters and the football club. I attend and organise meetings with individual supporters, supporter groups and club officials from the Chairman and Manager down to match-day staff making sure the supporters views are heard and their views are taken into account when decisions at the club are being made. On match-days I attend security meetings and make myself available to talk to supporters to deal with any of their issues. I am a member of the clubs Safety Advisory Group, and also represent the football club and its supporters at certain meetings held by the Footballing Authorities.

Prior to my SLO role I was a member of the Crewe Alexandra Supporters Initiative where I rose to the position of Chairman, leading the group and dealing with the football club and the media.

From 1996 to 2010 I followed England home and away and became involved in the England members club and then England fans, putting the voice of the supporter into the FA at various levels, I have also represented both England supporters and the FA on numerous visits to host cities prior to France 98 and Euro 2000.

In my time with the FSF I have been Chairman of the Northern Division and an NC member, I am at present a member of the FSF services Ltd Board of Directors and member of the National Council, I have also recently joined the FSF Freelions Fans Embassy team which provide valuable help and information to England Supporters whilst watching their country at international matches. I have represented the FSF at meetings with Football Clubs, at the Houses of Parliament, and meeting with MP's. I combine the above with my role as a train driver for Arriva Trains Wales where I am a union representative for ASLEF, representing members in disputes with the company and disciplinary hearings.

Outline how you might be able to use any skills, knowledge or experience you have, as a National Council member.

I believe the experience and knowledge I have obtained whilst undertaking the roles already outlined, plus the fact I continue to learn on a daily basis puts me in a position to help the FSF and supporters move forward to a position where their voices are not just heard but their views, policies and ideas will become even more influential and continue to make a real difference in football.

What would be your aims or interests if elected? What are your views on current issues which affect the welfare and interests of the football supporter?

I passionately believe for Football to move forward and continue to be the greatest game on earth, the voice of the supporter must be heard and their views used when decisions are being taken. I believe that one big collective voice has a better chance of being heard than one lone voice.

When issues and problems occur we need to make sure that the FSF is the first port of call for individual supporters and supporters groups to contact, we must keep our standing within the footballing authorities high so that we are respected to such a level that they contact the FSF to discuss issues as well as the FSF contacting them. We should be rightly proud of what the FSF has achieved, and we need to keep moving forward.

As my role at Crewe Alexandra would suggest I believe the position of SLO is a great step forward for football but the FSF needs to be leading from the front to develop the role so that it is respected by both supporters and clubs alike. Also I believe it is a supporters right from the moment they leave home to go and watch the match until they return home, to be treated respectably by all who they meet, are safe and whether its travel or admission they feel they have had value for money. Are we there yet I don't believe we are. The FSF and our members have certainly gone further than anybody before, it is now time to move forward, I want to work with you all to help this happen.

Name of Candidate : **Fiona McGee**
Proposed by : **Billy Grant**
Seconded by : **Becky Gamester**

Please give any experience or past involvement in football which you consider may be relevant to your nomination, or which could be useful to the FSF if elected.

I have been a member of the FSF (and previously the FSA) for over 20 years. I initially joined as a result of my involvement in Leeds Fans United Against Racism and Fascism, before going on to become a volunteer for the Fans' Embassy teams between 2000 and 2008. More recently, I have been involved in the Safe Standing Campaign, and have represented the FSF, talking about women's experiences of attending football matches and the new Premier League TV deal. I have been a member of the National Council for the past year.

I have also been involved in football in a number of ways via my professional life. I have worked for Show Racism the Red Card, helping to research and write educational materials using football to talk to young people about racism. As an Associate Researcher for Substance, I have also worked on and helped to co-write briefing papers for Supporters Direct (e.g. Business Advantages of Supporter Community Ownership in Football). I am currently working for a grassroots football project based in Brixton, which uses football to deter young people from involvement in gangs; and have recently led the Fans For Diversity research on women's experiences as fans of the men's game.

Outline how you might be able to use any skills, knowledge or experience you have, as a National Council member.

I have a lot of experience helping to run campaigns, both football and non-football related, which could be of use to the FSF in helping us to promote the interests of football supporters. I believe my skills as a researcher and writer would also be beneficial to the FSF, as I am used to gathering information and presenting it in a clear and concise way. I also have extensive experience of writing funding applications.

What would be your aims or interests if elected? What are your views on current issues which affect the welfare and interests of the football supporter?

I am particularly interested in women's experiences of watching men's football, as this is an area into which very little research has so far been done and I believe that the FSF is well-placed to build on our recent Fans For Diversity work on this subject.

Through the work that I have done with Supporters Direct and through my own experience of being a Leeds United fan, I am also interested in issues to do with supporter ownership, transparent governance and how to ensure fans are getting a fair deal. As someone who mainly travels to away games, I am concerned about how away fans are treated and how they are often penalised and I have been involved with the FSF's Away Fans Matter campaign.

Name of Candidate : **Gemma Teale**
Proposed by : **Billy Grant**
Seconded by : **Michael Brunskill**

Please give any experience or past involvement in football which you consider may be relevant to your nomination, or which could be useful to the FSF if elected.

I first became interested in football governance when I was at university, when I started the (short lived) Young Independent Football Fans Association (YIFFA), which campaigned for the introduction of decent student discounts.

I am currently a committee member of the Brentford supporters' association, BIAS, and have been an active member for several years. I was heavily involved in our campaign around a new stadium, including working with the stadium team to help make sure that standing areas could be facilitated (if not included at the outset). As part of this successful lobby group we overcame a considerable local prejudice against football fans through successful stakeholder engagement and mobilising the fanbase to show fans in a positive and proactive light. As part of this campaign I wrote a blog post for the FSF website.

Outline how you might be able to use any skills, knowledge or experience you have, as a National Council member.

As well as experience of the campaigns and work I have been involved with as part of BIAS and the Brentford Stadium Action Group (StAG), I have a number of skills that I use in my work life that could be useful. I work in civil engineering, so I have some knowledge on the challenges to fans relating to new stadia, such as planning approvals and affordability issues. Also I worked for 8 years bidding for large projects, so I can write, plan and target communication towards a goal.

What would be your aims or interests if elected? What are your views on current issues which affect the welfare and interests of the football supporter?

My aim is to help drive forward all of the FSF campaigns in whatever way I can, but my personal interests lie in three main areas – safe standing, making fans from all walks of life feel able and happy to attend matches, and supporter ownership of/influence in clubs.

This mirrors the work I do with BIAS, as safe standing representative working with the club's stadium team, and in shaping a campaign for the new season around making all fans welcome at games regardless of gender, race, sexual orientation or anything else.

Name of Candidate : **Ian Byrne**
Proposed by : **Jay McKenna**
Seconded by : **Dave Kelly**

Please give any experience or past involvement in football which you consider may be relevant to your nomination, or which could be useful to the FSF if elected.

I have followed LFC home and away for 30 years both home and abroad, so have experienced many of the problems football fans come across. I have been a member of SOS since its inception in 2008 and a committee member from 2014. Over the last 18 mths I have been involved in supporting the FSF campaign 'twenty's plenty'

with the Blue Union in Liverpool and the black scarf movement in London, by participating in numerous demos. I have also run junior and senior football teams in Liverpool and am currently still playing football for a veteran's football team. This is I feel, invaluable experience of amateur football at grassroots level as I have experienced both the joy and the pitfalls grassroots football gives.

Outline how you might be able to use any skills, knowledge or experience you have, as a National Council member.

With my experience of being both a fan and an amateur player for 35 years, I have an extensive knowledge of the game from a fans perspective. Additionally my job as a trade union organiser, incorporates a skill set of working with people from across the spectrum and building co-operation to achieve an aim. This knowledge and experience will hopefully be of use as a National Council member in the coming years, I would like to think I can relate to many of our members experiences and be recognised as an authentic fan.

What would be your aims or interests if elected? What are your views on current issues which affect the welfare and interests of the football supporter?

My great fear as a father of two Liverpool mad sons aged 9 and 12 is the total lack of opportunity they get to see the game live, due to both price and availability. The short sightedness of football clubs in this matter must be challenged if our game is to survive. My aims would be affordable football for all fans but in particular the under 18s who are the next generation and are being frozen out.

I would also aim to highlight the plight of grassroots football in these austere times. The game is in mortal danger at grassroots level due to the lack of affordable training facilities for teams and the price of pitch fees every season. I believe as football supporters and as an organisation, we have a duty to fight for the welfare of the national game at this level at every opportunity.

Name of Candidate : **Ian Todd**
Proposed by : **Sunderland Supporters Association
(London Branch)**
Seconded by : **Jon Keen**

Please give any experience or past involvement in football which you consider may be relevant to your nomination, or which could be useful to the FSF if elected.

A Sunderland supporter from the age of 7, I moved to London for work reasons in 1961 and, once settled, formed the London Branch of its Supporters' Association 1967. In 1975, as the Supporters' Association's delegate, I attended the Annual Conference of the National Federation of Football Supporters' Clubs in Ipswich and the rest, as they say, "is history". A regular attendee ever since, I was elected to the Federation's National Council in 1980 as its Travel & Crowd Control Officer and, after a series of other portfolios, was elected its Chairman in 1998. In that role, I was a member of the Government's Football Task Force, one of whose recommendations was the formation of a single national supporters' organisation and formed the basis of the positive role I took in the negotiations with the Football Supporters' Association towards amalgamation, which was achieved at the respective AGMs of the two organisations in 2002.

In its first year, 2002-03, the newly formed Football Supporters' Federation had joint Chairmen. I took on the responsibility for Administration and Finance matters whilst Malcolm Clarke concentrated on Policy and Campaigns. At its conclusion, I stepped down as part-Chairman and was honoured to accept the position of President, a role in which for 6 years I remained an active participant in FSF matters in both internal debate and carrying out specific tasks.

In particular, I have for several years provided the link with Supporters Direct as Federation's co-opted member on its Board of Directors. SD is currently undertaking an internal review of its future development and structure to which our partnership agreement with them will be relevant.

Outline how you might be able to use any skills, knowledge or experience you have, as a National Council member.

My 48 years of involvement in supporter representation at various levels would, I trust, provide Council with the benefits expected.

Having stood down as President in 2009, I was delighted to have been elected to continue to serve Federation as an individual member on the National Council and latterly as a Director of FSF Services Ltd. and in those roles to take an ongoing and energetic role in offering Federation the experience, knowledge and skills my long-standing involvement has accumulated. I would hope members would wish that to continue.

I would also submit that my previous Police service, which included operational duty at football matches, is of particular value in analysing those episodes of alleged fan disorder, and their treatment, which too frequently seem to be drawn to Federation's attention.

What would be your aims or interests if elected? What are your views on current issues which affect the welfare and interests of the football supporter?

The appointments of John Whittingdale and Tracey Crouch since the General Election have equipped the Culture Media and Sport Department with MPs who should be sympathetic to many of the issues in which FSF is engaged and we must capitalise on this to urge implementation of the recommendations of the Select Committee's report on Football Governance and the associated Expert Working Group. Our role on the FA Council continues to increase in relevance and credibility and is important in representing fans' concerns and priorities to the game as a whole.

Name of Candidate : **Jenni Hutchinson**
Proposed by : **Rosalind Thompson**
Seconded by : **Anita Hola**

Please give any experience or past involvement in football which you consider may be relevant to your nomination, or which could be useful to the FSF if elected.

President of Middlesex University Football Appreciation Society from 2005-2008: ran film screenings, quizzes, debates, charity events (particularly raising money for clubs in crisis).

Having been asked at last year's FSF AGM to develop some sort of programme for school students, I ran a club called 'Another Football is Possible' at the school where

I teach, as a pilot scheme. This resulted in money and awareness being raised for some very important football-related causes. Through our small cohort's work and activities, many students have become more aware of how to affect an issue through action.

Outline how you might be able to use any skills, knowledge or experience you have, as a National Council member.

I represented other students in some capacity on each of my higher education courses (BA, MSc, PGCE): Campus Committee, Student Government, Campus Chair, Course Representative, NUS Conference delegate. I am therefore well versed in the protocols of representative and campaigning organisations. I have contributed towards small successes at each of these organisations, from getting more bins installed around our university campus to delaying the implementation of the damaging NUS Governance Review.

As a Citizenship teacher, I am constantly exploring new ways to make young people aware of the problems in British society and their role in creating solutions. For example, I have run Voter Registration Campaigns for sixth formers at both the schools I have taught in. I'm also partial to the odd football-themed 'news project' – my year 7s are currently deciding which of these 11-12 year olds would make the best president of FIFA!

What would be your aims or interests if elected? What are your views on current issues which affect the welfare and interests of the football supporter?

I have sporadically attended FSF events since 2002, and was initially drawn to the organisation through its work on safe standing, which I have been campaigning in favour of since secondary school. A related issue that I feel very strongly about is ticket prices; having just paid £1014 to renew my Arsenal season ticket, I am aware that such sums are out of the reach of most people, and am particularly concerned about the ability of young people to get into the habit of attending games rather than watching on TV.

Due to my exploits at last year's AGM, I already have a nickname within the FSF ('pyro lady')! I believe that there is such a thing as safe, responsible pyro use and that the vast majority of football supporters are capable of it. I'm aware that this is not the majority view within the FSF, which is unsurprising as the average age of a fan who lights pyro at a football match is 20. Whether people agree with me about pyro or not, I'm sure few would disagree that we need to remain relevant as an organisation by engaging more young fans and continuing to debate the issues that disproportionately affect them.

Name of Candidate : **Lindsay Fox**
Proposed by : **Wayne Shortland**
Seconded by : **John Cain**

Please give any experience or past involvement in football which you consider may be relevant to your nomination, or which could be useful to the FSF if elected.

I would consider myself a very active football fan. I've been a season ticket holder at Bramall Lane for 16 years – if what I've witnessed there counts as football?! – and I am also a regular at away matches, having notched up 85 of the current league

grounds going into the 2015/16 season. I also enjoy travelling abroad to watch matches in Europe where possible.

I am also co-owner and administrator of Sheffield United fan site S24SU.com which has been online for ten years and has a very active social media presence. Through running the site, I was invited to join the fans board made up of the disparate fan sites and organisations connected with Sheffield United which meets with Sheffield United's Supporter Liaison Officer. Due to my input, I was voted as Chair of the meetings. We liaise with the SLO and other key members of staff at Bramall Lane to bring forward our concerns or suggestions with the intention that these be escalated to board level where necessary.

I am also involved in a new Sheffield United Supporters' Association as treasurer, attempting to unite a number of separate fan groups in order to strengthen our voice. The Official Supporters' club should be commended for its longevity but the numbers in the group are dwindling and the incumbent committee are resistant to change. However, there are a number of independent groups doing interesting and worthwhile pursuits which deserve to be publicised and recognised by the Club. The intention is that the new Association is more representative of the current fan base and works to improve access to football, both watching and playing, for all.

Outline how you might be able to use any skills, knowledge or experience you have, as a National Council member.

I have a varied background encompassing legal studies, a stint in marketing and now currently work in finance so I have a wide skillset to draw upon. More importantly, I'm someone who enjoys getting out there and engaging with a myriad of people and I'm happiest when I'm out meeting new faces. I am not easily swayed and can respectfully argue my point with anyone, despite often being the only woman in the room in a traditionally male dominated environment. I have experience of speaking with a number of different football stakeholders – from chairmen and board members, players, the Police, the media and fans of many different clubs.

What would be your aims or interests if elected? What are your views on current issues which affect the welfare and interests of the football supporter?

One of my primary interests is in campaigning for more fan involvement in the Safety Advisory Group (SAG) meetings which have a massive impact on the experience of football fans, but, as is the case in Sheffield, often take place behind closed doors. I understand that some groups do already involve fans, and many others publish minutes, but I would like to encourage a more codified requirement for fans to be present and able to contribute directly to these meetings. I would like to strengthen the requirement for fan input, but also encourage fans to have their say.

I would also like to work with all the relevant stakeholders to encourage a more accurate "stereotype" of football fans after experiencing excessive policing tactics both home and away. I would also like to encourage more collaboration between supporters groups, both official and unofficial, to make away travel more welcoming and enjoyable for all.

Although privileged to have only ever had a positive experience of being a female football fan I realise that this is not the case across the board and would be interested in any projects levelling the playing field for all fans irrespective of gender, ethnicity, sexuality, disability or economic circumstances.

Name of Candidate : **Manny Dominguez**
Proposed by : **Mike Thompson**
Seconded by : **Rick Duniec**

Please give any experience or past involvement in football which you consider may be relevant to your nomination, or which could be useful to the FSF if elected.

I have experience in campaigning for safe standing at Bradford City and writing in the City Gent fanzine about the wider issues of football and how the political and socio-economic issues will impact on my club and its fan base. I am also the Vice Chair of BCST.

I have been active in the FSF regionally since 2008 from campaigning on safe standing and I have been to the FSF Conference a couple of times.

Outline how you might be able to use any skills, knowledge or experience you have, as a National Council member.

I have always been concerned with how our football clubs are run and how football fans have been exploited, especially since the necessity of all-seater stadiums and the development of the Premier League, and with those developments the increase in the cost of match day and season tickets, the profit motive opportunities to relocate football grounds away from the fans traditional home ground location, and the financial inequality in the game where the bigger clubs have got richer and the majority of clubs struggle resulting in many going to the wall. Many fans have been alienated from the big business transformation of football.

I am good at engaging with football fans in campaigning work to raise awareness and get support in particular issues and I have experience of articulating my thoughts at meetings.

What would be your aims or interests if elected? What are your views on current issues which affect the welfare and interests of the football supporter?

My current issues are those of safe standing and affordable football. Another wider concern is the ballooning debt of bigger clubs, and the growth of the enormous TV money pumping into the Premier League. I would like to see the Premier League abolished and that all money be equally distributed across all 4 divisions.

Name of Candidate : **Michael Martin**
Proposed by : **Norman Watson**
Seconded by : **Colin Whittle**

Please give any experience or past involvement in football which you consider may be relevant to your nomination, or which could be useful to the FSF if elected.

Since 1999 I have edited the long running, big-selling and respected Newcastle United fanzine, true faith and taken part in several campaigns related to the club and football more generally. For example I was active in the Save Our Seats campaign at NUFC whilst more recently have been a leading part of the anti-Ashley campaign at my club. In 1996 I was part of the Wear United campaign which campaigned against the ban on visiting supporters from the Tyne & Wear Derbies. More recently (2014)

I was part of the joint campaign which successfully overturned the move to a “bubble trip” for away fans at Tyne & Wear derbies. Likewise I was part of the local campaign opposing the Premier League’s Game 39 “innovation”.

More recently I have been part of the FSF’s campaign for affordable football and attended marches in London as well as being part of an FSF delegation which has met Premier League executives.

Since Jan/2014 I have been a board member of the Newcastle United Supporters Trust. I have been a part of the Trust’s activities to develop a political strategy to take the interests of football supporters into the heart of Government as well as work with developers to attempt to maintain the potential of Newcastle United to extend St James’ park following the sale of land nearby. I have played a role in establishing an NUST Credit Union, campaigned against the club’s association with Wonga, developed sponsorship arrangements to fund community based football coaching within deprived areas of Tyneside and Northumberland.

Outline how you might be able to use any skills, knowledge or experience you have, as a National Council member.

I have a 2:1 BA (Hons) Degree in Politics (Newcastle Polytechnic) and an MA Urban Studies (University of Northumbria).

My previous career as a public servant has taken me to employment in community and employment development in disadvantaged areas of the North East. I have worked across local and national government and I am currently a Senior Officer in the Civil Service.

I have managed budgets of £6m+ and managed teams of over 100 officers.

I have worked in partnership arrangements involving local communities, the public and private sectors and with others from a variety of local agencies.

As a board member of the Newcastle United Supporters Trust I have played a leading role in developing strong links with the Newcastle City Council and the Northern Group of Labour MPs.

I believe I have strengthened the strategy development and direction of NUST as well as developing stronger links with the FSF.

What would be your aims or interests if elected? What are your views on current issues which affect the welfare and interests of the football supporter?

To increase supporter representation and rights at every level of the game, particularly with respect to supporter ownership in full or in part.

To make football more affordable to all parts of local communities.

To increase the social benefits possible to local communities from the cultural value of football.

To preserve the heritage and identity of football clubs and strengthen their ties to the communities that host them.

To be committed to advancing the cause of inclusion at every level of football.

To develop the strength of the Football Supporters Federation as a strong base for supporter activism and organisation across all levels of football in the UK.

Name of Candidate : **Rick Duniec**
Proposed by : **Martin O'Hara**
Seconded by : **Paul Keat**

Please give any experience or past involvement in football which you consider may be relevant to your nomination, or which could be useful to the FSF if elected.

Former Chairman of the Leeds Supporters Trust which has given me considerable experience of football's financial administration processes; also club governance and wider financial issues. This also brought me into numerous interactions with Shaun Harvey, now FL Chief Executive.

Previously delegate to the Executive Committee of LU Supporters Club. Member of FSF Football Governance group. Vice Chair of the Yorkshire FSF division. Attended FS Europe in Barcelona 2010, Copenhagen 2011, Istanbul 2012, Amsterdam 2013, Bologna 2014 and assisted with the organisation and running of Belfast 2015. Veteran of numerous (football) meetings with the Football League, F.A., National and Local Government. Very active in fans groups during the period of Leeds' financial collapse and partial recovery, and in the subsequent machinations which have included fundamental club ownership issues which are important to football on a wider basis and which are gaining much political (and FL) attention. Currently attempting to draw greater focus on Football Heritage protection issues such as club names, colours, and location and have raised these issues at Westminster, at the F.A. and at the F.L

I made a personal written submission (evidence) to the DCMS Parliamentary Select Committee and had input into FSF submissions. Was able to discuss the various issues with members of that Committee at Westminster and attended the 2015 Labour Party football issues factfinding meetings at Westminster and Manchester. Also veteran of numerous interviews and appearances in media including newspaper, radio, television, and football related documentaries, though not more recently.

Graduate of the University of East Anglia; worked in The City (audit) before moving to business systems sales- 14 years with Kalamazoo in UK, Ireland, & Unilever Sales Management in the Arabian Gulf states (including a year living in Qatar under the kafala labour laws system).

Switched into UK financial services and spent 10 years as an Independent Financial Adviser, registered with the (then) Financial Services Authority dealing mostly with Mortgages, Protection, Pensions, and Investments.

Outline how you might be able to use any skills, knowledge or experience you have, as a National Council member.

In many ways the knowledge and experience I have gained about the real workings of football is knowledge that I would have much preferred not to have been forced (by the circumstances) to acquire. It seems appropriate to put that knowledge and experience to greater use and for the greater benefit of Football Supporters as a whole. I feel that the NC is the best place to achieve this aim, alongside like-minded colleagues.

The best interests of supporters have in the past frequently been sidelined by the various authorities but there remains a current political impetus and potentially a major opportunity to further influence the way football is run. I am comfortable in bringing such issues to bear at the most senior levels (and pressing them home where appropriate). In the past this has included pressing various issues with the FL, Sports Ministers and other MPs.

I have been a Company Director of several small businesses, and have a level of insight into the workings of Commercial Property (which I believe to be one of the major driving factors in the problems which regularly confront football clubs from the top to the bottom of the pyramid).

What would be your aims or interests if elected? What are your views on current issues which affect the welfare and interests of the football supporter?

Whilst I have a wide ranging interest in a broad spectrum of fans issues my primary concerns over the next year would continue to be with Football Governance, Football Finance, compliance and ownership issues, plus an active involvement in the ATOC Rail Football Forum where progress is being made towards better rail ticketing arrangements for fans. In particular I am seeking to influence the Train Operating Companies to increase their focus on football supporters as a valuable market opportunity so that they will attempt to provide more suitable services and facilities. A small pilot scheme is hoped to be in place for next season.

Though it is a nebulous and difficult subject area I intend to progress the initiative which deals with football heritage issues and seeks to achieve some degree of separation between the club as Construct (its heritage etc) and the club as a business which can be bought and sold and where owners should ideally regard themselves as being custodians of the club.

My objectives over several years have been to seek a greater involvement for fans in their clubs (and in football in general) and to strive to prevent the inappropriate financial exploitation of the fan base. Essentially I believe that fans require and deserve a fair return on both their emotional and financial "investment" in their clubs, and in football more generally.

Name of Candidate : **Roisin Wood**
Proposed by : **Anwar Uddin**
Seconded by : **Hash Piperdy**

Please give any experience or past involvement in football which you consider may be relevant to your nomination, or which could be useful to the FSF if elected.

I have been a Liverpool FC football fan for over 35 years and have a deep commitment to football demonstrated by my employment within the game for over seven years.

I worked as head of Equalities for the Football Foundation for three and half years and have been the Chief Executive Officer for Kick It Out for the last three years.

I have been working in partnership with FSF for the last couple of years and developed a Fans Consultation in 2012 which looked at various issues around

discrimination. This was launched and received significant media coverage and is now forming the basis of Kick It Out's work with fans.

In the last 12 months I have been part of a joint FSF/KIO fans programme, funded by the Fans Fund, looking at greater support to fans groups around diversity and inclusion. This includes a bursary scheme supporting fans diversity programmes, research into rehabilitation programs for fans guilty of offending, a poster campaign for fans not present in the stadia, as well as the student journalists working on fans stories.

Outline how you might be able to use any skills, knowledge or experience you have, as a National Council member.

I have been involved in developing both the strategic and operational review of Kick It Out and managing both a number of budgets and staff teams.

I have an extensive knowledge of the different football bodies and campaigns and am a member of different Football Boards and groups such as the Antisemitism Taskforce, The FA's Inclusion and Diversity plan working group.

I have developed a number of strong partnerships, both with individuals within these organisations promoting fairness and equality and strategically with the organisations themselves.

I am a lay magistrate specialising in family and youth law and therefore have a balanced approach to the implementation of the law whilst supporting the rights of young people and families.

Having trained as a counsellor specialising in conflict resolution, I feel these skills are important in any work involving individuals with different views and agendas.

What would be your aims or interests if elected? What are your views on current issues which affect the welfare and interests of the football supporter?

I am interested in a number of fans issues;

The ability of fans to report discrimination when it occurs to ensure that football is a place free from abuse.

The support to fans who wish to self - police when it comes to different forms of discrimination.

The rehabilitation and education of fans found guilty of discrimination rather than the criminalisation of fans, especially young fans.

Support for initiatives that support the diversification of fan bases that allow greater representation from BME, women and disabled fans.

The pricing of away fans tickets and support to 'Twenty is Plenty' and the barriers that exists preventing fans from a poorer social economic background attending games.

The promotion of LGBT Fans groups and the Pride In Football initiative.

Name of Candidate :	Roy Bentham
Proposed by :	James McKenna
Seconded by :	Dave Kelly

Please give any experience or past involvement in football which you consider may be relevant to your nomination, or which could be useful to the FSF if elected.

6 years on the Spirit of Shankly Management Committee.

7 years a member.

Administrative qualities include running coaches to away games

Involved in the tkt campaign from the outset organising joint protests and demonstrations with a number of supporters trusts at matches and against sponsors in city centres.

I've also attended safety advisory group meetings on behalf of the union with the relevant authorities giving fans a voice and representation over what concerns they may have at certain games.

Outline how you might be able to use any skills, knowledge or experience you have, as a National Council member.

3 years on the Blacklist Support Group National Committee.

The leverage tactics to get results and skills when negotiating within meetings with both employers and politicians have gave me an insight on how results are obtained for the greater good with direct action allied to collective bargaining.

Them qualities will serve me well if elected onto the Council.

What would be your aims or interests if elected? What are your views on current issues which affect the welfare and interests of the football supporter?

I would like to carry on with the excellent FSF work surrounding the ticket campaigns such as 20's plenty and affordable football.

My view is it is a battle we are winning and we can now achieve greater gains now our foot is firmly in that door.

Name of Candidate :	Simon Manger
Proposed by :	Dave Kelly
Seconded by :	Richard Knights

Please give any experience or past involvement in football which you consider may be relevant to your nomination, or which could be useful to the FSF if elected.

I am Secretary and founding member of the Everton Supporters Group The Blue Union. In my capacity of Secretary I have organised a number of public meetings, rallies and leafleting events. I organise regular committee meetings within the organisation and have represented the Blue Union in meetings with national bodies and local councils.

I have also in the past 12 months been nominated onto the FSF National Council and represented the FSF and Evertonians in meetings with Premier League executives.

In addition I am the acting Chair of the newly created Everton Supporters Trust.

Outline how you might be able to use any skills, knowledge or experience you have, as a National Council member.

In my capacity as Secretary of The Blue Union i have organised a number of well attended public meetings, public rallies and protest marches. To achieve this i have had to liaise on a number of occasions with Merseyside Police, Liverpool City Council and Everton Football Club to deliver a safe and friendly environment for supporters and bystander alike.

As well as my commitments to The Blue Union i am also an active Trade Union campaigner and plan to take my first steps into being a workplace rep in September, which i believe will compliment my work with The Blue Union and in turn the National Council if elected.

What would be your aims or interests if elected? What are your views on current issues which affect the welfare and interests of the football supporter?

Apart from the issues that i still believe blight my Club i am very passionate about football governance on a national level.

Due to my committments to The Blue Union i have been made aware of a number of issues affecting Football fans, both at Everton and nationally. I believe that currently for football fans, or fans of any sport, there is no due process and a robust, fair and transparent appeals procedure needs to be established which i believe needs to incorporate the FSF as well as the Football Ombudsman, an organisation which i have first hand experience and which i found to be one of the most ill-organised and unprofessional.

I would also like to see UEFA guidelines around club SLO's and Fans Forums to be made compulsory to all Clubs in England.

As well as these two issues, campaigns that are already being ran such as 20's Plenty and Safe Standing are both issues that i feel very passionately about.

Name of Candidate : **Steven Powell**
Proposed by : **Arsenal Independent Supporters' Association**
Seconded by : **Peter Daykin**

Please give any experience or past involvement in football which you consider may be relevant to your nomination, or which could be useful to the FSF if elected.

Founding life member of both Arsenal Independent Supporters' Association and Arsenal Supporters' Trust. Life member Arsenal Football Supporters' Club. Former director and vice-chair of Supporters Direct. Director of Policy, Football Supporters' Federation 2001-2014. Drafted instrument of amalgamation creating the FSF via a merger of its two founding partners, the Football Supporters' Association and the National Federation of Football Supporters' Clubs.

Outline how you might be able to use any skills, knowledge or experience you have, as a National Council member.

I point to my experience in building two club-based supporters' groups from the ground up from informal chats to founding meetings, governing documents, membership recruitment and building capacity and leadership.

As director of policy of the FSF I developed an expertise in the governance of professional sport.

What would be your aims or interests if elected? What are your views on current issues which affect the welfare and interests of the football supporter?

To continue my work as a member of the FSF regulatory and safe standing groups. To offer my expertise and counsel on sports governance issues. To assist with the FSF's diversity work from my personal experience as a wheelchair user and knowledge and experience gained in my professional career, including as a full-time trade union official.

To assist in developing work with partners such as Kick It Out, Supporters Direct, Level Playing Field and Football Supporters Europe.

Name of Candidate : **Tony Roome**
Proposed by : **Leyton Orient Fans Trust**
Seconded by : **Pam Wilkins**

Please give any experience or past involvement in football which you consider may be relevant to your nomination, or which could be useful to the FSF if elected.

I am a long-time Leyton Orient supporter; a member of the management committee of the Supporters Club and a trustee of the Leyton Orient Fans' Trust. I am a member of the Leyton Orient Fans' Forum, which holds regular meetings between the supporters and the club senior managers dealing with a wide variety of non-playing issues.

I am Chair of the Southern Division of FSF, regularly attend the Supporters' Summit and am a current member of the National Council.

Outline how you might be able to use any skills, knowledge or experience you have, as a National Council member.

After a career in civil aviation, I retired from a senior management position which dealt with UK and overseas issues. I have extensive experience of training, non-financial auditing, finance and management. All of these skills are of relevance to the NC role and I seek to use them to the best advantage of the Federation. I am politically active and seek to promote the interests of football supporters, and grassroots football, through that route wherever possible.

What would be your aims or interests if elected? What are your views on current issues which affect the welfare and interests of the football supporter?

I am a passionate advocate of the Supporter Liaison Officer role, believing that the SLO must be a high profile supporter of the club and known to most of its fans. I do not believe that the role works as a subsidiary job for an FC employee. I believe that the SLO provides a critical element in the relationship between the football club, its own supporters and those who visit as away fans. It is insufficient to leave the development of the relationship between club and supporters in the hands of club administrations and managements, we must take the situation into our own hands if we are to make progress. I support the work of the NC sub-group on SLOs.

I believe that we need to provide additional support and finance to grassroots football and am a regular attendee at non-league football matches throughout the

south east of England. I believe that the future of football lies in its grassroots, and not in the televisual spectacular which is the Premier League.

I support the current FSF campaign of Twenty's Plenty, at the same time acknowledging that we must take account of the fact that ticket and other matchday income is of infinitely more importance at lower and non-league level than in the Premiership. I also support the Safe Standing campaign; attending lower and non-league games means I often have – and take – the option of standing.

Finally, I believe that the national leadership of FSF needs to do more to involve supporters in the Federation's business. From a fully-functioning regional structure a few years ago, we are now reduced to just two active regional organisations. I believe that we need to push forward with the further enfranchisement of our individual members throughout the country, and the revitalisation of our regions, making full use of the latest technologies, in order to better connect with football supporters at all levels of involvement.

Name of Candidate : **Trevor Wood MBE**

Proposed by : **John Browne**

Seconded by : **Chris Paouros**

Please give any experience or past involvement in football which you consider may be relevant to your nomination, or which could be useful to the FSF if elected.

Pride in Football is the voice of LGBT fans, we were formed with assistance from FSF and Fans for Diversity in Nov 2014. Previously there have been a number of LGBT umbrella groups, however fans who initiated the huge growth of LGBT fan groups during 2012-15 wanted a new organisation that was truly inclusive, committed to one person one vote and independent of any particular club, sponsor or vested interest. We value the freedom to advocate what members want.

We are proposing that Trevor Wood MBE represent #PIF as a body on the National Council.

They will attend meetings, events AGMS etc and bring the experience and knowledge of 14 LGBT fan groups, expertise in:

- *Marketing*
- *strategy*
- *Law*
- *IT*
- *film making*
- *running leagues*
- *campaigning*
- *Education*
- *Advocacy*
- *Change management*
- *Performance improvement*
- *Budgeting and finance*
- *Event and conference management*
- *Work with London Sports Forum for Disabled People*

Outline how you might be able to use any skills, knowledge or experience you have, as a National Council member.

Trevor Wood MBE was a founder member of Pride on Irons fan group and has worked closely with;

- *FSF*
- *The FA*
- *The PL*
- *KIO*
- *FvH*
- *Fans for Diversity*

Often in leadership positions and with other major football clubs and organisations. Trevor Wood MBE will bring that insight and learning to the National council.

What would be your aims or interests if elected? What are your views on current issues which affect the welfare and interests of the football supporter?

In putting forward Trevor Wood MBE #PIF have tried to reflect the diversity of the LGBT community through gender parity and caucuses for people with disabilities Tran's person's members of the BAME community. For the future we would want to start a discussion with FSF to consider the best way to include those fans organisations' who identify with a community of interest as well as a club or/and geographical location.

Trevor Wood MBE would clearly ensure that in all discussions', the voice and perspective of LGBT fans is heard but also share with the wider LGBT fan movement issue of concerns from the wider football fan community and take part in joint campaigns. We also have a list of aims that we think would mesh with the FSF agenda

1. *An end to all forms of discrimination in football*
2. *Support for fan led groups and supporters trusts to have legal stake in how clubs are run and organised*
3. *A living wage for all staff who work in football*
4. *Cheap and plentiful low price season/game tickets so that the heart and soul in any game, the fans are not priced out*
5. *Cheaper ticket prices for away fans*
6. *Safe standing in grounds for fans who want this*
7. *Proper dialogue with broadcasters about match times*
8. *Decent treatment and respect by Police, stewards and transport authorities so fans home and away are made safe and welcome*
9. *For all people at all levels in football governance to demonstrate total commitment to act in fair and ethical manner a revised fit and proper person test*
10. *Recognition by the Government and football governors of the huge financial and cultural contribution football makes to UK PLC and for that to be fully acknowledged and recognised with resources to promote and develop grass roots football for all*
11. *Total reform of the FA so its reflects and supports football rather than its own narrow interests*
12. *A commitment to fair and equitable treatment within the law so that the various draconian acts that disproportionately impact negatively on football fans are repealed and a restorative problem solving approach is used in the first instance to deal with issue and concerns.*

Standing Orders

(As adopted at the Fans' Parliament of the Federation on 20 June 2009)

RESPONSIBILITIES OF NATIONAL COUNCIL

1. The National Council shall be responsible for the publishing of the annual report and accounts, which shall include:

- Minutes of the proceedings of the previous annual conference
- Matters arising from the previous annual conference
- Annual reports from the National Council and division secretaries
- Annual accounts
- Appointment of auditors
- Elections of national officers and other posts determined in the rules
- Motions
- Amendments and alterations to the constitution, rules and standing orders.

2. The National Council shall appoint an Agenda committee of three members to assist the smooth running of conference, and act in accordance with these standing orders.

CONFERENCE CHAIR

3. The Federation Chair shall chair the Conference. In his/her absence, or for any matter dealing with his/her own position, the deputy chair shall chair conference, or in his/her absence another national council member nominated by the Agenda committee, will take the chair.

4. The ruling of the chair on any question of procedure arising at the conference shall be final and can only be challenged as allowed for in Standing Order 27.

CONFERENCE VOTING

5. Voting shall be by show of appropriate voting cards or by ballot as indicated by the appropriate Bye Laws of this constitution. The agenda committee shall appoint persons to count votes and organise any ballots required.

6. Voting shall be restricted to accredited delegates, and shall be in accordance with the rules and bye-laws of the Federation. In the event of any dispute the agenda committee shall decide on eligibility.

7. Decisions shall be made by simple majority, except where stated to the contrary elsewhere in these Standing Orders.

8. The chair shall have both a deliberative and a casting vote

CONFERENCE MOTIONS AND DEBATE

9. A motion which is published in the agenda can only be withdrawn with the consent of the conference.

10. Any motion received after the closing date for submission of motions, which shall be determined by the National Council, shall be reported to the conference by the Agenda committee. The Agenda committee shall determine whether the motion shall be heard by conference and what position it shall appear on the agenda. Motions received after the closing date must relate to a matter which has arisen after the closing date for motions, or which requires urgent attention.

11. Motions shall be moved by the delegate in whose name they stand. If the mover is not present the motion will fall, unless conference gives leave for an alternative proposer.

12. All Motions and Amendments shall require a seconder before they are moved. If no seconder can be secured, the motion or amendment will fall.

13. Amendments may be moved by giving notice to the chair, except in the case of procedural motions as referred to in Standing order 27.

14. If an amendment to a motion is moved, a further amendment shall not be moved until the first amendment is disposed of.

15. An amendment shall not be moved while a vote is being taken.

16. An amendment must be related to but may not negate the substance of the original motion.

17. The mover of the motion shall be asked whether he/she accepts an amendment. If the amendment is accepted by the mover it will automatically become part of the substantive motion.

18. The mover of a motion (including an amended motion) shall have the right of reply, after which the motion shall be put to the vote without further debate, except in the case of procedural motions as referred to in Standing Order 27.

19. The mover of an amendment shall not have the right of reply.

20. Speakers shall state their name (and the organisation they represent, where appropriate).

21. If two or more delegates wish to speak at the same time the chair shall decide to whom priority shall be given.

22. Should the chair call for "Order" during a debate, the delegate speaking shall immediately sit down and neither he/she, nor any other delegate, shall speak until the chair invites them to do so.

23. The chair shall ensure that debates are conducted in a spirit of mutual respect. Any delegate disobeying, or attempting to defy, the ruling of the chair may be suspended for the remainder of conference. The Chair shall call attention to continued

irrelevance, repetition, unbecoming language or any breach of order on the part of a member, and direct such member to discontinue their speech.

24. A delegate shall not speak more than once to the same motion or amendment except with the permission of the chair.

25. The maximum time allowed for the moving of a motion or an amendment shall be five minutes; all other speeches including the mover's right of reply, shall have a maximum time of three minutes except at the discretion of the chair.

26. Any delegate may raise a point of order or ask a question but must confine this to the subject before conference at the time.

PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

27. The following procedural motions may be moved at any time without previous notice:

- That leave shall be given to withdraw a motion or an amendment
- That leave shall be given to refer a motion or amendment to the National Council for consideration
- That the chair's decision or ruling be challenged
- That the question be now put (*)
- That the conference proceeds to the next business (*)
- That the speaker shall no longer be heard (*)
- That the debate be adjourned (*)
- That conference be adjourned
- That persons present who are not members of the Federation leave the conference for a specified period

None of the procedural motions marked (*) can be moved by a delegate who has already addressed conference on the motion or amendment under debate. Any procedural motion shall be immediately put to the vote after there is one speech in favour of the motion and one against. No amendment shall be allowed.

CONFERENCE BUSINESS NOT TAKEN

28. Any business not taken at conference due to lack of time shall be referred to the National Council.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS UNDER FEDERATION RULES

29. The proceedings of the conference shall be conducted in accordance with the rules and bye-laws of the Federation (of which these standing orders form a part).

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

30. Any standing order may be suspended by a motion to conference provided that at least two-thirds of the delegates voting vote in favour.