

FSF Fans' Parliament 2009 - Motions Carried

The following motions and resolutions were carried as indicated at the fans' Parliament in Newcastle, and under FSF Constitution Be Law 17 these are now referred to the National Council for consideration as to action to be taken.

As secretary, I have already amended the Constitution according to the requirements of those motions which were Constitutional ones. Council must decide what action is necessary for the other non-constitutional motions.

There are two lists below of these two groups of motions, non-constitutional motions first, followed by the constitutional ones.

Mike Williamson
Secretary FSF
20 July 2009

Non-Constitutional Motions

7) Motion to accept the report of the Fans' Parliament 2009 Workshop on Policing and Stewarding

This assembly accepts the report received from the workshop on Policing and Stewarding, held during the Fans' Parliament 2009 to debate and discuss that issue, and directs that proposals contained in that report shall be accepted as the policy of the Football Supporters' Federation.

Proposed by National Council

Proposals in the report submitted to Fans' Parliament were as follows –

- Consideration of local club bans should include the involvement of local assessors
- FSF should oppose the recovery of full policing costs from clubs
- Drinking laws related to stadiums and on football transport should be reviewed
- Supporters should be fully involved on local safety committees.

Carried Nem Con

8) Motion to accept the report of the Fans' Parliament 2009 Workshop on Safe Standing

This assembly accepts the report received from the workshop on Safe Standing, held during the Fans' Parliament 2009 to debate and discuss that issue, and directs that proposals contained in that report shall be accepted as the policy of the Football Supporters' Federation.

Proposed by National Council

Proposals in the report submitted to Fans' Parliament were as follows –

- FSF to campaign for new style "safe to use" standing areas
- FSF should make use of SUSI infrastructure and local activists
- Need to recognise the different audiences that need to be approached
- Should re-establish relevant links in Germany

Carried Nem Con

9) Motion to accept the report of the Fans' Parliament 2009 Workshop on Ticket Prices

This assembly accepts the report received from the workshop on Ticket Prices, held during the Fans' Parliament 2009 to debate and discuss that issue, and directs that proposals contained in that report shall be accepted as the policy of the Football Supporters' Federation.

Proposed by National Council

Proposals in the report submitted to Fans' Parliament were as follows –

a) Amendments to Fans' Blueprint –

- Add to Point 2 : "These concession tickets to be available in all areas of the ground.
- Add to Point 3 : "Any match categorisation not to apply to away supporters"
- Add additional points below :
 - Point 4 : "Leagues and clubs to participate as much as possible in reciprocal away ticket schemes or similar offers which are available to both sets of supporters."
 - Point 5 : Any ticket booking surcharges from third-party agencies to be fair and proportionate.
 - Point 6 : Clubs to use facility fees from televised matches to subsidise away tickets.

b) Actions/initiatives for FSF in 2009-10

- Away ticket pricing
 - Campaign for maximum away ticket price at each tier and for maximum use of reciprocal agreements
- Build Ticket Pricing database
 - Appoint "Ticketing Representative" to accumulate and enter data for every club
 - Appoint co-ordinator at each division to recruit/manage these.
- Continue existing actions to reduce misuse of tickets for FA Cup Final (and other high-demand matches) and ensure maximum distribution of these to supporters.
- Continue to investigate/action problems/complaints as they arise.

c) Resources required

PEOPLE/ORGANISATIONS:

- Divisional Representatives (co-ordination)
- Local Club representatives
- Ticketing Policy Group – Campaign leadership etc

MONEY

Approximate level of money required and on what it would be expended.

- Database Design : £10,000
- Campaign Materials : £8,000

Carried Nem Con

10) Motion to accept the report of the Fans' Parliament 2009 Workshop on Diversity

This assembly accepts the report received from the workshop on Diversity, held during the Fans' Parliament 2009 to debate and discuss that issue, and directs that proposals contained in that report shall be accepted as the policy of the Football Supporters' Federation.

Proposed by National Council

Proposals in the report submitted to Fans' Parliament were as follows –

- In the Fans' Blueprint amend reference to "racism" to "discrimination"
- Establish links with "gay" communities
- Draw up guidelines on "acceptable" forms of chanting
- Seek accurate specific figures on homophobia

Carried Nem Con

11) Motion to accept the report of the Fans' Parliament 2009 Workshop on Club Governance and Ownership

This assembly accepts the report received from the workshop on Club Governance and ownership, held during the Fans' Parliament 2009 to debate and discuss that issue, and directs that proposals contained in that report shall be accepted as the policy of the Football Supporters' Federation.

Proposed by National Council

Proposals in the report submitted to Fans' Parliament were as follows –

- In Fans' Blueprint, with all references to club ownership, add that this should be done working with Supporters Direct
- Remove call in Fans' Blueprint for a single unitary independent football authority, whilst calling for all football authorities to work together
- Draw up proposals on revenue sharing seeking expert advice
- Enhance Fit & Proper Persons Test
- Call for overall sports law
- Call for all club ground moves to be made only the clear expressed approval of supporters
- Call for statutory independent regulation of football to be abandoned

After comments that the above would require very significant changes to FSF policy, and a review of the relationship with Supporters Direct, the following amendment was tabled –

"Conference notes with approval the report of this workshop, but refers it to the FSF National Council for final authority, after consultation with members".

Carried Nem Con as amended (remitted to National Council) with only 1 vote against.

12) Motion to establish an ongoing relationship with the refereeing fraternity

This assembly directs the National Council, on behalf of the FSF, to establish an ongoing relationship with the refereeing fraternity and with those involved with the management of match officials.

Proposed by Monica Hartland Seconded by Pam Wilkins

Carried with only 3 individuals against

13) Treatment of injured players

This conference calls upon the footballing authorities to remove the requirement for an outfield player to leave the pitch, when the physio has been called on, unless it is for further treatment.

Proposed by Pam Wilkins for Brighton & Hove Albion Supporters' Club

Seconded by Mike Williamson

Carried by 7 votes –

**(For – 3 affiliated members and 5 individual members
Against – 2 affiliated members and 1 individual member)**

Constitutional motions

1) Conference Ballots

Constitutional Motion to amend Standing Order 5 on CONFERENCE VOTING

Recognising the conflict that exists in the Constitution of the Football Supporters' Federation between Bye Law 18 and Standing Order 5, Conference resolves that Standing Order 5 shall be amended as follows -

Currently reading as follows -

“5. Voting shall be by show of appropriate voting cards. The agenda committee shall appoint persons to count votes and organise any ballots required.”

Standing Order 5 shall be amended to read –

“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.”

Proposed by National Council

Carried Nem Con

2) Affiliated group members voting rights

Constitutional Motion to amend Bye Law 18 on Voting

In furtherance of amended arrangements relating to membership of the Football Supporters' Federation, Conference resolves that Bye Law 18 of the Constitution of the Football Supporters' Federation shall be amended, so that whereas the first paragraph of the Bye Law currently indicates that each **affiliated organisation** in membership of the Federation shall have a block vote of three votes, that shall be amended so that each affiliated organisation shall have a block vote of five votes, subsequent to this Fans' Parliament..

Proposed by National Council

Carried Nem Con

3) National Council Code of Conduct

Motion relating to a Code of Conduct for the manner in which National Council carries out its responsibilities

In furtherance of the introduction of a Code of Conduct to govern how National Council's work is carried out, Conference resolves that Bye Law 14 of the Federation Constitution, concerning **NATIONAL COUNCIL BUSINESS AND AUTHORITY**, shall be amended as follows –

The first sentence of the second paragraph of Bye Law 14 which currently reads –

“Between annual conferences the general management and control of the Federation and the handling of its whole affairs shall be vested in the National Council.”

Shall be amended to read –

“Between annual conferences the general management and control of the Federation and the handling of its whole affairs shall be vested in the National Council, such general management, control and handling to be carried out in accordance with a Code of Conduct to be prepared by National Council, to which all persons elected to membership of the National Council shall be required to sign in acknowledgment of, using the appropriate form prepared for that purpose. “

Proposed by National Council

Carried Nem Con with 2 abstentions

4) FSF Financial Control Document

Motion concerning the use of a Financial Control Document to govern the financial management of the Federation by National Council

To enable the financial management of the Federation, Conference resolves that Bye Law 16 **FEDERATION FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS** be amended so that the second sentence of the first paragraph of that bye law be amended to read **“The National Council, or the Executive Committee acting on the authority of the National Council, shall determine the rules and procedures for the payment of FSF monies. These will be set out in the current version of a Financial Control Document”**.

Proposed by National Council

Carried Nem Con with 1 abstention

5) Conduct of debate

Motion to ensure that debate in the FSF should be carried out in a right and proper manner

Recognising the right and proper manner in which all debate within the Federation should be carried out, Conference resolves that Standing Order 23, which currently reads as follows –

“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.”

Should be amended to read as follows –

“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.”

Proposed by Ian Todd, Seconded by Mike Williamson

Carried Nem Con