



Spirit of Shankly

The recognised Supporters Trust
of Liverpool FC

AGM
April 2023

Agenda

1. Chair's update
2. AGM motions and discussions
3. Presentations and Q&A
 - **Ronan Evain** - Executive Director, Football Supporters Europe
 - **Amanda Jacks** – Director of Fan Engagement, LFC



1. Chairs update

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- Holding LFC to account
- Holding football to account
- SOS Community initiatives
- Supporters Board update



2. AGM motions: Committee

Motion 1 – Management Committee

- That the AGM ratify the appointment of the following to the SOS Management Committee.
 - Joe Blott
 - Roy Bentham
 - Anna Burgess
 - Ian Byrne
 - Peter Hooton
 - Mark Johnson
 - Steph Jones
 - Paul Khan
 - Chris Owen
 - Mohan Singh Randhawa
 - Graham Smith
 - Melissa Fallon

Motion 2 – Recording of Thanks

- That the AGM acknowledge the service and time given by the following on the SOS Management Committee and record a message of thanks from this meeting
 - Stephen Monaghan
 - Lucy Rimmer
 - Phil Rowan



2. AGM motions: Accounts & auditing

Motion 3 – Annual Accounts

- That the Annual Accounts placed before the AGM are approved.

Motion 4 – Auditing

- That pursuant to Rule 60, and upon the Treasurer certifying that the Union falls below the statutory audit-exemption rules, no audit is required of the Union's accounts that have been placed before the AGM.



2. AGM inclusivity update

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5 – Inclusivity update

- Updates from
 - Ted Morris – LDSA
 - Paul Amman – Kop Outs
 - Jo Goodall – LFC Women’s Supporters Club



2. AGM motion: Equality, diversity and inclusion motion

Motion 6 – Equality, diversity and inclusion motion (Mohan Singh Randhawa)

- The Spirit of Shankly welcomes and represents Liverpool fans from all diverse backgrounds into their membership and its Management Committee.
- It is clear that there are still major problems that exist within football.
 - It's hard to believe that in 2023 the FA has to issue guidance to match officials for action for interference with religious head coverings; offence must be punished by red card if seen.
 - It's even harder to understand that LFC supporters have been asked to remove their religious head coverings in Europe this season "for safety and security reasons"
 - Disabled supporters still experience accessibility problems at European away games and disabled bays are taken up by TV crews.
 - Female LFC supporters are subject to inappropriate searches at away matches by male stewards.
- This has to stop!
- We should look to help our members and Liverpool fans in general when they are experiencing difficulties because of their ethnicity, religious beliefs, gender, disability or sexuality.
 - We need to improve communications which will allow members and fans in general to come to SOS whenever they experience abuse/difficulties so that we can work with them and the relevant stakeholders to address/eradicate the issue.
 - We need to work with Liverpool Football Club to ensure that their staff represents diversity at all levels, especially at leadership positions and also at academy level (players and coaches)
 - To ensure transparency, data in terms of recruitment at LFC should be readily available so that any shortfall is apparent and can be addressed.



2. AGM motion: ST waiting list

Motion 7 - Season Tickets waiting list (Mark Garner)

- On 14 March, the club announced that only 1000 of the 7000 extra seats in the redeveloped Anfield Road stand will be allocated to supporters on the season ticket waiting list. This paltry allocation is an insult to the loyalty and patience of those who have been waiting on the list upwards of 20 years. For the majority of those supporters, it effectively ends any realistic hope that they will ever be offered a season ticket.
- This motion proposes:
 - SOS lobby the club for a higher number of seats to be allocated to those on the season ticket waiting list
 - SOS also lobby for the club to use the additional capacity to give priority on the auto-cup ticket schemes to those on the season ticket waiting list, based on waiting list number.



2. AGM discussion: Fan Engagement Index

Motion 8 – Fan engagement Index (Michael Orme)

- I would like to propose a motion to discuss and hopefully explain why LFC are ranked 73rd out of all 92 English Premier/EFL teams in the recently published 'Fan Engagement Index.



2. AGM discussions: UEFA

Motion 9 – UEFA (Stephen McKernan)

- I am writing to confirm we all have a total dislike for the governance of UEFA ! That's probably unanimous! Now I request that every single last one of us makes sure they go to one of the two solicitor firms offering a no win no fee. Case against UEFA. This case is different from the agreement reached by the UEFA to pay us out ticket money back.
- This is because of the inadequate venue/turnstiles/ technology/staff unable to assist/tear gas in your eyes/ separation from friends & family due to kettling/crushed around 200 yards from the stadium/ inadequate train stations open/ some not getting in to a game & spending day or days to get to another country/ to be treated appallingly/Treated with sub machine guns & carte blanche tear gassing/ The list is endless pure incompetence!
- This is all of us costing them more money! This is separate to getting agreed UEFA pay back on tickets!
- This is us hitting their insurance policy! This is because of their incompetence.
- This is for the trauma of their organisation on the route in and their handing duff information to the police, a team that had exemplary attendance through the year no arrests handled with sub machine guns! Hit them where it hurts.
- Make a no win no fee claim - If you sing the sing against UEFA then we all should get on this.



3. Presentations & Q&A

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