

Supporters Board Meeting Minutes – 16th December 2020 – 7pm

Chair's Notes

The future safe return of fans to the LNER Stadium, an exciting range of options to be made available for supporters to spend their season ticket credit, and the Premier League rescue package were amongst the items discussed at the latest virtual Supporters Board Meeting held on Wednesday 16th December 2020, the minutes of which are available for you to read below.

MP for Lincoln Karl McCartney accepted our invitation to attend the meeting. We thank Karl for joining us and for his continued support to get fans safely back into stadiums as soon as possible.

The Supporters Board wish all Imps fans and everyone at the club a Happy New Year. The team is doing a great job in lifting our spirits during these challenging times producing outstanding results and performances this season.

Tony Smith
Chair of the Supporters Board

Attendees

- Andrew Helgesen, Tony Smith, Liam Scully, Jake Longworth, Jay Wright, Jackie Atkins, Dan Rawson, Julian Burley, Marcus Burton, Gary Hutchinson, Sam Kendall, Jane Chamberlain

In Attendance

- Karl McCartney (Local MP)

Apologies

- Jon Clack, Jonathan Battersby, Nick Procter

Health & Safety

- Optional round of testing coming up for members of the first team squad/backroom staff.

Football Leadership Diversity Code

- The club have signed up to this.

Premier League Rescue Package

- Club is in ongoing discussions with the EFL, who in turn are engaged with the EPL.
- EFL, on behalf of LG1/2 clubs have consistently noted the required rescue fund is £50m. Currently the offer stands as £30m plus conditional grants of £20m, however it is unlikely LCFC would qualify or meet the criteria for the conditional grants.
- Clubs in Sky Bet League One should receive a minimum of £375k plus a share of the remaining balance, based on lost revenue, linked to attendances.
- There are still huge financial challenges ahead.
- Michael Appleton will continue to receive the full backing and support from the club as we aim to keep this squad together.
- Investors/Directors have pledged further equity to support the club.
- Board are delighted with the start to the season which has significantly surpassed expectations.

Return of fans to LNER Stadium

- Karl McCartney insisted that the number of Covid-19 cases were heading the wrong way and that Tier 2 is not yet realistic for Lincolnshire.
- Club will issue a code of conduct relating to Covid-19 which supporters will be required to adhere to ahead of them potentially returning to the stadium.

- The club aims to run the safest possible match day events and that extremely hard work has taken place behind the scenes to ensure we are ready.
- The club are aiming for STH's getting to see 2 in 3 matches under Stage 5 protocols.
- Audits/feedback at other clubs have shown that fans have been extremely compliant with club protocols when returning to stadiums.

Live Streaming

- Live streaming will continue on iFollow domestically during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Club acknowledged that there were some early issues with supporters not being able to watch the live streams on iFollow in 1080p but this has now been fixed.

Season Ticket Credit Upload + Options

- Season ticket credit owed to supporters is c£400,000.
- Supporters will soon have season ticket credit uploaded to their Ticketmaster accounts with numerous options of where they can spend it. More information on this will be announced in due course.

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- 3rd February 2021 at 7pm