

SUTTON UNITED SUPPORTERS SOCIETY Ltd

Held online using MS Teams, at 7:30 pm on 27th July 2026

Apologies:- Bruce Elliott,

Present:-

John James (Chairman), Dave Farebrother (Secretary), Dave Rayner (Treasurer), Tony Henderson-Smith (Director), Mark Bravery, Ian Bell, Elliot Hurst

Minutes of Previous AGM

The Secretary read out the minutes.

There were no matters arising.

Proposed: THS

Seconded: IB

They were approved without opposition.

Chairman's Statement

The Chairman thanked the officers for their work over the year.

He noted that it had only been 8 months since the previous AGM, but that had been a consequence of a delay in the audit of the 24/25 accounts following a change in regulations. We should now be back on track with the aim of the 2027 AGM being held late in Q1 of next year.

The Football Club has been in contact to propose a new fans forum, to include representatives of both the Trust and the Supporters' Club, as part of its efforts to comply with the forthcoming requirement for supporter engagement to be mandated by the new Football Regulator. We do not yet know what exactly this will look like but clubs will require a licence to operate under the new rules and engagement is one of the key themes. The Chairman feels this will be very helpful as he noted that communications can still be random, late or non-existent and that decisions are being made without prior consultation or explanation.

Proposed: THS

Seconded: DR

This was adopted without opposition

Presentation of Accounts

The Secretary read out the accounts. In the year to January 2026 there had been no income received and outgoings of £16.99 expenses to the auditor.

This left assets of £3700 in shares in SUFC Ltd and cash at the bank of £2183.19 : A total of £5883.19

There were no questions to the Treasurer.

Proposed: THS

Seconded: EH

The accounts were unanimously adopted.

The Directors and Secretary signed off the accounts and agreed the annual submission of form AR30 to the FCA.

We need to do more to raise funds

Amendment To Rules

The Secretary explained that the Football Supporters' Association has developed a new set of model rules and recommended that all fans' trusts should adopt them, subject to certain amendments to suit their own circumstances. The model rules had been circulated with this Society's preferred tailored elements, which are:-

- **Do you have any additional objects you would like to include?**
- These are the last set of aims and objectives reviewed and agreed at an AGM:- The revised primary aims were agreed to be:-
 - 1) To continue to hold shares in SUFC Ltd in the name of the Trust
 - 2) To provide a democratic voice for supporters in the running of SUFC, encouraging 2-way dialogue and consultation
 - 3) To support the club's charitable Foundation in delivering its objectives and to support the Club with relevant CSR objectives.
 - 4) To work with the Club to enhance the matchday experience for all supporters
- **What is the minimum number of people you would like on your Society Board?**
 - FOUR
- **What is the maximum number of people you would like on your Society Board?**
 - EIGHT
- **What are the terms of office which Board members will serve for?**
 - Three years
- **Do you want to include any term limits to your rules? You may wish to set limits to the number of terms a board member may serve (ie no more than 4 terms or 12 consecutive years etc) This is to encourage succession planning.**
 - No
- **How many External Directors would you like to have the option to co-opt to the Society Board? In addition to the maximum number of Board members, you can have the power to co-opt external directors who serve for fixed terms and would usually be brought in for short periods to assist with certain workstreams or projects.**
 - Two
- **What date do you wish to use for your Society Financial Year End?**
 - 31st January
- **What are the key decisions which you believe should be made by your members rather than the Board alone? The rules require that any change**

to the Rules must be passed by members at a General Meeting. What other decisions do you feel should also be ratified by members?

- Changing the number of shares held in Sutton United Football Club Ltd
- Changing the ownership structure of the society
- Any single spend of £5,000, or more than 50% of cash assets, whichever is lower.

The proposed tailoring of the model rules was agreed to be sensible. A vote was held to adopt the new set of rules.

Proposed: The Society Board

Seconded: IB

The new rules were unanimously adopted.

Election of Directors

Messrs James, Rayner and Henderson-Smith are the only extant directors. They are all willing to stand.

Under the new rules The Society requires a minimum of four directors, and it was suggested that D Farebrother should be elected.

All four were duly elected, unopposed.

E Hurst advised the meeting that he is now Vice-Chairman of the Supporters' Club and would it therefore be helpful if he sat on the board of this Society. That was generally felt to be a good idea and put to the vote.

Proposed: DF

Seconded: THS

This was unanimously approved.

The full list of directors is therefore: -

J James, D Rayner, A Henderson-Smith, D Farebrother and E Hurst

Election Of Officers and Committee

J James, D Rayner and D.Farebrother have agreed to stand again as Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary. There were no other candidates and they were duly elected. No other committee members were elected or nominated.

Membership Fees

The chairman suggested with such a low membership at present, fees should not be increased. Those in attendance agreed to retain the annual membership to £5, in an effort to attract more members. Life Membership remains at £140.

Any Other Business

DF stated that the long-delayed fund-raiser, a Q&A with two ex-players (Joyce and Stephens) has been held towards the end of the 25/6 season and had been a big success. The room was packed, the event raised handy income and a number of new members joined the Trust that night. DF suggested that it was worth repeating with players from a different era.

It was also thought that another joint event with Supporters' Club, inviting the manager and players after a game, would be a good idea.

It was generally thought that matters relating to the club's identity and relationship with its fans had improved since P Tattersall has been appointed as CEO but that there was still some way to go to return to the levels enjoyed a few years ago. The Society looks forward to taking part in the proposed new fans' forum.

DF will now register the Society's annual return (form AR30) with the FCA mutuals division.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:40pm