Minutes

Title of Meeting:	MK Dons Supporters' Board – Meeting **13 (via Teams)**	
Date of Meeting:	Thursday 8th August 2024 at 6.30pm – 7.00pm	
Attendees :		
Name	**Attended**	**Organisation**
Pete Winkelman (PW)	A	Chairman at MK Dons FC
Joe Thompson (JT)	A	Head of Media and Communications at MK Dons FC
Simon Crampton (SC)	A	Performance Director at MK Dons FC
John Cove (JC)	A	Director, MK Dons FC / Chairman, MK Dons SET
Maralyn Smith (MS)	A	Chief Executive MK Dons SET
Jin Mann (JM)	A	Supporters' Board – Chair
John Brockwell (JB)	A	Supporters' Board – Secretary
John Samuel (JS)	A	Supporters' Board (MKDSA)
Ciaran Flanagan (CF)	A	Supporters' Board (MKDSA)
Bailey Bedborough (BB)	A	Supporters' Board
Tina Kenny (TK)	A	Supporters' Board
Amanda Lansbury (AL)	A	Supporters' Board (MKDSA)
Ed Finn (EF)	A	Supporters' Board
Carol Head (CH)	A	Supporters' Board
David Wright (DW)	A	Supporters' Board
Apologies:		
Tom Gidley (TG) Anthony Yates (AY)		Supporters' Board Supporters' Board

1	**Background and details**	
A	JC opened the meeting and explained that the meeting had been called at short notice as the club wanted to share some important news with the Supporters' Board. This meeting is covered by a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) and the contents of the meeting cannot be disclosed until the club makes an official announcement which is expected to be on Friday 9th August @2pm. At the moment only around 20 people are fully aware of this news.	**ALL**
B	PW has decided to sell the club. The interested party has now passed the EFL Owners and Directors Test AND the Hilton approvals for running the Hotel. The sales includes all parts of the Stadium MK Group except Inter MK Ltd, which will remain with PW. PW, Bobby, Bernie, Mark and Sue will leave the FC and continue to be employed by Inter Mk. JC will stay as Chair of MK Dons SET. The Kuwaiti consortium purchasing the company are led by Fahad Al Ghanim who has had a box at the stadium for the last year. PW has been impressed by his determination and ambition since their first meeting. Over the years there have been numerous approaches for the club but with many via third parties representing the potential buyer these didn't feel right. The persistence of Fahad persuaded PW that he was the right person to drive this club forward, which, alongside the financial backing that he brings and the realization that to move forward the club needs more investment than PW can bring on his own swung the deal. The intensive checks that are required to transfer ownership of a football club were completed extremely rapidly without any concerns being raised. His family have experience of running a football club as they are on the board of the top side in the Kuwait premier division, Kuwait SC. When the Group transfer it will be debt free for the first time in its history. Another plus is that Fahad has a house in MK and therefore knows the area and the background of the city. Pete will have a box at the stadium so he won't be going far.	**N/A**
C	An, at times, extremely emotional meeting ended with many of the SB members providing personal anecdotes of the clubs effect on their personal lives and thanking PW for the life long memories that he'd enabled due to the club being in MK. The entire SB place on record our thanks to PW for his determination and vision that has bought professional football to MK and affected so many lives through the work of the SET. We all wish him the very best for his future as he becomes one of us, a fan.	**N/A**