

SAB Meeting – Thursday 9th April 2026

Venue: Peter Lorimer Suite

In attendance: Jane Dowson (Chair), Jordan Owens (JO), Robbie Evans (RE), Lucinda Yeadon (LY), Jack Douglas (minute taker), Lliam Brocksom, Paul McManus, Katie Watkin, Ken MacArthur, Maz Ferguson, Nikki Allan, Rachael Grimes, Dean Pearson, Winnie Woollin, Martin Woodhead, Gillian MacLeod (LCC), Matt Walker (LCC), Emma Wood (WYP), Duncan Street (WYP).

Online attendees: Mark Pitts (MP), Nicola Connolly (NC), Anders Palm, Jay Bhatt, Michele Draper, Andy Curtis, Claire (Moot Hall Arms), Sandra Bentley Courtier, John Mann.

Welcome, Introductions and apologies

Apologies from Jay Bhatt and Umair Meer. SAB members have had their photos taken for the new section of the website dedicated to the SAB. Michael Kinsley from LUFC Foundation was meant to be in attendance, discussing their bid for the Fans Fund.

Minutes of last meeting

All accepted.

Matters arising

JO thanks SAB for their input in the statement regarding Ramadan that went out before the Norwich City FA Cup match.

Chair asks for links from EDI videos to be attached to previous minutes.

Robbie Evans- Club update

The summer tour has been announced since the last meeting. The Dublin game is contingent on two factors, Community Shield involvement and Premier League survival.

The allocation is circa 32,000 for Wembley. Season ticket holders will be guaranteed a ticket. Tickets will be sold similar to away matches with balloting on different priority levels in place. All Members will have a chance to gain a ticket. Feedback invited.

Tickets will be digital. Leeds will be in the west end of the stadium.

Chair asks about beam back for the FAC SF. RE unaware of any potential plans for Millenium Square in the city centre.

Chair asks for further insight into the accounts and PSR confines. Intention is always to run close to PSR restrictions. Cash injections have equalised outstanding transfer fees.

5- Any issues/feedback from matches from previous/upcoming matches

Josh Cawthorne raises issue fans had at half-time at West Ham United but MP says stewards were doing their jobs, checking fans were in the correct tier. This issue has been noted at multiple West Ham league games.

John Mann asks whether gates being shut exiting the north stand onto Lowfields Road is being looked at. This is causing a bottleneck and in turn makes exiting the stand very difficult. This was evident against Brentford. RE/MP to look into.

Nikki Allan says disabled fans had to walk a long distance from the coaches at West Ham. This has happened at other venues this season too. NC says the club don't know who is disabled and isn't on independent coaches so it is very difficult if one member of each coach, for instance, has a blue badge. NC sends lists to other clubs with numbers of ambulant supporters, wheelchairs, fans needing headsets etc. NC requests feedback be given to away clubs specifically.

6- Chairs business

Premier League Fan meeting coming up. Maz, Lliam and Chair to attend next meeting at Villa Park.

SAB will support the White Ribbon stall outside pavilion for two hours before kick-off against Wolves.

Terms of reference to be brought to future meeting.

7- AOB

Two people interested in becoming a deputy chair. To be decided in due course.

Leeds City Council blocking academy players being ball assistants at matches due to archaic child labour laws. One of only two councils in the country putting such measures in place. Club working with them to try and solve this issue and wanted to raise the issue with the SAB.

8- Date & time of next meeting

TBC