

## MINUTES OF THE MUDSA AGM HELD ON DECEMBER 8<sup>th</sup> 2022

### ATTENDEES:

		<b>PLACES</b>
<b>Banks</b>	Chas	1
<b>Banks</b>	Shirley	1
<b>Barnes</b>	Terence	1
<b>Bukhari</b>	Aydin & Eshane	2
<b>Clement</b>	Rick	1
<b>Evans</b>	Mike	1
<b>Fisher</b>	Georgina + 2 Carers	3
<b>Gore</b>	Steve (Nathaniel's carer)	1
<b>Griffin</b>	George & Deidre	2
<b>Heil</b>	Gary	1
<b>Leeming</b>	Jamie	1
<b>Leneghan</b>	Michael	1
<b>Lewis</b>	Ann Marie	1
<b>Mangam</b>	Patrick (carer)	1
<b>May</b>	Yvonne & Derek	2
<b>Rayment</b>	Alan	1
<b>Rocca</b>	Paul & Sue	2
<b>Simister</b>	Linda, Emma & John	3
<b>Walker</b>	Geoff	1
<b>Yates</b>	John & Nathaniel	2

The MUDSA AGM commenced at 7.35pm on December 8<sup>th</sup> 2022

## **MINUTES OF 2017/18 AGM**

**MUDSA Secretary Chas Banks** welcomed the members to the meeting and asked if there are any matters arising from the 2019 Minutes.

### **Matters Arising**

No Comments.

## **CHAIR'S REPORT - NATHANIEL YATES**

I would just like to start by saying I have fully enjoyed being chairman for the last two years. I will make this short and sweet. I don't want to go on with myself too much because you will hear the amazing work we do from my fellow committee members in the reports they are about to give.

END OF CHAIR'S REPORT

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## **SECRETARY'S & SOCIAL REPORT – CHAS BANKS**

Apologies for the late date of the AGM, due to illness on my part. It was originally planned for early September.

Due to Covid, we had to cancel the 2020 and 2021 AGMs. Therefore, we need to hold 2 x EGMs + elections tonight. This will only take a few minutes.

### **MUDSA Dinner**

The MUDSA Dinner was held on October 28<sup>th</sup>, with over 500 guests attending. Dion Dublin was the guest star and it's fair to say he was great value, even if his language was a bit industrial! The main thing though is that everybody enjoyed themselves and we raised a good lump of money to help fund our work with the Foundation.

## Secretary's & Social Report – cont'd

### **MUDSA Cup**

We held the competition on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June at Carrington with a very decent turn out from local clubs plus teams from as far away as London and West Bromwich. Fortunately, the weather smiled upon us; it didn't rain, but we didn't need the sunblock!

This cup is a national PAN disability U16s football tournament organised by Manchester United Foundation. Clubs from across the country are able to access MUFC facilities and participate in this annual event.

The tournament is funded by MUDSA and forms part of the partnership with Manchester United Foundation that has seen over 100 disabled participants access free weekly football sessions in the first half of the season already.

As well as the football, families are able to access various workshops on health and wellbeing, equality and weekly support on how to have a positive mental health from Manchester Mind. If you are wondering who won the MUDSA Cup, and why I haven't told you, it's because you don't want to know, believe me. I can only say they were wearing sky blue shirts!

We are expecting double the number of teams next year and we are already planning for what is a very special day for the young kids who get to represent their club and wear the team shirt. Plus of course, an equally special and very proud day for their parents.

A big thank you to Shirley, Nathaniel and John his dad and especially Matt Pilkington who did all the hard work while we grabbed the glory!

### **Social Media**

I'd like to give a plug to our social media guy Rick Clement who set up our official Twitter account MUDSA-Official @MudsaO. So if all you guys can all follow us and re-tweet us or whatever it is you do with these things, we'd be eternally grateful.

### **Disabled Facilities Expansion**

MUDSA is very pleased to see the expansion in facilities for disabled supporters that has taken place at Old Trafford. With 58 brand new Wheelchair spaces, all with carer seats by their side being provided in the new facility at the back of the Stretford End alone.

There will also be new wheelchair spaces and Easy Access seating in all of the new locations (back of the current family stand and the North West Quadrant) plus a new facility for the away fans at the back of the current away section which will provide 28 wheelchair spaces; all with a carer seat and the same number of easy access/ambulant sets.

Furthermore, there is another changing places facility within the Stretford end facility as well as a kiosk for food and drink plus screens and spaces for socializing and being quiet.

Although like most building projects, it ran behind schedule, we have now finally reached the end of what has been a long journey. The club is now fully compliant with the Accessible Stadia Guide in every way. Including operationally, not just numbers of spaces provided.

Having said that, we now have 279 Wheelchair spaces, in six different locations, all with a carer place next to them. We also have 279 Ambulant disabled spaces. Plus 29 wheelchair spaces for away fans and 29 ambulant spaces.

I'd like to thank the club for taking onboard our suggestions and comments throughout this process. Especially embracing the idea of flexible seating to provide friends and family positions.

### **The Foundation**

Our work with the Foundation continues, with the "Ability Counts" programme going from strength to strength.

You may remember this programme focusses on "mixed ability football". This features disabled kids and nondisabled playing games together, as part of one team. It's a brilliant concept and allows siblings to play together.

MUDSA now sponsors a guy called Matt Pilkington to deliver the programme and with his efforts, we are moving from strength to strength.

## Secretary's & Social Report – cont'd

Nathaniel Yates, MUDSA's youth ambassador, continues to make regular visits to various Foundation projects, increasing the visibility of MUDSA.

### **Social Events**

I'm pleased to be able to tell you that after a meeting with Richard Arnold, I can confirm that the MUDSA Christmas party will be going ahead this Christmastime, albeit in January due to the World Cup. The same applies to trips to Carrington and the MUDSA Annual bowling challenge in the spring time. Ann Marie is the person who organizes these events and she can answer any questions you might have later.

### **New Committee Member**

MUDSA is pleased to announce that we have co-opted a new member on to the committee, Mr Alan Rayment. Alan is a lifelong United fan and has been a member of MUDSA for well over 20 years. Alan is very well qualified and we're confident he'll be a positive addition to the committee. I'll be asking Alan to say a few words later.

END OF SECRETARY'S & SOCIAL REPORT

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### **TREASURER'S REPORT – SUE ROCCA**

This year I have 4 years Accounts to present to you, partly because of Covid and because the AGM is a little later this year, I have been able to get another year's accounts to the Accountants.

I will not be going through all these Accounts line by line as it would just be too much, I have passed out copies of each year's Accounts and I am more than happy to answer questions at the end of this or, by all means, contact me later, if you want any information or explanation.

I will just give you an overview to the bottom line each year with a brief explanation of how we arrived at those results.

## Treasurer's Report – Sue Rocca cont'd

To the end of season May 2019, we reported a profit of £48622.49. This was mainly because we received 2 years membership monies from the Club in one season, we made a profit of £6517.41 at the November Dinner event, and a profit of £6879.46 on the Vision Project – I am going to explain a little more about this later in my report. It was a full activity season.

To the end of May 2020 we made a profit of £20678.72, again this was following a successful Dinner bringing a profit of £11957.43. this was more or less a full season of activities where we celebrated MUDSA's 30 Year anniversary and we had some expenditure around the packs we sent out to all the members.

To the end of May 2021, there was no activity, we received no membership monies from the Club and report a loss of £123369.77.  
This is where the Vision explanation comes in.

About 7 years ago we had a meeting with the Club, and Richard Arnold explained that he wanted MUDSA to work more closely with the Foundation in delivering accessible football to disabled people. He offered additional financial support to MUDSA to allow us to work on these projects. Hence the Vision Project. Nathaniel Yates, here, is our main link with the Foundation and he attends regular training sessions run by the Foundation for people with disabilities. The MUDSA Cup is another example of a joint venture, which is run every summer up at the AON Training Centre for teams from around the Country. It's a great event and year on year is getting bigger and better.

Around December 2019 we started talking to the Foundation about other things we could help support – we had money in the Bank from the Club earmarked for the project. We talked about funding disabled transport to get players to the Foundations training sessions, but we eventually agreed to fund an extra support worker to help bring opportunities to more disabled players to have access to play their favourite sport. We agreed to fund this for 3 years and paid in advance for this. We had the cash, it gave the Foundation the certainty to employ someone and it gave disabled members the opportunity to take part.

Like the rest of the world, we did not foresee Covid, or the length of time we would be living in a different world. This meant we did not recover the same level of funding from the Club in the short term as we expected. This is now back to normal and correcting itself and we will not be undertaking anymore significant expenditure on Vision until all the money is back and balanced. We will continue to run the MUDSA Cup though.

## Treasurer's Report – Sue Rocca cont'd

The Foundation used the extra resource to offer different support during Covid to disabled fans, including on-line fitness sessions and some out-reach work when they could.

To the end of May 2022 we made a profit of 27211.42, that does not include an Annual Dinner as this year's event will be reported in the May 2023 Accounts. We are now starting to run our full programme of events and publications again so the 2023 Accounts should be a truer example of how things should run.

I always I try to keep the Accounts in the best order, I send them each year to an external Accountant to be scrutinised and checked, and I liaise with them with any questions they may have. I am open and honest around the figures, for me Accounts are open and fair, right or wrong with no in-between.

I would like to thank my fellow committee members for their help and support, and as I have said previously, please ask if you want to know anything else.

END OF TREASURER'S REPORT

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## **WEBSITE AND MEMBERSHIP - JAMIE LEEMING'S REPORT:**

### **MUDSA Magazine**

#### **My Responsibilities**

- Website
  - Mailshots and publishing news articles, with help from Rick
- Magazine (Rollin' Reds)
  - All the committee contribute articles
  - I look after the design and print
  - Clue recently changed the player interview format which went down quite well
  - Whether they continue with this format remains to be seen
- Various tech projects as required
  - Example - online booking system for the Annual Dinner

Jamie Leeming's Report – continued

### **Projects on the horizon**

- Rebuilding the main website as it's getting old
- Introducing some kind of digital membership system
  - Because the plastic membership card system has many drawbacks for us as a team of volunteers
  - IE: Info on the cards is old and needs updating
  - People keep losing them
  - Actually making them is time consuming and costly
  - The world is moving on with smartphone wallets

END OF JAMIE LEEMING'S REPORT

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### **V.I. REPRESENTATIVE - JOHN SIMISTER'S REPORT:**

Good evening everyone.

My name is John Simister, I am your Visually Impaired representative

I am father to Emma who is Visually impaired.

I joined the Committee in 2014 and I feel very privileged to be doing this job.

I really enjoy meeting people and never take this job for granted.

Me and my daughter Emma sell merchandise and give out the team sheets in the Ability Suite on match days.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for all your continued support. If at any time anyone has any concerns, please do not hesitate to let me or one of my fellow Committee members know and we will do our best to resolve them for you.

I would like to thank my fellow Committee members for all their help and support, and also thank them for their hard work that is done behind the scenes to make MUDSA what it is today.

Again, I thank you all.

END OF JOHN SIMISTER'S REPORT

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## **SOCIAL - ANN MARIE LEWIS'S REPORT:**

### **Christmas Party**

The last Christmas Party I arranged was in December 2019, again it was held in the Captains Suite. We also celebrated MUDSA's 30 Year anniversary at this event.

Most of the first team attended the event and spent over an hour going around each of the tables signing people's memorabilia and having photos taken.

I'd like to thank all the players, the catering staff and anyone else involved with making the day so special for our members. Also Chas and Shirley for helping arranging it with me and doing the raffle on the day.

We also held a raffle and presented the MUDSA Player of the Year trophy to Scott McTominay.

With the World Cup being on in December we are hoping for a party in the new year, members will receive an email with details of how to apply when we know more. It is working out that members go every 4 years with any places left going in a ballot for anyone that has made 3 applications and so on. I do make sure all the spaces are filled.

### **Carrington**

Our last Carrington trip was due to take place in March 2020 but we had to cancel it due to us being in lockdown. I had notified a few members on the waiting list and I will contact these again when our next visit is arranged in the new year, and also the other members who are now top of the waiting list.

This event is very popular we start by having a breakfast, before the players go out to training, they come up to the Visitors room to say hi to everyone and have a few photos taken and sign some items. Then we get the opportunity to watch them training for 30 mins. Afterwards we all head back to Old Trafford for the tour of the ground and then we have a snack in the red cafe.

I'd like to thank Max at Carrington for organising the event with me, also the catering staff and the staff at Old Trafford and the tour guide. /9

Ann Marie's Report – continued

### **MUDSA Bowling**

The MUDSA bowling event usually takes place in April or early May each year, depending on the fixtures.

Every child that takes part receives a MUDSA medal and we also give out trophies for the junior and adult winner and runner up and also two special achievement trophies. We also have a MUDSA raffle on the day.

Finally, I'd like to thank my fellow Committee members for all the help they give me at the events.

END OF ANN MARIE LEWIS'S REPORT

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### **MUDSA YOUTH AMBASSADOR - NATHANIEL YATES'S REPORT:**

First off, I would like to say thank you very much for voting me as MUDSA Ambassador in 2017, as I have fully enjoyed my role.

As Ambassador since 2017 our partnership with the Manchester United Foundation has gone from strength to strength over the last five years. I have attended various events arranged by the Foundation around disability. This includes wheelchair football on a Saturday and Pan Disability football on a Friday night to promote MUDSA and recruit new members for MUDSA.

I hand out the Rollin Reds magazines on a match day on the various wheelchair platforms and seating areas in the East stand, and in the quadrants every match day. I love handing out the magazines and seeing all the members that come to the matches. I love talking about football to everybody. I have loved being MUDSA chairman for the last two years.

We come to the most important point now the members of MUDSA. I am so proud to be the MUDSA Ambassador and serve the best supporters in the world. It has truly been an honour and that is why I am standing for another term please continue to put your unbelievable faith in me and I will always try my best to serve the wonderful members.

END OF NATHANIEL YATES'S REPORT

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## **SOCIAL MEDIA CO-ORDINATOR - RICK CLEMENT'S REPORT:**

### **1. Social Media**

Our social media channels have all grown significantly since the last report except for Instagram which just doesn't suit our needs and was closed. Twitter being the newest has seen the biggest growth and with followers such as Rachel Riley from countdown (Thanks to Jamie's auction) is an excellent way of spreading our word. Can I remind members that while Rollin Reds on Facebook is there for questions to be asked, if these are ticket related you must have spoken to the ticket office at the Club first. We are here if something goes wrong, or you have complaints.

Here are our current numbers as of 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

Facebook Page – MUDSA Official – 603 likes, 614 followers

Facebook Group – Rollin Reds – 493 Members

Twitter – MUDSA – Official @MudsaO – 599 Followers

Instagram – mudsa\_official – closed

YouTube – Manchester United Disabled Supporters Association – 31 Subscribers

### **2. Magazine Rollin Reds**

I continue to support Jamie in producing the Rollin Reds Magazine by helping with articles and any other jobs he requires.

### **3. The MUDSA Website**

Along with Jamie I continue to post on the website and send out newsletters. The website continues to be a great source of information and we also ran zoom chats with players during the pandemic thanks to the help of the club.

#### 4. MUST Liaison

I attend MUST committee meetings to ensure the MUDSA voices are heard in the wider group of our fans. This has become an interesting platform when working alongside The Rainbow Devils, Women's Supporters group and others.

END OF RICK CLEMENT'S REPORT

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**CB: ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Due to missing some AGMs, due to covid, three sets of elections took place. All nominees were elected unanimously.**

#### 2020

Jamie	Proposed by Chas	seconded by Sue
Ann Marie	Proposed by John	seconded by Nathaniel
John	Proposed by Rick	seconded by Jamie

#### 2021

Nathaniel	Proposed by Ann Marie	seconded by Chas
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#### 2022

Chas	Proposed by John	seconded by Nathaniel
Sue	Proposed by Jamie	seconded by Ann Marie
Rick	Proposed by Sue	seconded by Jamie

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

**CB:** We now move onto Any Other Business and various issues were covered, including ticketing problems, the position of TV monitors and signage to Toilets.

There were also complaints about able bodied people using Disabled toilets, including Policemen, plus complaints about people standing and blocking people's view. All were passed on to the club via Michael Leneghan the club's DLO

**CB:** Chas thanked Michael Leneghan for giving us his time and the meeting ended at 8.40pm

END OF 2022 AGM.