

FANS' PARLIAMENT 2010 Wembley

Minutes of the Fans' Parliament, 24 July 2010

1. **Welcome & introduction to the format of the Fans' Parliament**
 - 1.1 FSF Chair Malcolm Clarke opened the Fans' Parliament 2010, welcoming delegates at 10.04 am
 - 1.2 Deputy Chair Jon Keen explained the domestic arrangements for the day
 - 1.3 Secretary Mike Williamson referred to apologies for absence received, asking that delegates advise him of any further apologies to be added to the list

(See appendix 1 – list of apologies received
appendix 2 – list of individual members' proxies for voting received
appendix 3 – list of notifications received from affiliate members of substitute representative attending)

2. **FSF AGM Elections**
 - 2.1 The chair explained the format of the day's elections, stating that the ballot boxes for the **election of the deputy chair** would open at the start of the morning break, closing afterwards. Counting would then take place, with the result advised to delegates during the first breakout session. This was because Peter Daykin was a nominee for the post of deputy chair and also for election as a directly elected National Council representative, but would necessarily withdraw from the latter election if he was successful in the first. Should he be unsuccessful in the election for the deputy chair, his nomination to be a directly elected National Council representative would go forward in that election.

Ballot boxes for the election of **directly elected National Council representatives** would also open at the start of the lunch break closing at the end of the afternoon break. The results would be announced as soon as possible thereafter.

 - 2.2 **Election of FSF Deputy Chair**

The Chair invited the two nominees, Peter Daykin and Jon Keen, to address the assembly. Afterwards the Chair closed the election hustings suggesting that this had been a healthy debate with two very good candidates.

 - 2.2 **Election of FSF Secretary**

The chair explained that **Mike Williamson** was the unopposed nominee for this post.

Mike Williamson was elected as FSF secretary by a show of hands, and expressed his thanks to the assembly.

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2.2 Election of FSF directly elected members of FSF National Council.

The chair introduced the nominees to the assembly, reminding delegates that the ballot boxes for this election would open at the start of the breakout sessions. He advised delegates that Ian Lyon's nomination in this election had been withdrawn, due his election as divisional representative on the FSF National Council for the FSF North Wales and North West Division.

3. 11.00 am **Morning Break**
4. 11.10 am **Breakout Sessions** commenced
5. 12:30 pm **National Council election** - ballot boxes opened
6. 12.30 pm **Lunch**
7. 1.38 pm **Resumption of Fans' Parliament**

8. Election of FSF deputy chair

The Chair formally announced that **Jon Keen** had been elected to be FSF deputy chair for 2010 to 2012. Jon Keen expressed his thanks to the assembly.
(see appendix 4 for the detailed result)

9. Presentation by Homeless World Cup

Rob Tatler gave a presentation to the assembly about this group, which was supported by FSF. He said that the group's web site gave more details about them. The Homeless World Cup was last year held in Milan, this year would be held in Rio de Janeiro, and next year would be held in Paris. He referred to the Football Box coaching programme, covering football in the streets, which was held in June 2010 in Romania. He referred delegates to www.justgiving.com/football-box

10. Main Speaker, Dr. Declan Hill

Match fixing and corruption in the game

Dr. Declan Hill spoke on the subject of match fixing and corruption in the game. He said that this growing problem would destroy football in the next 5 to 10 years. However, opinion on necessary action was divided between those that did not believe in the problem and those that did. He summarised his background knowledge of the issue, referring to past contacts with criminal elements in various parts of the World. He gave an idea of the massive scale of the Asian gambling market, much of which is illegal and quite vulnerable to corruption. Asian football is utterly corrupt. However, Asian criminal gangs involved in gambling are now becoming involved with similar European gangs, and starting to affect the European game. He asserted that World Cup games had been fixed. He stressed that action must be taken soon on the issue.

Answering questions, Dr. Hill suggested that corruption was moving into the Premier League partly because of the number of PL players who originate in countries where corruption is endemic. He praised UEFA's pro-active stance on corruption, setting up necessary enquiries. The FA had said nice things but

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actually done nothing. The FA has no "Integrity Unit", which was now essential. The need in Asia was for gambling to be legalised but strictly regulated. Players must be given appropriate training on this subject to reduce their vulnerability to it, as part of a proper pension and education system.

11. FSF awards

11.1 FSF Services to Supporters Award for 2010

Praising their work, **FSF President Monica Hartland** announced that the FSF Services to Supporters Award for 2010 would be presented to the **National Association for Disabled Supporters**. The formal presentation would take place on a suitable occasion when NADS members could be present.

11.2 FSF Football Writers Award for 2010

The Chair advised delegates that it would not be possible at this time to announce the winner of this award.

12. 2018 World Cup Bid presentation

Ian Ridley of the 2018 World Cup Bid Team spoke about the Bid process. He said that this was FIFA's longest ever bid process, of which three quarters had been completed. He believed that England was well placed, the bid being commercially risk free. FIFA voting would take place in December 2010. He stressed that the support of others like FSF was important.

After showing a video about the bid, involving David Beckham, Ian Ridley answered questions. He said that 30% of tickets would be offered at current Premier League prices. The Bid Team sympathised with fans concerns about policing and stewarding, but could not be involved in FSF campaigning efforts related to those directly. The Bid Team would work to ensure, through the ticket allocation, that as many true fans as possible would get to see the World Cup.

13. Football Supporters' Federation AGM resumption

13.1 Minutes of FSF AGM 2009

Accepted by the assembly as a true record

13.2 Matters arising from the minutes of FSF AGM 2009

There were no matters arising from the minutes

13.3 Acceptance of accounts

The Chair referred to the benefits available due to FSF's new membership structure. Increased membership numbers gave FSF an increased credibility, when seeking sponsorship. He encouraged members to do all they could to actively get others to join FSF.

The Chair reported on current efforts to secure further financial support from the Football Authorities. FSF would maintain its current level of activity to avoid a spiral of decline, even though finances may be uncertain.

He referred to the exceptional item in the accounts where a payment of £34,870 had been made in VAT now due to the HMRC.

The FSF Accounts were accepted by the assembly Nem Con.

13.4 Acceptance of National Council report

The Chair referred to his role on the FA Council as supporters' representative, and his efforts, which would continue, to obtain the appointment of two independent directors to the FA Board. He highlighted elements in the National Council report, suggesting that the most spectacular progress had been made in policing and stewarding.

In answer to questions, **Michael Brunskill** of A19 said that efforts were made to ask affiliate members if their details could be published but Data Protection restrictions were involved. He also confirmed that electronic payments are available for payments for The Football Supporter Magazine (TFS). TFS is becoming a very useful incentive in obtaining sponsorships.

FSF National Council Report accepted by the assembly Nem Con.

14. 3.35 pm **Afternoon Break**

15. **National Council election** – ballot boxes closed

Final Breakout Sessions, including preparation of report to Main Assembly

16. 4.45 pm **AGM resumption**

17. **National Council election results**

The Chair announced the result of the election of directly elected FSF National Council Representatives. Delegates had been advised during the first breakout session that Peter Daykin had been unsuccessful in the election for FSF Deputy Chair and that as a result, his nomination for election to the National Council would stand. Delegates were therefore free to vote for him in that election if they wished to do so.

The successful candidates were –

Amanda Jacks	Kevin Miles	Ian Todd	Vince Alm
Anne-Marie Mockridge	Ash Connor	Peter Daykin	Andrew Fleming
Raj Chandarana	Mark Longden	Martin O'Hara	James McKenna
Christopher Nash	Pete Swanson	Allison Franklin	Stuart Wood

Unsuccessful candidates in the election were –

Geoff Milton and John Brockwell

(see appendix 5 for detailed election results, including voting)

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The Chair offered thanks to those FSF members now leaving the National Council, either because of not being elected on this occasion or due to their retirement from the National Council, for their services to the FSF and its members –

Geoff Butler
Phill Gatenby

Suzanne Fothergill
Colin Hendrie

Geoff Milton
Pam Wilkins

John Brockwell
Graham Bleanch

18. Debate on **motions to refer breakout session reports** to be considered by National Council

18.1 Motion 1

Motion to refer to the FSF National Council the report of the Fans' Parliament 2010 Breakout Session on CIVIL RIGHTS

This assembly accepts the report received from the breakout session on Civil Rights, held during the Fans' Parliament 2010 to debate and discuss that issue, and directs that proposals contained in that report shall be referred to the National Council of the Football Supporters' Federation (FSF), in accordance with Bye Law 17 of the FSF, the proposals to be reviewed and considered for adoption as the policy of the FSF.

Proposed by National Council

Amanda Jacks spoke referring to the workshop held on Civil Rights and the report now placed before the Fans' Parliament. She described the workshop as successful. The key recommendation from the workshop was as follows –

That the FSF, working together with Liberty, campaign actively to repeal the use of Section 14B Football Banning Orders.

(see appendix 6 for the report from the breakout session on Civil Rights)

Motion 1, as above, was carried Nem Con.

18.2 Motion 2

Motion to refer to the FSF National Council the report of the Fans' Parliament 2010 Breakout Session on SAFE STANDING

This assembly accepts the report received from the breakout session on Safe Standing, held during the Fans' Parliament 2010 to debate and discuss that issue, and directs that proposals contained in that report shall be referred to the National Council of the Football Supporters' Federation (FSF), in accordance with Bye Law 17 of the FSF, the proposals to be reviewed and considered for adoption as the policy of the FSF.

Proposed by National Council

Peter Daykin placed the results of this breakout session before delegates. It had been agreed in the breakout session to break down the strategy into specific actions, and take the names of volunteers willing to become involved. It was also agreed to review communication on the campaign on the FSF web site, Facebook and elsewhere.

(see appendix 7 for the report from the breakout session on Safe Standing)

Ian Todd (Sunderland) asked how the abolition of the Football Licensing Authority and the taking up of much of its work by local authorities would be allowed for. The Chair suggested that this was a tactical issue when considering how to take things forward. He noted the imminent retirement of the FLA chief executive.

Tim Hillyer pointed out that the Green Guide is available on line for reference.

Mike Williamson said that currently the Football Foundation would only fund new stadia which are all-seated. His own club, Morecambe FC, had been able to build a new stadium including terraced areas because no funding for it came from the Football Foundation. Chris Nash commented that the wish would be for the Football Foundation to fund grounds that could be converted to all-seated when necessary at no cost to them.

Motion 2, as above, was carried Nem Con.

18.3 Motion 3

Motion to refer to the FSF National Council the report of the Fans' Parliament 2010 Breakout Session on CLUB REGULATION, GOVERNANCE AND DEBT

This assembly accepts the report received from the breakout session on Club regulation, Governance and Debt, held during the Fans' Parliament 2010 to debate and discuss that issue, and directs that proposals contained in that report shall be referred to the National Council of the Football Supporters' Federation (FSF), in accordance with Bye Law 17 of the FSF, the proposals to be reviewed and considered for adoption as the policy of the FSF.

Proposed by National Council

Steve Powell reported on this breakout session. He stressed that the issues involved must be taken seriously, summarising the background in this area and referring to the proposals made as a result of the breakout session (see appendix 8).

Colin Hendrie said that the real source of the problem is the FA, and its abandonment of rule 34. The FA is unable to rectify that due to the power of the Premier League, so change must come from outside, possibly from government. The chair suggested that how this is brought about is a tactical issue

Motion 3, as above, was carried Nem Con.

19. Any other business

Watford SC asked for confirmation that the FSF National Council would take up the issues involved in football corruption. The Chair said that would happen.

The Chair said in answer to a question, that the subject of a size limit for flags at Wembley, would be looked at.

20. 5:30 pm (approx) **Close**

Jon Keen expressed thanks to his team of helpers who had assisted him during the day.

The Chair added his thanks to the staff from A19 who also made a crucial contribution to the Parliament.



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The Chair declared the Fans' Parliament 2010 closed.

Mike Williamson
Secretary
Football Supporters' Federation
24 July 2010

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Appendix 1

Apologies for absence received

Alan Bloore	Ian Lyon	Anne-Marie Mockridge
Colin Whittle	James Binless	Jon Sams
John Paterson	Lyndon Edwards	Robert Pritchard
Danny Anderson	Garreth Cummins	Elli Rhodes
Ginnette Bentley	Scott Bentley	Chris Witcher
Kerry Walmsley	Graham Bleanch	Gav Sutherland
Ban Fasham	David Harris	Michael Terry
Gerard McGreevy	Monica Brady	Dave Corrigan
Mick Dennison	Sean O'Connor	Matthew Bargent
Neil Maskell	Tom Bright	Chris Ellaby
Peg Alexander	Alison Pilling	Dave Boyle
Barbara McStravick	Rod Taylor	Alison Fleetwood

Appendix 2

Voting proxies given by individual members

Individual member giving proxy	Proxy given to	Individual member giving proxy	Proxy given to
Colin Whittle	Thom Bradley	Michael Terry	Jon Keen
James Binless	Michael Brunskill	Gerard McGreevy	Michele Law
Jon Sams	Michael Brunskill	Monica Brady	Mark Longden
John Paterson	Malcolm Clarke	Dave Corrigan	Mark Longden
Lyndon Edwards	Malcolm Clarke	Mick Dennison	Ian Lyon
Robert Pritchard	Zara Clarke	Sean O'Connor	Ian Lyon
Danny Anderson	Zara Clarke	Matthew Bargent	Esther Madden
Garreth Cummins	Nina Donkin	Neil Maskell	Paula Martin
Elli Rhodes	Nina Donkin	Tom Bright	Fiona McGee
Ginnette Bentley	Peter Daykin	Chris Ellaby	Fiona McGee
Scott Bentley	Peter Daykin	Peg Alexander	Kevin Miles
Chris Witcher	Paul Ellix	Alison Pilling	Kevin Miles
Kerry Walmsley	Andrew Fleming	Dave Boyle	Steven Powell
Graham Bleanch	Kevin Gibson	Barbara McStravick	David Rose
Gav Sutherland	Kevin Gibson	Gerard McStravick	David Rose
Ben Fasham	Fiona Keen	Rod Taylor	Mike Williamson
David Harris	Jon Keen	Alison Fleetwood	Mike Williamson

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Appendix 3

Appointment of substitute representatives for affiliate groups

Affiliate group member	Substitute representative
Sunderland AFC Supporters Association	Ian Todd
MUST (Manchester Utd. Supporters' Trust)	Mark Longden
Stoke City Supporters Club	Malcolm Clarke
IMUSA (Independent Man. United SA)	Colin Hendrie
Shrimps Supporters (Official Morecambe SC)	Mike Williamson

Appendix 4

Election of FSF deputy chair – voting.

Name	A Number of affiliate groups voting for this nominee	B (A x 5) Affiliate votes gained	C Individual & associate votes for this nominee	(B+C) Total Votes	
Jon Keen	19	95	60	155	Elected
Peter Daykin	5	25	72	97	Not elected

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Appendix 5

Election of FSF National Council directly elected representatives – voting

16 to be elected

Name	A Number of affiliate groups voting for this nominee	B (A x 5) Affiliate votes gained	C Individual & associate votes for this nominee	(B+C) Total Votes	Voting position	
Amanda Jacks	23	115	110	225	1	Elected
Kevin Miles	22	110	108	218	2	Elected
Ian Todd	22	110	98	208	=3	Elected
Vince Alm	23	115	93	208	=3	Elected
Anne-Marie Mockridge	21	105	91	196	5	Elected
Ash Connor	20	100	91	191	=6	Elected
Peter Daykin	19	95	96	191	=6	Elected
Andrew Fleming	19	95	87	182	8	Elected
Raj Chandarana	19	95	85	180	9	Elected
Mark Longden	19	95	75	170	10	Elected
Martin O'Hara	17	85	80	165	11	Elected
James McKenna	16	80	80	160	12	Elected
Christopher Nash	15	75	82	157	13	Elected
Pete Swanson	15	75	76	151	14	Elected
Allison Franklin	16	80	63	143	15	Elected
Stuart Wood	12	60	75	135	16	Elected
Geoff Milton	15	75	58	133	17	Not elected
John Brockwell	11	55	55	110	18	Not elected

Ian Lyon - nomination withdrawn due to election as divisional representative.

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Appendix 6

Report from the breakout session on CIVIL RIGHTS

Michael Brunskill in the chair

The chair opened the workshop by welcoming the panel members:

Dr Mark James, Reader in Law, Salford Law School

Shami Chakrabarti, Director, Liberty

Mr Nicholas Long, Commissioner, The IPCC

Amanda Jacks, NC member with responsibility for policing and legal matters

After introductory comments, both Mark James and Nicholas gave very interesting presentations about their respective positions; thereafter lively debate was provoked between the panel and the floor with the majority there agreeing that supporters were too often treated harshly by the police and many resented being caught up in draconian actions ostentatiously in place to prevent hooliganism. There was particular concern about the use of Section 14b ('civil') banning orders, with Shami Chakrabarti comparing them to control orders imposed on suspected terrorists.

After the break for lunch, a more informal discussion was had among supporters.

It was confirmed that the following be recommended to the closing plenary session of the Fans' Parliament 2010:

That the FSF, working together with Liberty, campaign actively to repeal the use of Section 14B Football Banning Orders.

Amanda Jacks

Appendix 7

Report from the breakout session on SAFE STANDING

A. Panellists:

- Chris Nash (CN) – FSF NC Safe Standing campaign co-ordinator (joint)
- Stuart Wood (SW) – FSF NC Safe Standing campaign co-ordinator (joint)
- Peter Caton (PC) – Stand Up Sit Down campaign co-ordinator (campaign merged with FSF)
- Peter Daykin (PD) – Meeting Chair

B. Discussion points

1. History of Stand Up Sit Down (SUSD) and FSF campaigns and their different focuses:

- a. The FSF has concentrated on the removal of the legislation preventing clubs in the top two divisions from providing standing accommodation. The FSF has looked to Germany and sought to bring German style technologies to England
- b. SUSD has focused on the existing arrangements within all-seated stadia, where many people lack choice and so stand in seated areas. This brings conflict both with fellow supporters (who find their view blocked) and ground stewards. SUSD argued that as all-seated stadia are a reality, the conflicts could be resolved by clubs agreeing areas of the stadium where people to stand in front of their seats, leaving others to sit unhindered.

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2. Amalgamation of FSF and SUSD into a single campaign:

It became apparent that having two standing campaigns was unhelpful, better to channel our energies into one combined effort. Last September, the key individuals from the two campaigns met in Walsall with a view to combining efforts and agreeing new aims for the future.

3. Key aims and objectives for the new FSF Stand Up Sit Down campaign:

- a. Aim 1 – Campaigning for a change in the rules so that all clubs are able to provide Safe Standing areas. (SW)
- b. Aim 2 – Support for the better management of existing standing within all-seated stadia. (SW)
- c. Aim 3 – Campaigning for the retention of existing terraces for clubs outside the top two divisions, where they still exist. (CN)
- d. Aim 4 – Encouraging and working with clubs to include Safe Standing areas within new stadiums. (CN)

Each aim was put to the vote and supported unanimously.

All were in line with existing FSF policy, although aims 3 and 4 in particular demonstrate a broadening of the campaign's scope.

4. Agreeing strategies for achieving these aims – six key campaign areas were identified:

- a. Safety – both campaigns have previously worked hard on establishing the argument that standing is not inherently unsafe. Whilst work continues in that area, many of the points have been conceded, and the debate has moved on to other areas. Conference therefore resolved to continue to keep a watching brief on the safety argument, but to focus efforts in other areas. (CN)
- b. Economics – with crowds far from capacity, even in the Premier League, and the economic crisis looking set to continue, Conference felt the time was right for exploration of the economic benefits of standing and some of the surrounding issues. It was agreed to consult membership on appropriate pricing for standing and undertake some simple cost-benefit analysis and financial modelling, as well as looking into issues like the effects of dwindling attendances on the necessity for people to buy season tickets. (SW)
- c. Politics – Conference resolved to increase the campaign's emphasis on pressing the government on Safe Standing. While this has always been central to the campaign, Conference notes the presence, for the first time, of a party in government – albeit as part of a coalition – that has formally backed Safe Standing. It was suggested that the government's online consultation on unnecessary laws that people would like to see scrapped would be a good place to start and to focus bottom-up action, starting with the consolidation of the number of similar suggestions already put forward in this area. (SW)
- d. Civil Engineering – historically, opponents to standing have raised structural and engineering arguments to make the case that stadia cannot be adapted to include Safe Standing, or to oppose standing in seated areas. Conference resolved to research these issues so that we can better understand them and prepare counter arguments where appropriate and noted the involvement of Neil Chadwick, a Stoke fan with a Civil Engineering background who spoke eloquently and with some authority on the subject. The workshop highlighted innovations in the Dallas Cowboys and English rugby as places to start our fact-finding, and underlined the importance of fresh thinking in identifying viable retrofit options for standing areas. (CN)
- e. Customer care/control issues – the police use the argument that sitting makes football crowds easier to police and control because there is an easy link between identity and seat number. Conference resolved to pick this issue up with Amanda Jacks, Ash Connor and the FSF's policing and stewarding campaign group, as well as undertaking some research into the numbers of arrests at football matches and reasons for those arrests. (SW)
- f. Leveraging local activists and building relationships – CN and PC have already built a database of clubs with remaining terracing and Conference notes the importance of working with supporters and officials at these clubs to prevent the all-seated option becoming a default for clubs building new stadia, especially for those outside of the top two divisions. (CN)

5. Other suggestions:

- a. National Standing Day – possibly in line with the Third Round of the FA Cup, as per the idea raised at the previous year's Fans' Parliament. (SW)

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C. Next Actions

1. Contact details of willing volunteers were taken, CN and SW undertook to break down the strategies outlined in section B4 above into a series of actions and circulate them to the group in the hope of eliciting willing volunteers.
2. CN and SW to liaise with PD with a view to improving the Safe Standing campaign content on the FSF website, including membership consultation via the FSF Facebook Group and online poll. (CN website, SW Facebook, online poll)

Appendix 8

Report from the breakout Session on CLUB REGULATION, GOVERNANCE AND DEBT

Malcolm Clarke in the chair

The chair opened the workshop by welcome the panel members:

Philippe Rasmussen (Union des Associations Européennes de Football [UEFA])

John Nagle (The Football League)

Dan Johnson (The Premier League)

David Newton (The Football Association)

Philippe Rasmussen gave a visual presentation, presenting his paper on the **new UEFA financial fair play regulations** which were being implemented as part of the UEFA licence, required by all clubs qualifying to play in the Champions League or the Europa League.

Dan Johnson then made a presentation on the **regulatory functions of the Premier League (PL)**. The PL's rules had been added to every season, reacting to new events and challenges. The PL had started with 142 rules in 1992/3. Its rule book now had 819 rules in twenty sections.

The Premier League believed in **self-regulation within the law**. The PL was governed by its clubs. The PL now required clubs to submit independently audited accounts to it and to provide information on future budgets and funding. In some cases the PL was now empowered to take measures such as a playing signing embargo in the event of debts to other clubs and/or Her Majesty's Customs & Revenue (HMRC).

Clubs now had to provide information to allow the PL to take prospective action in cases of financial risk to a club's sustainability. The final beneficial owner of any shareholding above ten percent in any PL club also had to be publicly disclosed. The former PL "fit & proper person" test for owners and directors had now had its scope widened and made prospective. It was now to be known as the "owners and directors" test. The new test included criteria covering financial means and abilities for all prospective new PL club owners. Each club had to report quarterly on income tax, National Insurance and Value Added Tax payments to HMRC. Each club was required to give permission to HMRC to give the PL information on all payments and debts club by club.

The PL was "99%" behind UEFA's new financial fair play regulations, although it had slight problems with the "break-even" rules and funding rules. In some cases loan finance rather than equity could be more tax efficient.

John Nagle then made a **presentation on behalf of the Football League (FL)**. The FL was better off for its ten years' experience in the area of club regulation. He complimented the FSF on its role in the football family. It was now an established part of the landscape. Its views and contribution were valued.

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The FL now acted against clubs that obtained a competitive advantage over their rivals by running up tax debts to HMRC and which did not comply with their obligations to submit full accounts.

David Newton then made a **presentation on behalf of the Football Association (FA)**. He gave apologies for absence for the Football Conference who had been unable to send a representative. He told the workshop that the pace of change in the field of football regulation was enormous. The objective of the FA was to secure the long-term stability of clubs within their communities. The FA also had a particular responsibility in respect of so-called “third-party” control of player contracts, where the rights to a player’s services were owned by a party other than a football club in membership of their national association.

The FA was responsible for the various “**fit and proper person**” tests applied by feeder leagues below the FL. Although they had various different names they were essentially the same test applied in a way that took account of the circumstances and resources of clubs in each league. The FA also had a regulatory role in sanctioning all the leagues that made up the English football pyramid.

There was then a question and answer session with the panel answering questions and responding to debate from the floor, after which the workshop broke for lunch.

Upon re-convening, the workshop discussed what actions it wished to recommend to the final plenary session of the Fans’ Parliament. **After discussion it was proposed and subsequently RESOLVED:**

That the following be recommended to the closing plenary session of the Fans’ Parliament 2010:

1. That the FSF welcomes and endorses the new regulations introduced by the FA, Premier League and Football League but that this Fans’ Parliament believes that further steps remain to be taken;
2. That the FSF study different models and methods of governance employed with success in other countries and in other sports;
3. That the issue of competitive balance be raised as part of the debate on the governance of football and its clubs;
4. That the FA should be the prime governing body and regulator of football and its clubs in England and that attention needs to be paid to conflicts between the FA and its Football Regulatory Authority;
5. That the FSF monitor the implementation of the new regulations;
6. That the FSF look at sports laws enacted in other countries and approach the Government on this issue;
7. That football should be recognised for its cultural significance not just viewed as a business like any other;
8. That regulations should be introduced to prohibit the leveraged buy-outs of football clubs in England & Wales;
9. That the recommendations for reform of governance of the FA set out in the Burns Review should be fully implemented;
10. That the FA membership should be dependent on clear criteria “graded” to reflect the level at which the member plays and that FA membership should be compulsory for all clubs wishing to play in FA sanctioned competitions;
11. That the Premier League and the Football League should establish appropriately resourced regulatory units to oversee and enforce their regulations.

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Steven Powell was appointed to make the report-back from the workshop to the final plenary session of the Fans' Parliament.