

Board Election 2017/18

There were 3 nominations for two vacant positions on the club board. Members may vote for up to TWO (2) candidates for the 2 vacant positions on the Board. The two candidates with the most votes will duly be elected to the club board at the AGM. Elected board members will serve for a period of 3 years.

Election statements

James Waller- Proposed by Stacey Hawkins, seconded by Lisa Baum



It has been a pleasure to serve this football club for the last three years as Club Secretary, and I ask that the members vote for me to continue. I can honestly say I have enjoyed the whole of my three years, and it has certainly been an adventure! I have served in three different leagues and I hope to use this experience again back in the Southern League, and hopefully into the newly created Midland Premier League in 2018-19!

I look forward to a truly successful move to Hayden Road, that many see as a return to our ancestral home. Most importantly for me, I feel that this move reconnects with our fanbase and our community. I truly want to continue the great work that we have achieved thus far in creating a community club that we can all be proud of!

John Gregory- Proposed by Sam Gregory, seconded by Jon Ward



I have been a Board member for 5 years, the last three as an elected member. Over that time my role and responsibilities have included:

- Commercial Director - generating over £100,000 of commercial business income including main sponsor deals with Hevey and, recently, Auto Windscreens.
- Match Day Director responsible for Crowd Control & Safety, Turnstile and Catering Operations.
- Stadium Announcer
- After Match Interviewer for APCR&D TV

As a Senior Executive for a Global Insurer I have used my business experience in the past 5 years to provide sound advice and support to your Board. I believe I have played a valuable part in the clubs success on and off the field.

In writing this I looked back at my previous election statement, in which I said:

Success on the field is vital if we want to maintain the fan base. Yet we have a duty to re-establish our community club, respecting the history of Rushden Town, Irthlingborough Diamonds and our old club. I want to play a significant part in the future legacy for the wider local community; and have fun whilst doing it!

I believe with the upcoming move back to Rushden the above holds true more than ever before and I would be privileged to be able to continue to work on behalf of our club, its members and supporters by continuing as a Board Member.

Scott Stapley- Proposed by Paul Lucas, seconded by Alex Raspin



I've been a Diamonds fan for 22 years, my first game being Crawley Town in 1995. I also worked part time down at Nene Park, at the Diamonds Sports Centre and assisting Matt Banyard in the club shop.

I was a member of the current club's steering committee back in 2011, as kit manager, managing the club website, a cameraman for AFCRDTV and car park stewarding at Raunds. Work commitments prematurely ended my early involvement.

Recently I've helped manage the club shop on match days, and to source merchandise. I have been fortunate to have seen every competitive senior game since we reformed.

Along with early knowledge of the club, I believe I can bring a lot of skills from my current role as a Web Developer at a digital agency where understanding requirements and liaising with clients is key as well as ensuring good user interaction and engagement.

I hope if elected to identify ways to increase club engagement and involvement with the fans and identify and utilise the experience and knowledge within the fan base to grow the club, from the first team to the community teams as an integral and positive part of the local community.