



NOTTS COUNTY SUPPORTERS TRUST



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting No.	45
Occurred	20.00 19 October 2005
Place	Steve Thompson's House, Nottingham
Version	1

Present: Fred Mosselmans, Keri Usherwood (Chair), Cheryl Thompson, Nigel King, Philip Marshall, David Hindley, Donna Marshall (Minutes) Steve Thompson, Eric Kerry

1) Apologies for Absence: John Armstrong Holmes, Jurgen Halligan, Martin Naylor, Bea Jackson, Alan Scott Ken Carter

2) Meeting Agenda
No additions

3) Declarations of Interest
None

4) AGM Preparation
a) Board Report and Accounts

EK circulated the final version of the accounts. FM pointed out that the FSA will require the current secretary to sign the accounts off although he could sign them for the AGM. EK explained that the key issue for the auditors had been the share provision. He read the relevant parts of the report to the group and summarised that the auditor was happier with the accounts than last year. Because ST represents both boards, the auditor was happy with the issue of shares.

The group congratulated EK on his hard work and also those who had assisted EK in collating the relevant data. The group approved the accounts unanimously and these were signed off by the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary along with the letter of representation. It was agreed there would be a print run of 80 for the AGM and information would be published on how to obtain copies.

b) Recognising Volunteers

DM and NK have a list of people to contact by e-mail. These were helpers from the Open Day. It was established that BJ's friend was called Victoria and should be contacted through Bea. NK has certificates designed and ready to print. The group voted and the majority chose to award CW a life membership. This was to be presented at the Cheltenham Game – KU and CT will follow this up. **ACTION 1**



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c) Any Other AGM Business

On the evening of the AGM we will require the most up to date copy of the database and the outstanding officers reports. These need to be e-mailed to FM by Saturday morning at the latest. Questions for the board can be submitted by e-mail if members would like a response at the AGM.

5) Officers Reports

a) Chair –Keri Usherwood (report posted to list)

In the last few weeks, we have established that confrontation does not work and we will now use a 'constructive thinking, approach. KU urged members to attend the race night after the AGM and acknowledges the support of JH who has redesigned the race cards and is selling horses.

KU urged those members on the board for the next year to consider which roles they might take on and to consider that a smaller board will mean a more even sharing of the workload and possibly a restructuring of the work of the trust.

As Chair, KU has taken part in an interview with SAGAm and will be meeting Steve Roden from the Evening Post. He has also taken part in lengthy conversations with both ST and EK.

b) Treasurer – Eric Kerry (report to list)

There is £19k in the kitty. Most of our income has been from Membership. The raffle has taken over £4k so will now make a profit. There was some debate about the valuation of life memberships. A membership was valued at anything from £1 to £3 with the higher figure favoured. EK only wished to stress that a valuation should be shown in the accounts. The 2 subs – MRR and PR spend £6,400 between them – this should be considered in any discussion of minimum operating figures.

i) Declaration of Expenses

FM - £47.50 for attending SD Conference
NK - £281.51- Website Costs



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c) Secretary – Fred Mosselmans (report to list)

i) SD Conference

FM posted a report on this to the list. The main discoveries were a change in election rules making the length of statements 400 words, the counter of ballots must be appointed as Char of the Election Sub Committee and also an option for boards where an election was not required which would mean they could more easily remove those not pulling their weight. This can be done by a means of member ratification. The full procedure will be submitted by Supporters Direct in due course and will need to be added to election rules for next year.

ii) SD Election

FM read out the candidates and the board voted with a maximum of 4 votes each. Voting was as follows:

Phil Tooley	Chesterfield Football Supporters Society	8 votes
Rob Bradley	Lincoln City ST	7 votes
Eric Kerry	Notts County ST (EK abstained)	7 votes
Anthony Goodwin	Telford United ST	4 votes
Richard Lillicrap	Lincoln City ST	3 votes
Tony Taylor	Darlington ST	3 votes
Lou Carton-Kelly	The Dons Trust (AFC Wimbledon)	0 votes
Ian Blair	ARAB Trust (Dundee United)	0 votes
Richard Irving	Arsenal ST	0 votes
Jon Keen	Supporters Trust at Reading	0 votes

The first 4 candidates will be put through as our nominees.

6) Sub Group Reports

a) PR – Keri Usherwood (to list)

Most of the PR work has been reported in the Chair's report. Programme notes for Boston and Carlisle have been written and DH has completed press



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releases for KROOF and Monster Match events. KU will contact the Evening post about covering these events. NK continues to keep the website updated.

b) Community – Cheryl Thompson (to list)

i) KROOF Events

Artists will go into schools on Friday to create 2 15ft banners. These will be weather proof. We are waiting to see if the schoolchildren will be attending the match to parade the banner. Ex players will be in attendance and will be asked to bring their children.

ii) Monster Match

Event begins at 12.30 on Saturday with set up from 11am. There will be 5 artists and BJ has purchased artists materials and issued posters to libraries.

NK asked about the timing of the two events and if more volunteers would be required. It was felt that this wouldn't be a problem.

The group offered thanks to CT, DH and BJ for their considerable work on these projects.

c) Strategy – Alan Scott – AS absent but ST report may impact here.

d) Membership, Recruitment and Retention – Philip Marshall (to list)

We are one member short of the total we had at the AGM last year. This is due in part to the large number of children's memberships. There are still more members to renew. We have 300 members on Standing Order and 52 life members. There was some discussion about the one-off SO received. It was felt this would be OK and because it was 5 year, it wouldn't cause too much Admin disruption.

The group thanked PM for his hard work and also NK for his work on the database reorganisation. There was some debate on new features for the database including auto date – EK, NK and PM need to meet up and discuss this.

e) Fundraising – Ken Carter



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No developments to report. ST to discuss with KC and certainly an issue for the new board. It was felt that big event would be required.

f) Election – Nigel King

There will be no election. A list of those on the new board has been posted. There is one new board member – Eric John Collin – a VP. The 2 applicants that did not meet the criteria for length of membership have been contacted with a view to being interviewed for co-option. These are Mr C D and S R. After some debate on procedure, they will be invited to the first board meeting after the AGM and not the one on AGM night as previously thought. NK to contact both parties **ACTION 2**

7) Supporter – Director Report – Steve Thompson

FM moved for a suspension of the 10.30 rule – this was approved. The meeting could now continue until 11.

8) Trust Activities

a) EMT Meetings – Next Meeting – October 20 @ Mansfield – N. King
EK and NK will be attending.

9) Any Other Business

Forums – FM raised the problem of organising a space at the club due to bookings at the Meadow Club etc. We should insist that a space is available for at least 1 in 3 games. ST said that the Slater Suite should be available although this is very small or even the Masson Suite at 5.30 for half an hour. It was felt that we should at least try this and if a larger room was required then we would address that problem when necessary. This arrangement could also be supplemented with surgeries in the Meadow Club. **ACTION 4**

At this point, KU asked the other board members to join him in thanking those stepping down after this meeting. He stated it was an honour and a privilege to



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work with Fred Mosselmans, David Hindley and Philip Marshall as well as Bea Jackson who was not present. Their contribution will be greatly missed.

ST invited the board to his birthday celebrations.

10) Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of Meeting 44 held on 20 September 2005 were approved and were signed by KU.

11) Matters Arising

A1	KU to write letter to club and JM - Done
A2	All to supply questions for BP interview - Done
A3	AS/EK to arrange a meeting with club financial officer to discuss the format of the figures they wish to receive. - Done
A4	NK to lead review of database - Done
A5	KC to ask ST to arrange meeting with HW to discuss big night. – Ongoing through Fundraising Sub Committee
A6	FM to check if ST is going to SD conference - Done

12) Date of Next Meeting - Thurs 27 October 2005 @ Meadow Lane post AGM

The meeting was closed by KU at 10.50pm