



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting No.	50
Date	Wednesday 18 January 2006
Time	8 p.m.
Venue	Plough Inn, St Peters Street, Nottingham
Version	1

Present

Nigel King (in the Chair), John Collin, Steve Thompson, Jurgen Halligan, Philip Marshall, Martin Naylor, Stuart Rolley, Carole Stapleton, Cheryl Thompson.

1 Apologies For Absence

Keri Usherwood, John Armstrong-Holmes, Ken Carter, Eric Kerry, Alan Scott.

2. Meeting Agenda

No changes.

3. Declarations of Interest

CS reported that her daughter, on behalf of her employer, commissions the use of facilities at Meadow Lane.

4. Officers' Reports

4. a Chair

Board Members had received a communication from KU explaining he would not be able to attend the meeting.

He had sent a report asking the Board to consider several items. He reported that he had had, together with SR, a meeting with Colin Slater which had been constructive. Agreement with the Supporters Club regarding a joint statement was still awaited.

KU had had a meeting with a member who had a lot of ideas and had offered a meeting with ST and "MAD" posters to help clear up some of the misinformation floating around.

Sub-Groups

KU requested that sub-groups should meet a.s.a.p. to formulate action plans and to involve non-Board members. A meeting of the Membership, Recruitment and Retention sub-group had already been arranged for 21/1/06.

Action All



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Newsletter to Members

SR agreed to co-ordinate this.

NK agreed to contact the member from Cheltenham to invite a contribution.

Action NK

Positive Initiatives

With regard to a possible portrait of Jimmy Sirrel, this had arisen from the meeting between KU and SR with Colin Slater. Following general support for the move, CS said she knew a local portrait painter and would talk to her regarding the project. She would also ask her contact about other local artists, costs and the best way of taking the project forward. **Action CS**

With regard to a possible "Players' Fund", a discussion took place and there was no proposal to set up a "Players' Fund".

Following from this, it was asked if the Trust could help with "Lifeline". ST said that money from Lifeline ultimately went into the Club and so any money through Lifeline helped all aspects of the Club, including players. It was agreed that the Trust should promote Lifeline at every opportunity and CS agreed to talk to Lynn regarding any assistance the Trust could give. **Action CS**

Meeting with Geoff Davey

It was agreed to arrange a meeting between the Trust Board and Geoff Davey to talk about his work and how the Trust might be helpful and how the relationship might be carried forward. It was agreed to have the meeting away from a Trust Board meeting. **Action JC**

Shop

CS reported that she had arranged for computer and telephone facilities in the Shop so that financial information could be accessed and processed and messages taken. She reported that she was looking for a desk. NK thanked CS. **CS to co-ordinate**

4. b Treasurer

EK had posted his report. He said that the final total for the raffle was a disappointing £7137 compared with £11934 last year. He said members had commented that they would have bought however many had been sent. It was agreed to look at this again and to balance the comments with those who



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would feel overwhelmed if more tickets were sent. Available funds were reported as £3222.61.

4. c Secretary

JC reported that the Annual Return was safely with the FSA.

Arising from the last meeting, NK and JC had agreed to re-examine the part of the Board Policy C7 relating to Limitations and Conflicts of Interest. As a result of this, NK and JC moved that the proposed modification below be accepted.

Currently

(Version 3 18th January 2005)

Board member(s) must not arrange for or accept any undue or improper favours, match tickets or gifts with members of staff at any Football Club for personal gain. A breach of this rule will result in disciplinary measures of the highest order.

Proposed

Board member(s) must not arrange for or accept any undue or improper favours, match tickets or gifts with members of staff (or any third party) at any Football Club for personal gain. A breach of this rule will result in disciplinary measures of the highest order. Personal gain does not include where the member is acting in a capacity representing the Trust as a shareholder. Where members represent the Trust at matches as guests of the Supporter-Director they will still purchase their normal match ticket or hold a season ticket.

JC reported that of 3 absent Board members who had expressed an opinion, 2 had indicated support while 1 was against.

Following discussion, PM moved that an extra line be added, "One stand-in for the Supporter Director does not have to buy a ticket."

NK and JC accepted the amendment and on a vote the amendment was accepted by 5 votes to 3 with 1 abstention.

The substantive motion now read

"Board member(s) must not arrange for or accept any undue or improper favours, match tickets or gifts with members of staff (or any third party) at any Football Club for personal gain. A breach of this rule will result in disciplinary measures of the highest order. Personal gain does not include where the member is acting in a



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On a further vote this was carried by 5 votes to 3 with 1 abstention.

5. Sub-Group Reports

5 a. PR

SR reported that the meeting with Colin Slater had gone ahead and the idea for the Jimmy Sirrel portrait had come from that. The newsletter would be out soon and it was close to the third anniversary of the formation of the Trust.

An “MAD” meeting was due to take place and the joint statement with the Supporters’ Club was awaiting SC agreement.

CS agreed to write an article outlining her experiences in the 1960’s when working on a tea bar.

5 b. Community

CT reported that NHS Primary Care Trusts were involved with some Supporters’ Trusts and she was looking at this possibility.

5 c. Strategy

AS has produced a document on finances and the meeting between AS, EK and GD still had to be arranged.

5 d. Membership, Recruitment, Retention

JH reported that there were 1378 members, including 3 pets. There were still some cards to be sent out.

5 e. Fundraising

KC had written a report. MN emphasised the point regarding the sponsorship of the Peterborough game and it was agreed that the sponsored walk and the exercise bikes should be offered to the Supporters’ Club. **Action KC**

6. Supporter-Director Report – Steve Thompson



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ST gave his report.

7. Any Other Business

7 a. SC Meeting 19/1/06

Andrew Rigby was attending the SC event.

7 b. Sales from Unauthorised Stall

It was reported that the gentleman concerned is given programmes to sell.

7 c. Directors' Q&A

It was suggested that the Trust holds a Forum before the end of the season and that it should be mid-week and for members only. JC agreed to keep an eye on dates for other such events and try to identify a suitable date. **Action JC**

7 d. Next EM Trust Meeting

9th February in Newark on Trent. NK said it was unlikely he would be able to attend.

8. Minutes of Previous Meetings, for approval and signing

The Minutes of the Previous Meeting (049) were accepted as a true record.

9. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 28 February 2006.

The Meeting ended at 9.50 p.m.