



Meeting No.	51
Date	Tuesday, 28 February 2006
Time	8 p.m.
Venue	Plough Inn, St Peters Street, Nottingham
Version	1

Present

Keri Usherwood, (Chair), Eric Kerry, (Treasurer), John Collin, (Secretary), Jurgen Halligan, Stuart Rolley, Alan Scott, Cheryl Thompson.

1 Apologies For Absence

John Armstrong-Holmes, Ken Carter, Nigel King, Martin Naylor, Carole Stapleton, Steve Thompson,

2. Meeting Agenda

No changes.

3. Declarations of Interest

None.

4. Supporter Director

KU said that we needed to come up with a replacement for ST who was relinquishing the post at the end of the season. He said that ST had kindly agreed to help with the changeover.

JC reported that the Trust Rules were silent on how to go about appointing a Supporter Director but the Trust Board was responsible.

KU said he thought there were two options, to appoint for 4 months up to the AGM or to appoint for 2 years and 4 months up to the appropriate AGM then.

The actual timing of the Trust's fiscal year and hence the time of its AGM was questioned by several members. JC said that according to the Rules, the AGM needed to be held within 6 months of the end of the fiscal year (currently 1st June to 31st May). With the best will in the world, the AGM could not be held for a period after the end of the fiscal year because of audits and such like.

Following discussion

It was prop. EK, sec. KU that the appointment of Supporter Director would be for 2 years and that the Trust should consider changing its financial year so that the AGM coincides with the end of season. This was carried unanimously.



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In view of the number of absentees, KU said he would prefer to discuss the matter again at the next meeting.

In view of the low number of attendees, it was agreed that JC should ask Board Members for expressions of interest. **Action JC**

5. Officers' Reports

5. a Chair

KU had posted a report and he picked out the topics.

Lifeline

KU asked what the Trust could do to help Lifeline. So far the Trust has publicised it in its Newsletter (together with forms).

JH said he would be interested in going onto the Lifeline Committee. KU agreed to ask Geoff Davey about this. **Action KU**

Following discussion, it was felt that every opportunity should be taken to publicise Lifeline at Open days and through stationery, publicity etc. **Action All**

J Sirrel Portrait

KU reported that CS is looking at pictures with her contact. It was agreed to delegate KU to lead the progress of the project. **Action KU**

Forum

At the previous meeting a forum had been agreed before the end of the season for members, midweek. It had now been established that the Club Directors would not be holding an event and so the field was clear. KU said he would like to see a speaker, for instance, Howard Wilkinson, Phil Tooley, David Conn, William Ivory, Brian Mawhinny. This was agreed. KU agreed to approach speakers and JC agreed to book a date around the availability of a speaker. **Action KU/JC**

Co-option

It was agreed to contact the Dave Rimmer and Glenn Rolley. **Action JC**

Geoff Davey Meeting



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KU reported that the meeting was a good one.

Action Plans

KU said that these (including the Chair's) need to be in place for discussion.

Action All

Messages on Message Boards

KU said that Board Members should be very careful when posting messages so that there can be no defamation suits against the Trust.

5. b Treasurer

EK reported that available cash stood at about £2,600 and this was worrying bearing in mind the possible liability from people who had subscribed for periods greater than 1 year. He was completing the statutory return for the raffle. He was still awaiting the letter from the Club authorising 2 VP tickets for prizes. If this was not forthcoming, the funds would be further depleted. EK reported that Inland Revenue returns were being completed and need to be in before end of May. More significantly there are a number of significant changes proposed by the regulators as to how the audit will have to be carried out next time. EK said he was researching this and will report back next meeting.

EK said that another worrying thing was the removal of the zero band for Corporation Tax which would mean that the Trust's trading income would be taxed. This seemed to fly in the face of assurances from the Government to help Trusts. It was agreed that EK should make appropriate representations.

Action EK

5. c Secretary

JC formally reported Phil Marshall's resignation. He said he had replied to him to say that his e-mail was sufficient and that a formal letter was not necessary and also invited him to talk to JC if he wished.

Open Minutes. JC reported he had finally edited minutes of meetings 045 to 049 for display on the Trust web site.

Insurance. In view of comments by ST, JC reported that we currently have a 3-year deal with CIS which runs out in January 2007. Other Trusts use different insurers and Jurgen became aware of one following the last EMT



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Meeting, the details of which he passed on. JC suggested we start looking in September. **Action JC**

6. Sub-Group Reports

6 a. PR

SR reported that the first meeting of new PR sub Group had been held with members: SR, KU, Neil McGowan, Dave Hindley, Glenn Rolley, Dave Rimmer, John Thornhill. Pete Dennis and Steve Parker would like to contribute but can only meet SR during the day. Meeting to be arranged.

The Newsletter has been taken to stuffers/posters and should be in the post on Wednesday 1st March. – SR thanked contributors. A Lifeline membership form has been included in all newsletters. Programme notes are ongoing and ideas are welcome.

Jimmy Sirrel portrait - DH has provided name of local artist who has quoted around £600 – SR showed the meeting an example of the work. Colin Slater agreed to contact Jimmy and identified potential for presentation at an ex players event.

SR reported that GD had agreed to our having a notice board (or notice boards) at Meadow Lane in the Meadow Club and Lawton's Bar. He asked if anyone had a spare notice board.

SR is to contact Stevie Roden to explore relaunching a regular high quality Trust article in the Evening Post. **Action SR**

There was also a thought that in order to raise awareness of the Trust web site it might include match reports (JT/NM).

6 b. Community

CT reported that there was now a Committee: Dave Hindley, Bea Jackson, KC, Nigel Hammond, Trev Woolley, CT
She reported that Dave and herself met and have come up with ideas for coming year; plan is to build on last year's events in new ways e.g.:

- Open day - combine with a preseason friendly
- KROOF and Big Draw - combine into one event
- New event - 5 a side tournament with Notts and Forest vets teams

Will update action plan asap.



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March 18th match v Oxford will be part of Fairtrade fortnight, Co-op will have a stand giving away freebies e.g. fairtrade chocolate. They are also running a competition via the trust page in the programme.

6 c. Strategy

(It was proposed by JC, seconded by KU and carried unanimously that the meeting go beyond 10.30 if necessary).

AS welcomed the financial information.

AS agreed to work up his thoughts. **Action AS**

6 d. Membership, Recruitment, Retention

JH reported that Phil Marshall had now resigned from the Board. The current membership had been reported (1385) and the meeting of the Group had taken place.

In discussion, KU thanked Jurgen for looking after the MRR. Some thoughts on how to retain membership were floated for discussion by the Committee: HW to write to members, talk to members in small Groups.

JC mentioned that a good selling point, which had only just occurred to him, was that in the past year, the Trust has given to the Club something like 4x the subscription income. It was recognised that this could not carry on but was a selling point now.

6 e. Fundraising

KC in his report mentioned Ian's book and the hope that something will happen on it before the end of the season.

KC reported that he would contact Steve Westby regarding a "Pie Quiz" to take place in April.

He also reported that there were no takers for Interski, that he was working on a fashion show and mentioned the JS presentation.

7. Supporter-Director Report – Steve Thompson

ST sent his report.

8. East Midlands Supporters Trust Meeting(s)



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JH reported that he had attended the last meeting at Newark and had posted a report. He said he had found the meeting interesting and the people friendly. The next meeting will be at Rushden & Diamonds in March.

9. Any Other Business

JC mentioned the possible consultation exercise on whether the drummer would continue or not.

10. Minutes of Previous Meetings, for approval and signing

The Minutes of the Previous Meeting (050) were accepted as a true record.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 21st March 2006

The Meeting ended at 10.32 p.m.