

# **NOTTS COUNTY SUPPORTERS TRUST**



## **BOARD MEETING OPEN MINUTES**

Meeting No.	57
Date	Wednesday 23 August 2006
Time	8.00 p.m.
Venue	Horse and Groom, 462 Radford Road, Nottingham, NG7 7EA
Version	1

### **Present**

Keri Usherwood (Chair), Nigel King (Vice-Chair), John Collin (Secretary), Eric Kerry (Treasurer/Supporter Director), Cheryl Thompson, Gareth Marklew, Dave Rimmer

### **1. Apologies For Absence**

John Armstrong-Holmes, Stuart Rolley, Glenn Rolley

### **2. Meeting Agenda**

Agreed.

### **3. Declarations of Interest**

None.

### **4. Notts County Supporters Trust Shareholding**

KU reported that the media reaction to the news of the possible increase in shareholding had been positive and well received by supporters and members. Legal advice had been taken via Supporters Direct with Cobbetts, a firm of lawyers in Manchester. He said Supporters Direct were keen for the purchase to happen and he was hopeful of some cash, in the form of a corporate membership, from the Co-op.

A small Committee of KU, JAH and EK had done groundwork on the project to help push things forward.

**It was proposed by KU and seconded by NK that “no decisions on disposal or sale of shares in Blenheim 1862 Ltd. or its successor may be taken by the Trust Board and should be a matter for members.”**

**This was carried unanimously.**

A proposal to put this into the Rules will be put to members as soon as possible.

With regard to the Special Meeting, it was agreed it should take place on 21, 22 or 24 September and the motion should be along the lines of “the members endorse the decision of the Trust Board to purchase 20.8% of the shares in Blenheim 1862 Ltd., under the conditions of the pre-emption agreement, when they become available,”

JC reported that the timescale was tight and so all methods for contacting members should be used, including an advert in the Evening Post.

**KU agreed to contact SD for advice and to ask for someone to attend.  
JC would ascertain the availability of rooms at Meadow Lane.**

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The stuff for members would include the formal notice, the Board's announcement and a question and answer document.

It was agreed that members on the date of the notice would be allowed to vote.

Also fairly urgent was a memorandum of understanding with the Company.

### **Action KU**

## **5. Trust AGM**

The date had been fixed as Thursday 26 October 2006 at Meadow Lane.

JC said that he would like to get the initial notice out with the notice of the Special Meeting.

Election to the Board would need a Working Group. **It was agreed that this would be Phil Tooley, Trevor Woolley and JC, if they were willing. KU said that he would be willing as well.**

## **6. Officers' Reports**

### **a. Chair -- Keri Usherwood**

KU said that he was impressed with the new web site.

He reported that he was to address a meeting of the Boston Trust.

### **b. Treasurer – Eric Kerry**

EK reported available funds of £3,726.08.

### **c. Secretary – John Collin**

JC reported Martin Naylor's resignation, for personal reasons.

He also realised that with reference to the AGM Board Election, he had neglected to ascertain the number of vacancies. **It was proposed by KU and seconded by CT that the number of vacancies be nine. This was carried by 5 votes to 2.**

## **7. Sub-Group Reports**

### **a. PR SR**

KU reported he had sorted out the programme notes in SR's absence.

### **b. Community CT**

EK said there was now an opportunity to devise a community strategy which had to be linked with "what is in it for the Club?"

### **c. Strategy vac**

Nothing to report.

**At this stage it was agreed to go past 10.30 p.m. if need be.**



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### **d. Membership, Recruitment, Retention GM**

Renewals/new memberships up to date but the mechanics of the data base not good.

GM reported that he had written to all the Nottinghamshire MP's regarding the Trust but had had no responses yet.

GM reported that the stock of "freebies" was now perilously low but posting them will be caught by the new postal charges.

GM will talk these issues through with sub group members.

### **e. Fundraising GR**

GR was away.

DR reported that he was trying to get corporate memberships but felt the current documentation was not up to scratch.

**It was proposed by KU, seconded by EK that DR could spend £100, updating the pack. This was carried unanimously.**

## **8. Supporter Director's Report – Eric Kerry**

EK gave his report.

## **9. Supporters Direct – Board Nomination**

A request had been received from Elaine Dean for us to sign her nomination paper for the SD Executive Election. **Prop. NK, sec CT that JC be nominated to sign it.** It was also agreed that JC has delegated authority to comment/vote on the proposed SD rule changes.

## **10. Any Other Business**

13/10/2006, SD AGM and Conference.

## **11. Minutes of Previous Meetings, for approval and signing**

JC apologised that he had not circulated the Minutes of the previous meetings. They will be dealt with next time.

## **12. Next Meeting**

Wed 27 September 2006.

Meeting closed at 10.50 p.m.