

# NOTTS COUNTY SUPPORTERS TRUST



## BOARD MEETING OPEN MINUTES

Meeting No.	68
Date	Thursday, 26 <sup>th</sup> July 2007
Time	8.00 p.m.
Venue	Plough Inn, St Peters Street, Nottingham
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### **Present**

Keri Usherwood (Chair), John Collin (Secretary), Eric Kerry (Supporter Director), John Armstrong-Holmes, David Hindley, Glenn Rolley, Trevor Woolley.

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

Nigel King (Vice Chair), Peter Dennis (Treasurer), Gareth Marklew, Stuart Rolley, Cheryl Thompson.

### **2. Meeting Agenda**

Agreed.

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

EK as a Director of Blenheim 1862 Ltd.

### **4. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of Meeting 67 were accepted as a true record.

### **5. Officers' Reports**

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

*"So much for the quiet pre-season period!"*

*This has been a very busy month for reasons you are all aware of.*

*The main item for my report for tomorrow will be feeding back to you about my attendance at the Club Board meeting last Friday. I will be proposing a course of action for discussion around this. As I said previously, I am happy to meet those who cannot be there tomorrow, over the weekend so we all get a chance to input into this.*

*Amongst other matters I have:*

*Met with FITC and Geoff Davey to pursue the Trust office accommodation  
Attended the Open Day (well done to all - especially Dave and Cheryl)  
Spoken with Stevie Roden about a possible piece in the Post as a precursor to the start of the season. Ensured copies of our newsletter have been passed to HG's family*

*I have also been invited on behalf of the Trust to the launch of Unity (a football*

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*club created to help ease gang tensions in Nottingham) on 21<sup>st</sup> August.*

*Apologies if I have missed any actions from last time. I'm sure JC will remind me ;-)"*

KU reported that a regular informal meeting with shareholders was to take place on 6<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30 p.m. EMT wishes to meet at Meadow Lane on 15<sup>th</sup> November. This was supported. **Action KU.**

The Danielle Beccan Trust was planned to collect at the Forest game – **Proposed TW, seconded JAH that the Trust gives a donation of £50 to the Fund. This was agreed.**

### **b. Treasurer – Peter Dennis**

PD's report on accommodation was considered and with regard to the partition wall, JAH's offer of the Trust paying for materials and JAH to pay his son to erect it was gratefully received.

**It was duly proposed, seconded and carried that the meeting may proceed after 10.30 p.m.**

### **c. Secretary – John Collin**

*"Trust Board Election (Supporters Direct Model Policy attached).*

*Current Board Members*

*Elected 2005*

*John Collin, Eric Kerry, Keri Usherwood*

*Elected 2006*

*John Armstrong-Holmes, Peter Dennis, David Hindley, Nigel King, Gareth Marklew, Glenn Rolley, Stuart Rolley, Cheryl Thompson, Trevor Woolley.*

*Co-opted*

*None*

*Currently 12 members*

*Maximum number 18*

*How many vacancies for 2007? Remember possible co-options.*

*Appointment of an Election Committee to steer the election, including at least one independent person who is the Chair.*

**The Election Working Group was agreed as Phil Tooley, Peter Dennis (both if willing) and Trevor Woolley.**

**Proposed GR, seconded by TW that the number of vacancies be 5. This was carried.** KU, EK and JC took no part in the process.

*Blenheim AGM*

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*A preliminary notice has been circulated by Keri. The Board's Report and Accounts have been circulated by me.*

*We need to appoint someone (possibly a Deputy as well) for the meeting to validly cast our vote(s) at the AGM. We also need people to attend."*

**KU was nominated as the person to cast the Trust's vote with PD and JC as deputies.**

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

EK gave his report.

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

#### **a. PR**

#### **SR**

KU reported that SR was busy making preparations for the function to mark the unveiling of the Jimmy Sirrel portrait.

#### **b. Community**

#### **DH**

*"It has been another busy month on the community front, the main focus of which was organising the Community Open Day. I have previously posted my reflections on the event so won't repeat them here, suffice to say a big thank you to you all for your assistance both on the day and in the preparation.*

*I think one of the issues that we now need to discuss is whether the Open Day should be an annual event. My personal preference would be bi-annual as it does take a lot of work to organise and unless there are new attractions each year it will lose its appeal. At the same time, it does have a number of positives for the Club so I can see the appeal for it to occur annually.*

*The Open Day works brilliantly at attracting supporters but still appears to do little to attract under-represented groups. It is encouraging to see that FITC will be at Medfest tomorrow but it would be even more encouraging to see the Club doing something. With my cynical hat on I wonder if anyone at the Club even knows about Medfest?*

*The next event on the community calendar is Kick it Out (mid-October) and the Big Draw around the same time. I will bring some details of the former with me to the Board meeting so that we can discuss how we want to approach this. I will be submitting a bid for funding from KIO in the next few weeks. I haven't been able to meet the cartoonists Pete and Brick recently so have no new information with regards the Big Draw.*

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*Before the autumn I will also be working with the Nottingham Storytellers (some details are in the latest Trust newsletter). I know that Trev had a chat with them at the Open Day and I'll post up any developments in due course.*

*Right, I think that just about covers everything."*

DH raised the point about whether there should be an Open day every year. It was felt that if it was possible then it should be every year, possibly at the beginning of July when the players return.

DH said there would be a "Kick It Out" event at the Wrexham game on 22 October, which should cost about £100.

He said that he had met a Nottingham City Council Literature Officer who worked with libraries and who was keen to get involved.

The meeting thanked Dave for his work on the Open Day.

### **c. Membership, Recruitment, Retention** **TW**

TW reported that he had a problem with the data base and was trying to fix it. The car stickers will cost £380 for a sufficient number.

### **d. Fundraising** **GR**

GR said that planning the next Beer Festival was about to begin and the new accommodation will give opportunities for such things as the recycling project. There will need to be a decision on whether to do another raffle.

## **8 Any Other Business**

None.

## **9. Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 21 August 2007.

**The meeting ended at 11.00 p.m.**