

NOTTS COUNTY SUPPORTERS TRUST



BOARD MEETING OPEN MINUTES

Meeting No.	75
Date	Tuesday 27 th November 2007
Time	8.00 p.m.
Venue	Plough Inn, St Peters Street, Nottingham
Version	2

Present

Stuart Rolley, (Chair), John Collin (Secretary), Eric Kerry (Supporter Director) (Item 5b onwards), Margaret Cobb, Gareth Marklew, Glenn Rolley, Mike Scott, Cheryl Thompson, Keri Usherwood.

1. Apologies For Absence

Nigel King (Vice Chair), Peter Dennis (Treasurer), John Armstrong-Holmes, David Hindley, Paul Whitby. Trevor Woolley.

2. Meeting Agenda

Agreed.

3. Declarations of Interest

EK as a Director of Blenheim 1862 Ltd.
GM as an employee of HMRC.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of Meeting 74 were accepted as a true record.

5. Supporter Director Ratification

SR reported that the Strategy Group had met and had felt that there should be a ratification process of some sort. It was felt that since EK's term runs out in mid-2008 (prompting an election), the other two Directors should be proposed for ratification to 2009 and 2010 to avoid all of them coming up for re-election at once and to give an even flow of elections.

There was some debate about what to call them and "Supporter Directors" was favoured.

It was proposed by SR and seconded by JC that the strategy be adopted and that SR and JC would sort out the details within one month. This was carried.

6. Officers' Reports

a. Chair — Stuart Rolley

SR brought up the following points:

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1. Alan Archer had offered to talk to the Trust Board about a financial management proposal. **This was agreed.**
2. Newsletter to be produced around Christmas time.
3. Fans' Forum: to ask EK about one.
4. SR proposed that he and NK and KU should perhaps visit Radio Nottingham and talk to the Station Manager. After some discussion, this was thought to be a good idea.
5. Office rota: SR thanked MC for taking on the task.
6. Member's proposals for the Kop: SR said he had looked at the KOP proposals again and thought that the official verdict and the member's proposals did not match up, as if they had not been considered by the Club. **He said he would look at them again out of interest.**
7. SR said he was disappointed about the situation regarding an outstanding debt. KU said he thought it was now a matter for the Board to take appropriate action if the matter could not be resolved. **Action SR.**
8. Catering Survey: SR thanked all those who participated.
9. Portrait: it was being scanned so that copies can be run off.
10. Lifeline Dinner: 21 December 2007, still spaces left.
11. SR thanked the Supporter Directors for sorting out the access problem a member was having.
12. The Chaplain was being lined up for a photograph.
13. SR reported PW's wish for meetings to be fixed well in advance so he could plan travel accordingly. JC suggested something like 2nd Tuesday (members' favoured day) in every month, football and emergencies permitting. JC said he would arrange things along those lines.
14. Board's Christmas "do". CT reported on progress.

b. Treasurer – Peter Dennis

PD published his report. Available funds amounted to £10,128.16.

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It was proposed and duly seconded that KU's expenses of £393.63 and £39.40, travel to the SD conference should be paid. This was carried.

c. Secretary – John Collin

“EM Trust Meeting 15th November 2007 at Meadow Lane.

I attended the last meeting. Also attending were JAH, PD and KU.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 14th January 2008 at Marlene Reid Centre, Leicestershire.”

JC mentioned that at the meeting, participants had become aware that there was an agreement between SD and FSA regarding what subjects each would comment upon. This had been prompted when SD were questioned as to why no comment had been made over the distribution of the new football money.

7. Supporter Directors' Report – EK

EK gave his report.

8. Sub-Group Reports

a. PR

KU

KU reported that he had done programme notes and was hoping to recruit a former Board Member (now a sports journalist) for assistance in some of the other areas.

The Sub-Committee was due to meet before Christmas and the matter of a blog was being looked at seriously. As far as being proactive with the media was concerned, KU said he had held off for the moment.

MS said he had some ideas which he will talk to KU about.

Action MS.

It was moved and duly seconded that the meeting be empowered to go on after 10.30 p.m. This was agreed.

b. Community

DH

“I'm afraid that I am unable to attend tonight's meeting due to work commitments (deadlines looming which I unfortunately cannot change). In fact work precluded me from making the trip to Lincoln on Saturday and I'm going to miss the next two

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home games as well.

Not much to report on the community front. Pete Davis, the storyteller, is continuing to do sterling work on the fans' stories book. We've worked together on a draft press release/piece for the programme which I will pass on to Keri.

I have got details of next years Fairtrade Fortnight (Feb-March 08), so will look at what we can do to promote this and raise the club's profile.

I shall be looking to set up a community sub-committee meeting for the next week or so - any volunteers from the Board will be very welcome."

c. Membership, Recruitment, Retention

TW

"Current Membership Paid Up at the moment is:

Junior 166

Adult Annual 401

Adult 5Yr 293

Senior Annual 61

Senior 5Yr 144

Life / Corp 55

Total. 1,120

Can everyone please note that Junior (U16) membership is FREE! We have been taking £5 from some. Pete - you'll need to treat them as a donation.

Also, Margaret. I will not be able to take part in the rota any more. I am going to be the new pitch-side announcer for all home games. I will need to start very early, as one of my greatest challenges is to musically educate the Chairman!?"

d. Fundraising

GR

Beer Festival, commencing 31st January 2007. The Sunday of the festival will be a rugby cup game and may not be played at Meadow Lane. MC agreed to take on the sponsorship duties. GR said he had plans to improve the cash handling and the cash handling facilities. This year, as well, there will be some discounted entrances. He asked for volunteers to give some time to the setting up on the Wednesday and the breaking down on the Sunday.

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JS Portrait, date 22nd January 2007. A meeting on the subject had taken place with GR, JAH and the Club. GR said it would be an evening “do” only, probably 7.30 for 8.00. It will be £30 per head and 2 tables of 10 have been set aside for the Trust and 1 for the Supporters’ Club. It will be a fairly simple 4 course meal, Colin Slater will MC it. Various organisations, such as the LMA, were very interested in participating. Publicity etc. was in hand. **CT mentioned the possibility of weather insurance and GR said he would pass this on. GR said he will keep the Board up to date. Action GR.**

9 Any Other Business

1. MC mentioned a couple of points regarding the office rota. The outcome of a discussion was that 2 people needed to be around before and after a match, that the start time should be 1.45 on Saturdays, a similar time before in evenings, and that Supporter Directors (not JAH) would attend before a match at least once a month and that this would be advertised. **Actions MC. PD, EK.**

2. KU mentioned the subject of CIC’s.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 8 January 2008 and monthly thereafter, on the second Tuesday of the month, matches and emergencies permitting.

The meeting ended at 10.50 p.m.