

# **NOTTS COUNTY SUPPORTERS TRUST**



## **BOARD MEETING OPEN MINUTES**

Meeting No.	76
Date	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2008
Time	8.00 p.m.
Venue	John Collin's House
Version	1

### **Present**

Stuart Rolley, (Chair), Nigel King (Vice Chair), John Collin (Secretary), Peter Dennis (Treasurer), John Armstrong-Holmes, Margaret Cobb, David Hindley, Gareth Marklew, Glenn Rolley, Mike Scott, Cheryl Thompson, Keri Usherwood, Paul Whitby. Trevor Woolley.

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

Eric Kerry (Supporter Director)

### **2. Meeting Agenda**

Agreed.

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

JAH and PD as Directors of Blenheim 1862 Ltd.  
GM as an employee of HMRC.

### **4. Presentation by Alan Archer to discuss the possibility of a long term investment vehicle for the Club.**

Alan Archer gave a very thoughtful and interesting presentation on financing the Club or parts of the Club in the long term, based upon a Trust (financial) and an organisation to manage the money. This organisation would be separate from the Club and the Supporters' Trust.

He also expressed an interest in being involved in any celebrations of Notts County's 150 years in 2012. JAH said that this was currently being looked at within the Club and any interest and/or assistance would be welcome.

There was some discussion about a "Heritage Committee" to take care of the history of the Club.

### **5. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**The Minutes of Meeting 75 were accepted as a true record.**

### **6. Supporter Director Ratification**

Following the resolution of the Board at its last meeting, a scheme of ratification was tabled. The thoughts were that information would be disseminated explaining how the Trust arrived in the situation it did, the

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proposals for an election each year to elect one Supporter Director, supplemented by newsletter articles containing info from the candidates.

**After much discussion, it was proposed and duly seconded that “the ratification procedure should proceed, starting in May, as part of the election for a Supporter Director when Eric Kerry’s term of office ends in July.” This was carried.**

### **7. Officers’ Reports**

#### **a. Chair — Stuart Rolley**

SR brought up the following points:

1. SR asked whether people within the Club could benefit from media training.
2. SR mentioned that NK had posted two documents, the MOU and the Strategy Document. **It was agreed to have a half day strategy, aims etc. session, with a facilitator, for the Trust Board. Action JC/SR**
3. PW had put forward a proposal to raise interest in the Club and the Trust. He would like details of businesses to contact, with no experience of Notts County. **Action All.**
4. FITC: SR mentioned the departure of Gary Moran and thought there was a vacancy for a Trustee.
5. Supporters Club: SR said he had had a conversation with the SC Chair.
6. SR reported he had interviews lined up with MAD, The Pie and Colin Slater.
7. Forum

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

#### **b. Treasurer – Peter Dennis**

PD published his report. Available funds amounted to £10,496.57.

**It was proposed and duly seconded that PD’s expenses of £50 (keys) and £6.96 (stamps) should be paid. This was carried.**

#### **c. Secretary – John Collin**

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JC reported that he had not yet arranged meetings with stakeholders. **Action JC.**

In view of the timing, Item 9 was considered first.

### **9. Sub-Group Reports**

#### **a. PR**

**KU**

KU reported that he had done programme notes, press releases on the Jimmy Sirrel Dinner etc. and planned to push the newsletter after the two Trust events in January/early February.

#### **b. Community**

**DH**

*"Ahead of tonight's Board meeting here is a brief community update:*

*Graham Moran*

*You will all have read my comments regarding Graham's departure. It is sad to see him go but he leaves having built up the FITC scheme into one of the most respected in the country. As to the future, JC is quite correct when he states that FITC is a registered charity and independent of the Football Club. Where there is crossover is the FITC's Board of Trustees but I am unsure whether any current Club Directors are represented. Prior to the news about Graham (no connection in anyway!) Stu had asked if I would be willing to represent the Trust on the FITC Board, which I would be. I am currently waiting to hear of any further developments.*

*Come on you Pies! Book Project with the Storytellers of Nottingham*

*Many thanks to Keri for promoting this in the programme - this has already prompted some contributions for the book. After speaking to Pete Davis before the game on Saturday we have agreed to continue the project now until the end of the season instead of the end of this month as previously agreed. If you have a few minutes spare in the Trust Office I would recommend you read some of Pete's Diary entries -they are hugely entertaining and I hope that once all the stories are collated the publication will be able a useful fundraiser.*

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### *Fairtrade Fortnight*

*This is something that the Trust has supported for the last few years and has generated some positive PR. I have been in contact with the Fairtrade Foundation and Oxfam who have both been supportive (in fact Oxfam's Head Office think what we are doing is tremendous and have sent their best wishes) and I am now in the process of trying to arrange a stall/some fairtrade goodies for the Barnet match (Sat 8th March). More news as it happens..."*

DH highlighted FITC, the "Come on you Pies" project for the end of the season and the Fairtrade at the Barnet match.

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

TW reported that

Current Membership Paid Up at the moment is:

Junior 166  
Adult Annual 410  
Adult 5Yr 294  
Senior Annual 61  
Senior 5Yr 144  
Life / Corp 56  
Total. 1,131

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

GR reported that MC had taken on the sponsorship issues and Phil Marshall was generously again the main sponsor. Everything was now in place except the rota which needed to be put in place.

Anyone joining Lifeline at the festival would be entitled to free beer and a delegation of players etc. from the Club would visit on Thursday.

JS Portrait, date 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2007. This was a complete sell-out with 220-240 people. The comedian would be Nobby Stiles's son. Alex Ferguson would be in the Middle East but he was doing a video. League Managers and former players had tables and there was an illustrious list. The portrait would be unveiled straight after dinner.

## **8. Supporter Directors' Report – JAH**

JAH gave his report.

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### **10 Any Other Business**

None.

### **11. Date of Next Meeting**

19 February

18 March

15 April

13 May

**The meeting ended at 11.10 p.m.**