

NOTTS COUNTY SUPPORTERS TRUST



BOARD MEETING OPEN MINUTES

Meeting No.	77
Date	Wednesday 20 th February 2008
Time	8.00 p.m.
Venue	Plough Inn, St Peters Street, Nottingham
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Present

Stuart Rolley, (Chair), John Collin (Secretary), Eric Kerry (Supporter Director), Margaret Cobb, David Hindley, Gareth Marklew, Glenn Rolley, Mike Scott, Cheryl Thompson, Keri Usherwood,

1. Apologies For Absence

Nigel King, Peter Dennis, John Armstrong-Holmes, Paul Whitby. Trevor Woolley.

2. Meeting Agenda

Agreed. Item 7 would be taken early to assist EK.

3. Declarations of Interest

EK as Director of Blenheim 1862 Ltd.

GM as an employee of HMRC.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of Meeting 76 were accepted as a true record.

5. Supporter Director Ratification

Nothing further to report at this stage.

7. Supporter Directors' Report – EK

EK gave his report.

6. Officers' Reports

a. Chair -- Stuart Rolley

SR brought up the following points:

1. SR reported that he had met with BBC Radio Nottingham regarding their past coverage of potential investors. It had been an amicable meeting and RN expressed a keenness to help.

2. SR mentioned the "Speakers' Corner" event.

3. SR said he would be appearing on "Matchtalk" on 12th March on the subject of football finance.

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4. SR reported that JAH had met the Supporters Club. The SC's 60th anniversary is being marked with an event in April and SR urged members to support it.

5. Lifeline Quiz 4th March.

6. SR reported that the SD training event will be in Manchester. The details have already been posted.

7. SKY will be at Meadow Lane on Saturday to collect footage.

8. SR reminded Board members that PW is still awaiting lists of companies to contact. **Action All.**

9. With regard to Alan Archer's presentation, SR suggested that it be passed on, via EK, to the Club to look at.

10. With regard to **Jimmy Sirrel prints, it was agreed to order 40 in the first run** (bearing in mind that there will be in total no more than 100).

11. SR thanked GR for all his efforts in the organisation of the Jimmy Sirrel event and the Beer festival.

In response to questions, SR said he had drafted a letter to the debtor requesting payment and that he had sent a letter regarding the vacancy on the FITC Board.

b. Treasurer – Peter Dennis

PD had published his report. Available funds amounted to £9710.54.

SR went through the report

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

c. Secretary – John Collin

1. The e-mail below from Dave Boyle, forwarded by Nigel, is part of the report. We need to come to a view on it.

With regard to the proposed meeting of Trust-owned Clubs, the feeling was that Club Directors and the Secretary should consider attending. **Action JC.**

2. Kevin Rye has e-mailed to say that March 15th is not available for him to visit and so he is looking at his diary. However, we do need to firm up some sort of brief. I was getting the impression that as well as looking for action plans via the

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usual sort of routes of mission statement, strategies etc., there was some uncertainty regarding the respective roles of Trust and Club Boards, within the Trust Board and certainly within the membership. Dave Boyle's proposed meeting would seem to be dealing with these legal aspects but I am quite happy to give an outline.

Action JC to get new date and progress.

3. I am in possession of a letter from an organisation called "Cooperatives UK", basically recruiting members. I shall bring it to the meeting.

Not a lot of interest.

8. Sub-Group Reports

a. PR

KU

KU reported that he had been involved in a lot of stuff surrounding the Beer Festival and the Sky Sports visit on Saturday.

He reported that on 8th March, a Robin Hood world record would be attempted in Nottingham. He also had an involvement in the Nottingham City Council Speakers' Corner debate on football.

KU asked individuals for items for the newsletter. Action All.

b. Community

DH

"1. Community Subcommittee - the CSC met last week to discuss a number of community-related issues. I have uploaded a brief summary of what was covered onto the Yahoo files section, as well as e-mailing CSC members separately.

2. Fairtrade Fortnight - for the Barnet home game (8th March) the Nottingham Oxfam Campaigns group will be running a stall to promote fairtrade. I have also forked out on some fairtrade items/promotional stuff to give away. I would like volunteers to help with this (1.30 onwards - until k.o.).. In the case of poor weather I will be writing to Lynn in advance to ask whether we could use the Club Shop, although a better idea may be to run the promotion from the Trust Office, which may also help attract a few more fans/non-members to our facilities.

3. First Steps initiative - I am sure you will have all read details

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on this. In the immediate term there will be a meeting with Judy Crabb from the Federation of Stadium Communities (FSC) to discuss how we could work together, and ideas on how we build links with groups from the Meadows. The suggested date for this is 6th March (awaiting confirmation). Would it be possible to have this meeting at Meadow Lane? As with the CSC the invite extends to members of the Trust Board. It would be particularly useful if someone from the Club Board could attend.

Finally, please note from 18th March - 8th April that I will be on holiday and won't be responding to e-mails during that time."

DH said that one of the outcomes from the CSC was that there would be no "Open Day" this year. He also reminded members that he had been to Charlton Athletic and had been impressed by their community work.

c. Membership, Recruitment, Retention

TW

Held over until next time.

d. Fundraising

GR

GR reported that the Jimmy Sirrel night had attracted over 240 people and had been a fitting tribute. An oak plaque is now due to be placed with the portrait. There is a DVD of the night.

GR said that JS's daughter had thanked the Trust.

GR reported that at the Beer festival, everyone had played their part and it went very, very well. It was well managed, learning from last year and people from lots of different places had attended

9 Any Other Business

None.

10. Date of Next Meeting

18 March
15 April
13 May

The meeting ended at 10.40 p.m.