

NOTTS COUNTY SUPPORTERS TRUST



BOARD MEETING OPEN MINUTES

Meeting No.	79
Date	Tuesday 15 th April 2008
Time	8.00 p.m.
Venue	John Collin's House
Version	1

Present

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

1. Apologies For Absence

David Hindley.

2. Meeting Agenda

Agreed.

3. Declarations of Interest

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

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Following the mention that the "next meeting" actually mentioned in the Minutes was the next one in May!!

The Minutes of Meeting 78 were accepted as a true record.

As a matter arising, it was reported that the pitch-side board had been put up and the total cost £2400, including display next season.

5. Web/Audio Conferences

SR/PW reported that PW had had contact with a conferencing company and that an information pack was expected. The information had not yet arrived but in summary, the system was audio at the moment and a conference could be rung into from any phone. In return for letting us use the system, the company involved would ask for acknowledgement on the web site and on other appropriate locations. SR felt in particular that it could be a useful tool in bringing Sub Groups together. Board Members felt this was an exciting piece of technology and thanked PW for pursuing it.

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6. Officers' Reports

a. Chair -- Stuart Rolley

SR brought up the following points:

1. SR reminded the Board about the SD training event on 20th April.
2. Club Board. SR said this would appear in the Secretary's report later.
3. There had been some message board discussion about Johnstone's Paint Trophy. It was confirmed that EK had attended this on behalf of the Club. JAH mentioned that the Football League annual conference would be taking place from 9th to 11th June 2008. **In order to avoid any possible misunderstandings it was requested that any Trust attendance at events such as this should be notified to the Secretary in advance.**
4. SR asked for more company names and addresses for PW's data base.
5. SR mentioned the imminent newsletter which KU would talk about further.
6. The meeting with the proposed Forest Trust had not yet taken place because the Forest contingent could not make the proposed meeting after all. A new date was being set.
7. GR did the audio visual stuff at the Supporters Club 60th anniversary.
8. SR wanted to open a debate on whether the Trust should try to employ staff. KU agreed to investigate need and any grants. **Action KU.**

With regard to possible employment, JAH said that the Supporters Club would be moving from their current office at the end of the season. He said that the current Stewards' room could be a site for the Trust, with the SC moving into the current Trust Office. There was debate about the investment the Trust had already put in to the current location but on balance it was felt that the Stewards' Room, being bigger and more visible, could be a benefit.

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Treasurer – Peter Dennis

PD had published his report. Available funds amounted to £6693.91.

PD went through the accounts and pointed out that £5000 was still reserved for the Club and that money (sponsorships) was still due from the Beer Festival.

He said the newsletter expenses were still to come.

The following expenses were agreed:

NK Web site £57.50.

GR Banner £88.12.

PD reminded members that the next meeting was the last before the end of the financial year and that he would be grateful for income and expenditure claims by then at the latest.

PD also reported that since the last meeting he had attended a Supporters Direct meeting for Trust-owned Clubs. He mentioned:

1. An NFU survey commissioned by SD and able to be tailored for individual Clubs' questions, at a price.
2. Software for membership applications, being trialled by the Leeds Trust.
3. Revision of Model Rules: to be discussed at the Bradford event.
4. Supporters to Reporters.
5. Customer Service: the Football League "mystery shoppers".
6. Company Law: Cobbetts producing something.

The next meeting will be in about 3 months' time.

b. Secretary – John Collin

JC reported that he had circulated an analysis of business rates as they affected Meadow Lane.

He also raised the following:

1. *The Companies Act 2006 and how it applies to Blenheim 1862 Ltd. - from a shareholder's viewpoint.* JC went through the Companies Act as it affected

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the Trust and Club interface with the help of Companies House publications, which he agreed to circulate to the Board. **Action JC.**

2. How we want the event on May 18th to run.

JC asked about timings. It was agreed 10.30 to 4 00 to be booked, with no specific lunch provision. **Action JC.**

KU to sort out the "Agenda".

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

7. Contingency Planning

8. Supporter Directors' Report – JAH

JAH said that until the future was more settled, it was not possible to contingency plan in any meaningful way.

KU asked if the Club was in jeopardy financially. JAH said it was not. He said players were coming out of contract and improvements were being made in various areas. He said that finances were relatively healthy, the decline in attendances had been arrested and so he was looking at a loss of less than £, which was manageable.

Rugby: negotiations were proceeding. If a new deal is reached, a priority would be the state of the pitch and how to maintain a good surface and whose responsibility it was. He talked about the Club Board's hopes for a new pitch, sufficiently durable to take both clubs' activities.

Kop: JAH said the Club was able to do the Accrington match by putting visitors into a designated overflow area – already designated as part of the Club's Licence.

Blenheim 1862 Ltd. Accounts: JAH said that the accounts for year ending 2007 were on track to be submitted to Companies House by the 30 April deadline.

In response to a question, JAH said that the away travel arrangements had nothing to do with the Club.

9. Sub-Group Reports

a. PR

KU

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KU said he had been involved in programme notes since the last meeting.

The newsletter was imminent and there was discussion regarding stuffing and franking – JAH offered possible resources.

KU mentioned that he had appeared on a webcast for Wrexham supporters in conjunction with the game there.

KU reported verbally on his thoughts regarding the BBC and its relationship with the Trust and the Club. There was general agreement with the analysis and KU said he would circulate his thoughts in writing to the Trust Board.

b. Community **DH**

“As Community Officer I have nothing to report.”

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

TW reported 1138 members (of whom 972 were shareholders in the Trust, 166 juniors).

d. Fundraising **GR**

GR mentioned the availability of the DVD from the JS evening.

He said he had acquired a carrier bag full of VHS videos relating to the Club.

10 Any Other Business

1. SR reminded the Board about the Player of the Year Dinner on 29th April 2008.
2. There was some debate about the club sound system and possible auditions for an announcer.

11. Date of Next Meeting

JC explained that he had arranged to go away both for the last Notts match and the next scheduled meeting.

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Next meeting is therefore Tuesday 20th May 2008.

The meeting ended at 11.15 p.m.