

NOTTS COUNTY SUPPORTERS TRUST



BOARD MEETING OPEN MINUTES

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| Meeting No. | 82 |
| Date | Tuesday, 19 August 2008 |
| Time | 8.00 p.m. |
| Venue | Meadow Lane |
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Present

Stuart Rolley, (Chair), John Collin (Secretary), Eric Kerry (Supporter Director), John Armstrong-Holmes (Supporter Director), Gareth Marklew, Mike Scott, Keri Usherwood, Trevor Woolley.

1. Apologies For Absence

Nigel King (Vice Chair), Peter Dennis (Treasurer and Supporter Director), Margaret Cobb, David Hindley, Cheryl Thompson, Glenn Rolley, Paul Whitby.

2. Meeting Agenda

Agreed.

3. Declarations of Interest

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

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of Meeting 81 were accepted as a true record.

5. Trust Office

It was proposed and duly seconded that GR's offer to manage the establishment of the Trust Office be accepted. Action GR.

The idea was to make the office look good, professional and worthy of the Trust.

6. Trust AGM and Board Elections

Following on from the last meeting, it was proposed by KU and seconded by EK that the number of vacancies be 9. This was carried.

GM indicated that he would not be standing this time. Colleagues tried to persuade him otherwise.

There was discussion about publicity to encourage people to stand for office. MS felt that the process to be elected was a difficult one. There was discussion about whether any people should be approached to consider standing and the question of possible co-options was raised. It was felt that it should be made as easy as possible to nominate and publicity would try to

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facilitate this. MS agreed to write a piece for the programme with his experiences. **Action MS.**

7. Strategy Sub-Committee Meeting

KU reported that there was nothing further to report since the last meeting.

8. 2012, 150th Anniversary of Notts County FC

NK had asked for this item to be put on the agenda. He had sent an e-mail:

JAH explained that the Club is taking the anniversary seriously. A member had submitted a report and he had spoken to that member. The Club felt that project had to be Club-driven (with assistance) and that the end of this season is the time to get the project under way.

KU said the City Council may wish to be involved.

JAH said possible players are FIFA, UEFA, companies with 1862 connections, the media etc.

GM mentioned that the 100th anniversary of Notts County at Meadow Lane was in 2010.

KU said this was the time, before any detail was fixed, to get people's ideas – from a wide range of people.

It was agreed to keep this as an on-going agenda item.

9. Community Strategy/Action Plan.

It was agreed to ask DH to give a presentation on this. **Action DH.**

10. Officers' Reports

a. Chair – Stuart Rolley

SR explained that he had been on holiday and so was only just getting back up to speed.

He said that he was having difficulties with e-mails and so any urgent contact should be by phone.

SR reported that the £5000 to the Club had been put into the new 1862 Club with a hospitality package for potential Trust supporters and potential Club

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supporters. It was envisaged that the use of the facilities would be managed by the Chair and PR to get the most out of it.

A question was asked about what had happened to the old 1862 Club of veteran supporters. No-one seemed to know.

b. Treasurer – Peter Dennis

PD had sent his report. Available funds are £8225.73.

Proposed JAH, seconded GM that the following items of expenditure were approved:

NCFC 1862 donation £5,000

NCFC Flag donation £200

Brickworks £750

NCFC Carpet fitting £50

Keri Usherwood £53.97 for envelopes for the last newsletter.

Trevor Woolley £672.99 for various things.

Stuart Rolley £25.76 for phone.

Luminous Frog £410.00 for printing NCST membership leaflet.

Carried.

c. Secretary – John Collin

Nothing to report that was not on the agenda.

11. Supporter Directors' Report – JAH/EK

JAH reported that the Football League was not very forthcoming regarding the Centre of Excellence. It was still not known what the grant would be - £ or £. JAH said that if it were the lower figure, money was in the budget to make up any shortfall. Cash flow is OK and a pot of £ was found relating to the old Centre of Excellence.

On the pitch, things were good.

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

(Discussion about a tenant).

(Discussion about Nottingham RFC)

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KU declared an interest as a Nottingham City Council employee and left the meeting while this part of the report was discussed.

JAH mentioned that the auditors were doing the annual audit.

TW asked whether the budgeted crowd was over-optimistic and whether there were contingencies. He asked whether inflation on things like utilities would be a problem and whether in the worsened economic climate, the Commercial side would hit targets. He also asked about the state of the playing budget.

JAH/EK said that season tickets were up and together with better on pitch performance this boded well for gates, ground catering accounts now made sense.

Utilities may not be too bad. In some ways, the Commercial side were starting to benefit from things. The Club was looking to transfer players.

KU asked if last year's losses were around £ as reported at the last meeting. JAH said he needed to wait for the Auditors to report.

JAH said that as the Club becomes more successful, people may be attracted to invest.

12. Sub-Group Reports

a. PR

KU

Programme notes. **GM and MS to do pieces.**

JAH mentioned that East Midlands television are doing a film on East Midlands Trust Clubs.

b. Community

DH

DH sent his report.

"Apologies for missing the BM this Tuesday. I am on annual leave and will be in Cardiff.

Not much has happened since my last report which I posted on 31st July.

I have met with Pete Davis the storyteller and we have agreed on a title for the book - 'Pie Eyed: lifting the crust on Notts County'. I have approached Pete Dredge and John Clark (Brick) about designing the cover and both have

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expressed an interest.

I have received some feedback from the community sub-committee on the draft community strategy/action plan but as yet nothing from the Trust Board. I would really appreciate some comments before taking it to wider consultation from our members (I assume this is what is going to happen with regards Trust strategy?).”

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

TW reported a total of 993 members who had valid memberships for 2008/9 following the new membership year from August 1st.

Made up of 140 juniors and 853 shareholders. JC mentioned a difficulty with the AGM notices and Board Election because of renewals but felt it could be sorted.

d. Fundraising **GR**

Nothing to report this time.

13 Any Other Business

Proposed by KU, seconded by GM that the Trust sponsors the Manager’s kit again this season. This was carried.

14. Date of Next Meeting

9 Sept

14Oct

23 Oct (at the rising of the AGM)

Also need to agree “Club-focussed” dates with SD’s and rest of Trust Board.

The meeting ended at 10.55 p.m.