

NOTTS COUNTY SUPPORTERS TRUST



BOARD MEETING OPEN MINUTES

Meeting No.	83
Date	Tuesday, 9 September 2008
Time	8.00 p.m.
Venue	Nigel King's House
Version	1

Present

Nigel King (Vice Chair), John Collin (Secretary), Peter Dennis (Treasurer and Supporter Director), Margaret Cobb, Gareth Marklew, Glenn Rolley, Mike Scott, Keri Usherwood, Paul Whitby,

1. Apologies For Absence

Stuart Rolley, (Chair), John Armstrong-Holmes (Supporter Director), Eric Kerry (Supporter Director), David Hindley, Cheryl Thompson, Trevor Woolley.

2. Meeting Agenda

Agreed with the addition of a "Strategy" section.

3. Declarations of Interest

PD as Director of Blenheim 1862 Ltd.
GM as an employee of HMRC.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of Meeting 82 were accepted as a true record, subject to page 2 Item 8, 4th paragraph saying "KU felt that the City Council may wish to be involved."

5. Trust Office

GR reported that there had been a major improvement but the "bottom end" still needed sorting out. He said the notice board was back but there was a need for more chairs.

With regards to the proposed mural, the man had been to look at the office and agreed to get back to MS.

There was some debate about the whereabouts of the Trust display board.

GR said he had thought about the information system within the Club that was at the front entrance to welcome people and tell them which rooms they were in. He thought an electronic system might be better and thought the Trust might sponsor it. **It was agreed to put this on the next agenda.**

6. Trust AGM and Board Elections

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JC reported that he and TW had synchronised the last date for motions and nominations for the Board and the last date for renewal before being “struck off” as 27th September 2008.

PD reported that some problems had occurred with TW not being provided with the appropriate paperwork in the office. As a result some people who had renewed pre-season were recorded as not paid. PD said he had now sorted this out and reminded the Board that TW had issued instructions about taking subscriptions and it was imperative that TW received paperwork reflecting what was on the finance sheet.

NK reported that he had invited EMR Supporters Direct members to the NCST AGM.

7. 2012, 150th Anniversary of Notts County FC

It was reported that JAH had communicated with the member who had produced the report and had a commitment to a meeting in a few months' time.

8. Officers' Reports

a. Vice-Chair -- Nigel King

1. NK said that there was speculation on “MAD” about the Club's finances. PD acknowledged that November is always the tightest month but there was no impending cash flow crisis. PD said it had been a challenging year.

2. NK asked where were the monthly figures for the Trust Board. There was some discussion regarding the Club accounts. PD outlined that there were various financial projects on the go – to look at the relationship between season tickets and money through the gate, for example. With a small staff, prioritising projects was difficult. It was recognised that Trust Board members had particular skills that might be useful to the Club.

3. KU had asked some questions regarding the finances. EK had responded.

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

4. NK demonstrated an alternative web site strategy with “Google” tools. Board members agreed to look at it. **Action All.**

b. Treasurer – Peter Dennis

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PD circulated his report.

Available funds are £6414.12

It was proposed and duly seconded that the election expenses of £1090.51 be reimbursed to JC. Carried.

c. Secretary – John Collin

JC floated the idea of a “Freepost” account for things like election replies. It was thought the disadvantages outweigh the advantages.

9. Supporter Directors’ Report – PD

PD already covered this elsewhere on the agenda.

10. Sub-Group Reports

a. PR KU

Programme notes.
Election stuff.
Newsletter(s) after the AGM.

b. Community DH

DH currently away.

c. Membership, Recruitment, Retention TW

TW currently away.

d. Fundraising GR

GR reported that the Beer Festival was in place, around the weekend of the Chesterfield match.

GR reported that he was helping the Club with the gala/Christmas do.

Also putting thought into extending Lifeline.

e. Strategy PW

PW mentioned the Audio Conferencing meetings.

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He said that the draft strategy document was in progress and mentioned DH's draft community plan and the membership leaflets outlining the Trust.

He said that he intended to arrange a meeting with SB at the Club to sort out the details of the 1862 donation.

11 Any Other Business

KU mentioned that he had been to Lincoln and was impressed with their scheme for ballboys/girls.

Also a plug for the Robin Hood Beer festival at the Castle.

12. Date of Next Meeting

14Oct

23 Oct (at the rising of the AGM)

Also need to agree "Club-focussed" dates with SD's and rest of Trust Board.