

NOTTS COUNTY SUPPORTERS TRUST



BOARD MEETING OPEN MINUTES

Meeting No.	84
Date	Tuesday, 14 October 2008
Time	8.00 p.m.
Venue	Meadow Lane
Version	2

Present

Stuart Rolley, (Chair), John Collin (Secretary), Peter Dennis (Treasurer and Supporter Director), David Hindley, Eric Kerry (Supporter Director), Margaret Cobb, Gareth Marklew, Glenn Rolley, Mike Scott, Cheryl Thompson, Keri Usherwood, Trevor Woolley.

1. Apologies For Absence

John Armstrong-Holmes (Supporter Director), Nigel King (Vice Chair), Paul Whitby,

2. Meeting Agenda

Agreed.

3. Declarations of Interest

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

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of Meeting 83 were accepted as a true record.

5. Trust Office

GR reported that the Trust Office required some chairs and that either Club chairs or IKEA chairs would be obtained.

With regard to a proposed club information system, GR reported that he is working with Sally Brealey and there may be access to sponsorship.

It was reported that nothing has happened so far on the mural.

There was discussion about the system for recording income on match days.

6. Trust AGM and Board Elections

JC reported that there had been eleven nominations received for the nine vacancies on the Trust Board. One nomination was found to be invalid because the memberships of his nominators had lapsed some time ago.

Currently, 165 votes had been received out of the 952 communications sent out.

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The collated Annual Report and the Accounts for the year ending 31st May 2008, having been circulated, **were agreed for presentation at the AGM.**

7. 2012, 150th Anniversary of Notts County FC

Nothing new to report.

8. Officers' Reports

a. Chair -- Stuart Rolley

1. SR paid tribute to the way the Club had handled the situation around Jimmy Sirrel's death.

SR said that he, GR, NK, CT and JC had represented the Trust at the funeral. Flowers had been bought on behalf of the Trust.

2. Lifeline Gala: SR said there had been superb support at the Lifeline event. He reminded the Board about the Lifeline event on 18th December 2008.

3. SR paid tribute to David Hindley and Gareth Marklew, both of whom were standing down. Both DH and GM offered to carry on helping.

4. A point was made about "Honours". **JC agreed to investigate.**

b. Treasurer – Peter Dennis

PD circulated his report.

Available funds are £3723.85.

There was discussion around income and expenditure and the following points were made:

1. The book will bring in £3 per copy.

2. The leaflet has had a positive effect on membership.

3. Audit costs high. Is there an alternative? **Action JC.**

4. Elections – some potential savings by running Board and SD elections together.

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It was proposed, duly seconded and carried that the following expenses be paid: NK £12, DH £629, CT £149, TW £36 (pence not recorded).

c. Secretary – John Collin

9. Supporter Directors' Report – EK/PD

(Discussion on a potential court case and on a tenant)

EK said he had circulated a resume of the Club Board Meeting.

EK said that the Brentford game was good for all sorts of reasons.

PD talked about the relaunch of the Meadow Club as "Wheeler's Bar".

There was some discussion about finances and cash flow.

EK said that cash flow was manageable.

JC asked whether there was any risk of trading insolvently. EK replied "No".

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

MS mentioned that he had been worried the previous night at the Brentford game when there seemed to be too many people going into the KOP.

EK/PD said that the situation was managed by the Safety Manager who decided that overflow should be channelled into the Pavis Stand. Problems had arisen because nearly all traffic went into the Iremonger Road side and the seating pattern of people in the KOP meant that there were a lot of spare seats, in ones and twos, and on the County Road side, but they not visible to people going in. Lessons have been learned.

10. Sub-Group Reports

a. PR

KU

Jimmy Sirrel.
Programme notes.
AGM publicity.

KU said this was his final report as PR Lead and he thanked everyone for their help.

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KU commented that at work he was involved with the Brian Clough statue and its unveiling. Some discussion took place on any possible honour for JS.

b. Community

DH

DH reported that two people were being lined up as possible FITC Trustees.

Copies of the book should be available within the next couple of days.

DH offered to give a presentation on Community Strategy after the AGM.

c. Membership, Recruitment, Retention

TW

TW gave his report.

d. Fundraising

GR

GR reported that the Beer Festival was in place, around the weekend of the Chesterfield match in "Wheeler's Bar". He said the food may be different.

GR reported that he had helped the Club with the Lifeline Gala.

GR reported that Jimmy Sirrel videos centring on the Portrait unveiling are to be made available.

e. Strategy

PW

PW had reported that the 1862 Club use would be taken up and people invited.

11 Any Other Business

Open Minutes. **It was agreed to publish the last tranche put out for approval.**

12. Date of Next Meeting

23 Oct (at the rising of the AGM)

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