

# **NOTTS COUNTY SUPPORTERS TRUST**



## **BOARD MEETING OPEN MINUTES**

Meeting No.	87
Date	Tuesday, 9 December 2008
Time	8.00 p.m.
Venue	Plough Inn, St Peters Street, Nottingham
Version	1

### **Present**

Glenn Rolley (Chair), John Collin (Secretary), Peter Dennis (Treasurer and Supporter Director), Eric Kerry (Supporter Director), Paul Gibbs, Mike Scott, Cheryl Thompson, Keri Usherwood, Paul Whitby, Trevor Woolley.

### **1. Apologies For Absence**

Nigel King (Vice Chair), John Armstrong-Holmes (Supporter Director), Margaret Cobb, Stuart Rolley, Stephen Thompson.

### **2. Meeting Agenda**

Agreed.

### **3. Declarations of Interest**

EK and PD as Directors of Blenheim 1862 Ltd.

### **4. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**The Minutes of Meeting 86 were accepted as a true record.**

Arising from the Minutes, JC explained that there were no taxation angles in giving members benefits because the Trust was not registered for VAT.

It was also reported that NK's group had not yet met, owing to various circumstances.

### **5. Trust Office, Information System**

GR reported that the Information System was all set to go the following day with the Marketing Director of John Lewis.

There was some debate as to whether the Club had spare chairs they could offer.

The mural in the Meadow Club (Wheeler's) would be replaced following refurbishment.

### **6. 2012, 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Notts County FC**

Nothing further to report.

### **7. Strategy Group Report**

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PW had previously circulated a report. He drew attention to the recommendation regarding merging the Club and Trust Boards.

KU felt that Notts County should be a community club with all fans' aspirations on the Board and it should be a Community Company.

TW said it was a small company and so the Club Board needed no more than 5 or so members.

PW said there was no criticism of the current members of the Board.

KU said he did not like informal stuff and that a decision about a reserve team should be shared with the Trust.

EK said there were cultural issues but the new Board had kept the organisation together with the other shareholders.

PG said there needs to be a shared vision, Directors do the job and the trust monitors things. Directors can be removed if need be.

MS said the Club needs to become a different animal.

CT said she agreed with MS and asked how the difference is achieved.

TW asked about the role of the Trust Board in asking questions.

KU said how do we scrutinise directors? What about the Business Plan?

PG suggested talking to the other shareholders to get their view.

MS suggested another meeting.

PW asked if the Strategy Group would get a role with the Club Board.

GR said we needed to put a stake in the ground. He said over the past few weeks he had talked to a lot of people regarding information from the club. GR proposed to put a structure in place to facilitate it. **Action GR.**

KU asked if there is a good Cup run, have plans been made for the money.

EK expressed caution.

It was agreed to have a meeting on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2008 to talk solely about the Strategy report. **Action JC.**

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### **8 Community Strategy (PG to report)**

To be deferred to a future meeting and linked with the Strategy Report.

### **9. Report on Mutuals Conference (MS)**

MS gave his report and said he will make contacts with the Cooperative movement.

He said FC United was a community club and there had been mention of CIC's.

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

### **10. Officers' Reports**

#### **a. Chair -- Glenn Rolley**

GR mentioned the Lifeline Dinner and confirmed numbers.

#### **b. Treasurer – Peter Dennis**

PD circulated his report.

Available funds are £3472.94.

**Expenses of £129 for MS's Mutuals Conference travel etc. and £25 for expenses for the book were approved.**

#### **c. Secretary – John Collin**

Three letters

Gedling BC regarding publicising Domestic Violence issues. Passed to PD.

A member regarding a Club matter. Passed to PD.

Christmas card from a member.

### **11. Supporter Directors' Report – EK/PD**

Hopes that the televised game against Kettering goes ahead for financial (TV money) reasons.

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Scholars/Reserve Team: more work on training pitches.

Moves to “sweat the assets” at Meadow Lane.

Money for C of E in place.

*(Reference to tenant)*

Poor attendance for Morecambe.

Supporters Club meeting to be held next Tuesday.

Cash Flow: in reply to a question as to whether VAT payments had been delayed for a month, EK said no. PW said he would like to receive more detailed Club information.

CT said there was a catering issue with things running out, also a Meadow Club issue. In addition, attendance of players in the 1862 had dwindled to nothing.

PG mentioned that a voucher was not available at a KOP turnstile.

In response to a question, EK said that the recent VAT reduction would be passed on by reducing prices for a match or matches – to do it in a blanket way would mean chaos at turnstiles giving change.

**GR proposed that about £110 be spent on Christmas gifts (bottles) for backroom staff at the Club. This was duly seconded and agreed.**

### **12. Sub-Group Reports**

**a. PR** **MC**

MC had circulated newsletter information.

**b. Community** **PG**

PG reported that a Trustee of FITC was keen to be involved with the Trust.

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

TW circulated and gave his report.

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1108 members, (including 143 juniors and 965 shareholders).

PW agreed to coordinate the giving out of leaflets for recruitment. **Action PW.**

### **d. Fundraising**

**ST**

Deferred to next time.

### **e. Strategy**

**PW**

Done earlier.

## **13 Any Other Business**

None.

## **14. Date of Next Meeting**

22 December 2008, 13 January 2009.

**The meeting ended at 11.15 p.m.**