

NOTTS COUNTY SUPPORTERS TRUST



BOARD MEETING OPEN MINUTES

Meeting No.	89
Date	Tuesday, 13 January 2009
Time	8.00 p.m.
Venue	Plough Inn, St Peters Street, Nottingham
Version	1

Prior to the meeting, newsletters were prepared for posting to those people who did not receive Trust info by e-mail.

Present

Glenn Rolley (Chair), Nigel King (Vice Chair) John Collin (Secretary), Peter Dennis (Treasurer and Supporter Director), Eric Kerry (Supporter Director), Margaret Cobb, Paul Gibbs, Stuart Rolley, Mike Scott, Cheryl Thompson, Stephen Thompson, Keri Usherwood.

1. Apologies For Absence

John Armstrong-Holmes (Supporter Director), Paul Whitby, Trevor Woolley.

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 Meetings 87 and 88 were accepted as a true record.

5. 2012, 150th Anniversary of Notts County FC

It was reported that nothing much was happening yet. A contact had been made with Royal Mail and CT has a contact who could be helpful.

6. Supporter Directors' Report(s). Report on Notts County FC.

EK reported that the "deal" for fans at the Rotherham game had been successful. He said that there had been some stick regarding the prices charged to Rotherham supporters. EK said there were agreements with some other Clubs.

SR asked what the criticism was and EK said that Notts supporters had complained about the prices for Rotherham fans and a member had written to GR on the subject.

Football income is up, expenditure is down, compared with last year.

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EK said that Scholars scheme was progressing with attempts to source a training pitch and looking at things like Housing Benefit. Two new people had joined the C of E.

ST asked about cash flow: he felt that more months' forecasts should be provided. He asked about the projected "Catering" income for February and about Football League payments. EK said he felt the catering figure was real and that the Football League payments were variable, depending on resources.

JC asked about the cash flow figures: whether they related to cash movements in the current financial year or represented the actual bank balances.

Questions were asked about (*a tenant and a former employee*).

(*Question about a former employee*).

ST left the meeting, wishing it to be recorded that he did not believe the Supporter Directors were representing the Trust.

(*Discussion about a tenant*).

KU asked about the cash flow. He said he would prefer to see a 6 or 12 month forecast. He said there had been a lot of unanswered questions. Over the past few months there had been a lot of unbudgeted income. He felt the Trust Board should have some say in how it was spent. He mentioned the apparent anomaly regarding the £ projected "Conference" income for February and asked for more detail. He also asked for more detail on (*the matters of a former employee and a tenant*).

(*Response re the tenant*).

PD said he would answer the questions: **Action PD**

KU said that it was not acceptable not to be able to answer questions.

EK said it was not long since the last meeting.

CT said that she did not feel that she knows much about the finances.

GR suggested that it would be useful to give notice of questions in advance of meetings.

PG suggested that it might help if Directors had portfolios so each was able to answer questions on particular areas.

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CT said that it was imperative to get a Memorandum of Understanding.

EK/PD agreed to respond to the points brought up within 48 hours. **Action EK/PD.**

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

7. Officers' Reports

a. Chair — Glenn Rolley

GR said that a notable thing was the transfer to “google” for Board communications. He thanked NK for his work on the project.

He thanked MC for the newsletter.

GR reported that he had given the Christmas presents to the Club staff as agreed at the last meeting – 36 bottles.

The Information System is brilliant in the Club foyer.

GR reported that at the Exeter game, Exeter Trust people were entertained and he learned that on match days, all Trust Board people work for the Club, producing a massive saving. **Action Strategy Group to look at.**

GR gave a report on the preparations for the Beer Festival and sorted out any loose ends. He was particularly pleased that the Supporters Club were sponsoring a beer.

b. Treasurer – Peter Dennis

PD circulated his report.

Available funds are £4506.09.

Expenses of £92 for NK (web site etc.), £15.99 for PD (stationery etc.), and £139.41 for GR (Christmas presents) were approved.

MS said there were problems now with selling the book – about 100 copies had already been sold. They would be sold at the Fan's Forum, Beer festival and adverts in the programme.

c. Secretary – John Collin

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EM meeting at Field Mill on 5th February. The main item would be media training from Graham Lloyd.

8. Sub-Group Reports

a. PR MC

MC mentioned the newsletter and sponsorship.

b. Community PG

Nothing specific to report – the report had been done.

c. Membership, Recruitment, Retention TW

TW had circulated his report.

1108 members, (including 144 juniors and 967 shareholders).

In response to a question, it was agreed to discuss further the membership/season ticket linkage at the next meeting.

Action JC to put it on the agenda.

d. Fundraising ST

MS reported he had made contacts with local Cooperatives following the London conference.

e. Strategy PW

No details tonight. Report for next meeting.

9. Any Other Business

None.

10. Date of Next Meeting

26 February 2009, 17 March 2009, 14 April 2009, 12 May 2009

The meeting ended at 11.10 p.m.