

# Berwick Rangers Supporters Trust

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## MINUTES

### Meeting of the Society Board

Date: 02/12/08  
Time: 18:30  
Place The Pilot Inn

### **PRESENT**

John Bell (Chair), David Spence, Ian Gregory, Bill Purvis, Paul Smith, Colin Pike, Gordon Dickson, Karen Thorburn, Steven Scott, George Thompson and David Cook.

#### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cameron Waterhouse and Derek Purvis.

#### **2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOCIETY BOARD HELD ON 08/11/08, DECISION:**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Society Board held on 08/11/08, proposed by Colin Pike, seconded by Ian Gregory.

#### **3. MATTERS ARISING**

George Thompson had forwarded his apologies for non-attendance at the last meeting.

£800 for advertising with the Club had not actually come out of the bank account.

#### **4. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARIES REPORT**

Stands at 210, plus 2 corporate members; Fantasy Prints and the Pilot Inn. There is one application being processed.

#### **5. TREASURERS REPORT**

£2,396.52 in bank. £5,000 is lodged with a solicitor pending finalisation of the share purchase.

Board at Shielfield and programme advert now paid.

There are possible future advertising opportunities when takeover plans go through. It was proposed that we have a 'running list' of possible financial commitments when the takeover is complete. It will become clearer as to what financial commitments will be necessary when we actively involved in taking the Club forward.

There was still a need for new radios for stewards.

Paul voiced the need for a good, well run website. When we can show companies that the website is well used and visited often, then advertising space could be sold/ or sponsorship sought to run the site in future years. David Cook thought that we would need to be in a different mindset to the way we financially support the Club after a takeover. Despite the challenges we would face, we could look at things in a more positive way, and with new exciting opportunities for taking the Club forward. There would, however be the need for financial contingencies.

## **6. EVENTS**

A list of events to be compiled from January. A diary of events could be posted on website. Karen and David Cook could assist Spadge and George with events, though everyone is welcome to put ideas forward. The idea of having sports/pub quizzes at the Pilot is still to be arranged.

## **7. BOOKS**

A written report was circulated by Dave Spence. Sales are a bit quiet, though 2 mail orders have come through. Will bring some books along to the AGM, And Colin will send out an e-mail reminding people of the new price and suggesting a book as a Christmas present. David Spence asked about producing a compliment slip to put in with any parcels sent out. Paul will circulate one electronically.

## **8. COMMUNICATION/MEDIA**

Paul continues to send out new style of e-newsletter with members name heading, and Colin 'signing'.

Still keen to pursue A4 flier to handout at every match with merch, dates and info, Gordon will circulate scan of the one he picked up in Italy.

New Trust member e-mail addresses go on database; this could be extended/developed for Club if needed.

Website – Paul is away for a few weeks from mid December, Colin is up to speed on updating website, but Paul can do it remotely if need be. Need for assistance with website discussed, but training is time consuming so may only be possible to train a couple of people. Match reports will start to be posted online. Contact with media organisations to be developed to get match reports etc. in newspapers. Ian Smith at the Photo Centre to be asked to do some reports in exchange for some web advertising.

## **9. DEVELOPMENTS AT THE CLUB**

John gave a verbal report to the Board.

Everyone agreed that he should remain as Trust representative.

This would be reviewed at AGM's from 2009 on in 2 yearly cycle as Board and officer membership reviewed.

## **10. PAPER FREE TRUST**

It was suggested that we go paper free wherever possible to make some cost saving and a form is to go out to members with a future mailing to ask permission for this and update details.

To save postage it was also suggested that a members list and 2009 calendars be taken along to the AGM so that we could distribute as many calendars as possible without posting them.

#### **11. NEWSLETTER**

Deadline now January 17<sup>th</sup>. Copy as listed in comms from Paul, plus a season overview. Survey to be held back until dust settles on takeover.

#### **12. AGM**

Eric Tait will be the first Speaker, and will talk about local players who have made good.

James Proctor will attend from Supporters Direct, on the subject of Clubs where supporters have made a significant contribution to the running of the Club.

Others that are directly involved in the current changes in the Club structure and whom we will be working with have been invited.

Venue – The Pilot Inn, Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 12 noon. There will be a light buffet.

Board members to arrive at 11.30, display board to be brought.

#### **9. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 11.30 am at the Pilot Inn.

If an earlier meeting is needed it could be on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January.