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MINUTES

Meeting of the Society Board

Date: 03/06/08

Time: 18:30

Place: The Pilot Inn

PRESENT

John Bell (Chair), Colin Pike, Gordon Dickson, Bill Purvis, Cameron Waterhouse, Paul Smith, , George Thompson, David Spence, Ronald Kirk

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Karen Thorburn, Ian Gregory, David Cook, Derek Purvis and Steven Scott.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOCIETY BOARD HELD ON 04/03/08, DECISION:

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Society Board held on 29/04/08.

Proposed by Bill Purvis and seconded by Cameron Waterhouse.

3. MATTERS ARISING

There was interest at the previous meeting from four committee members to attend the next supporters' direct meeting in Stirling but due to other commitments all have withdrawn their interest.

PS suggested that we invite any of our members to attend instead and said he would put the article on website.

Alan Bell email – all members were asked about this and all present denied categorically that they did not send it. All members were asked to check their list of email addresses.

Junior Initiatives – it was decided to take these no further as the club seemed to have taken these on board with the inclusion of a strip with every junior season ticket.

4. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARIES REPORT

Membership is now down to 201. BP sent out 52 letters of which 21 had replied. Two have declined to rejoin one of whom is well known to several members. PS stated that it is always the same at this stage every year.

CP suggested that he contact one of the decliners to find out why.

CP to contact one of the decliners as unanimously agreed by everyone present.

5. TREASURERS REPORT

The amount in the account at present is £6112.48.
Expenditure last year was £13,870 compared to £8,069 this year. This is due to the newsletter costs coming down as we have done fewer issues this year.
Report from the AGM still needs to be finalised by JB.
If any income or outcome is given to GD then it must be clear what it is for and how much it is for as well.
KT needs all the financial information collated so that it can be sent to the FSA.

6. EVENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT

SS has pulled out all the stops to organise the Race night event to be held at Haggerston Castle on Friday 6 June.
It was decided that the trust will fund the taxis to and from Haggerston for any committee members attending. At present eight committee members have indicated that they will attend.
PS said there was still some printing to do but everything else was ready.
Thanks to Steven Scott for all his hard work in getting the race night organised.
SS has also proposed that we sell raffle tickets to businesses/individuals to see who will be the major sponsor of the trust website.
DC left word about the Spittal Gala and Bridge St fairs that will be held later this year. It was decided that the first two would be of no use and we would consider the December event at a later meeting.

7. BOOK SALES

A full list of sales outlets needs to be provided to DS and IG so that they can start to collect in the money.

8. COMMUNICATIONS/MEDIA

CP will continue to send out regular emails informing all members of various events and news that will occur.
Membership cards will still be another 3 weeks therefore the newsletter will not go out until these are ready. This will give some contributors a chance to update their articles. They will have until the end of the month to do this.
GD suggested that we use Supporters Direct information for our newsletter as well.

9. SPONSORSHIP/ADVERTISING

DC received letter from the club regarding board sponsorship for the forthcoming season. PS asked if it was possible to use the board elsewhere as it cannot be seen very clearly.
Letter received from the club asking if we were taking out a programme advert again.
After much discussion between the committee it was decided that the chairman will write to the club saying that we will take out a programme advert for £550 + vat and pay a £100 donation for the board and put it either on the club shop or behind the wall at the turnstile entrance.

10. CLUB A.G.M.

The club were asked about the financial strategies that they have put in place and as usual were clueless on the matter. It was felt that once again the board put up all the shutters and were very aggressive in nature when posed any difficult questions.

11.42 GROUND TOUR

It was decided to put this back until the next meeting when the fixtures will be known and a decision can be made on date and route.

12. RESERVES

The Reserves have now disbanded and will not be running next year. Early indications are that the Youth Initiative will run two under 19 teams next season one of whom will play in the North Northumberland League.

13. A.O.B.

- a) Raffle prizes can be delivered to one address in Edinburgh if any member is travelling there before July 19. Contact George Thompson to arrange collection of the raffle prizes.
- b) It has been decided that we will buy 100 seats from the Supporters Club campaign at a cost of £1800. On top of this it was suggested that we get some vinyl stickers to say who donated the seats as well. In total £2300 have been allocated from this seasons budget to pay for the seats.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 1st July at 6.30pm in the Pilot Inn.