

# Berwick Rangers Supporters Trust

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## MINUTES

### Meeting of the Society Board

Date: 05/12/09  
Time: 11:30  
Place The Pilot Inn

#### **PRESENT**

John Bell (Chair), David Spence, Bill Purvis, Colin Pike, Gordon Dickson, Karen Thorburn, Ron Kirk, Eric Deighton, Derek Purvis and David Cook.

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

Apologies for absence were received from George Thompson.

It was noted that Ian Gregory has resigned from the Board with immediate effect. He will remain a Trust member.

#### **2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOCIETY BOARD HELD ON 31/10/09, DECISION:**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Society Board held on 31/10/09, proposed by David Cook, seconded by Ron Kirk.

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

The quiz before the East Stirlingshire match on the day of the 70's disco has been postponed as Colin was not informed in sufficient time to organise it.

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

Membership has reduced to 218 (1 new member) monthly income is now below £500. We need to discuss how to maintain and build our membership.

- ACTION:**
- 1) David Cook will review the composition of membership form.
  - 2) An AGM item will be an open forum on membership.
  - 3) We will order extra newsletters for membership packs when we have them printed.
  - 4) Match ticket to be offered to every new member.

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

Balance at 30<sup>th</sup> November is £2,028.73  
Money still to be banked for the race night.  
Cheque for £600 will be given to the club today.

## **6. AGM**

Will now be 30th January. The Black and Gold will need to be booked for an 11am start. David Cook is sorting out the paperwork with George. Speakers are being arranged. Everyone is up for re-election to the board. Everyone present confirmed their intention to stand again.

**ACTION:** 1) Those absent for the meeting to be asked about their intention to stand for the Board for the next two years.

2) David Cook will check the model rules re; under 18's being Board members.

3) Clarity to be sought regarding ways which we can advertise vacant positions for the Board.

John Bell informed the meeting of his intention to stand down as chair. He will Chair the AGM then the Board will decide at its first meeting afterwards who will be chair. John would however like to remain as Trust rep to the Club Board.

## **7. EVENTS**

1) 70's Disco – ticket sales going well. Event is all organised and raffle prizes have come in.

2) Concert – will have to be shelved for now. Time slot has slipped too much and pitch will not be available or have to be covered.

3) Quiz – organisation still ongoing and questions etc ready. Possible date could be in March.

## **8. COMMUNICATION/MEDIA**

A questionnaire has been put together. We are looking to find out about the demographics and wants of our members.

Gordon, David and Eric met and decided four areas that the questionnaire would address: Demographics, expectations, ideas – fundraising and expansion, communications. Should be at most two sides of A4 and should be sent separate to any other mailing for maximum effect. Sub group wondered if everything had been covered, a few members wondered if we should try to find out what brought them to BRFC. Will be sent with an sae. Eric has written an article for the newsletter about it.

Because of concerns that everyone is not contributing to the newsletter, John has devised a set of subjects for a 200 word article and these were distributed at the meeting. Unless they were agreed to be done by return, the rest should be done by the AGM. They are as follows:

Eric – Supporters Trust and Scottish Football.

Karen – Barcelona as an example of a Trust owned club.

Ron – My favourite player 2000-2009.

Derek – Best ever BRFC player.

Gordon – Best ever BRFC game.

Bill – My top 5 away games.

David Cook – Trusts that own or have a share in UK clubs.

Colin – The dark days of the 90's.

George – What's good about being a BRFC fan.

Spadge – Article about another Rangers, but not the obvious one!!

Calenders. 280 will be printed. Need final sponsor. Karen will approach Rodelle Purves at SC.

### **9. CLUB UPDATE**

Berwick are now out of the Cup. Played well but beaten by good team. Crown was unfortunately poor so will not bring in good gate money. Figures are not available.

Champagne Breakfast raised in excess of £3,000.

Leaflets have been produced to promote the 2<sup>nd</sup> January match against Livingstone. The 2010 for 2010 campaign is hoped to be supported by all. A club and community training scheme is hoped to be launched on Saturdays if players can be encouraged to arrive early to coach youngsters.

### **10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

A pre- AGM meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30 in the Pilot.