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MINUTES

Meeting of the Society Board

Date: 07/09/09

Time: 18:30

Place The Pilot Inn

1. PRESENT

John Bell (chair), Colin Pike, Gordon Dickson, David Spence, Steven Scott, Karen Thorburn, David Cook, Bill Purvis.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Ian Gregory, Eric Deighton, Derek Purvis and Ron Kirk.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOCIETY BOARD HELD

03/08/09, DECISION: To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Society Board held on 3/08/09. Proposed by Gordon Dickson and seconded by Colin Pike. There were no matters arising.

4. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARIES REPORT

Current membership stands at 220. We have lost 5 from annual payers. We have gained 6 new members since June. Some discussion followed on gift membership (Christmas coming up) Also of putting membership forms in the Black and Gold. It as felt a good idea to make the B&G a corporate member.

5. TREASURERS REPORT

We have a balance of £2,697.82. Possible liabilities are about £200/£300. We have a commitment to the Club to give them £300 per month. It was felt that we should hold a couple of race nights per year with the income from these ring fenced to support the Club. The money promised to them was to fund buses for away matches.

ACTION £600 (two months payments) to be paid over on Saturday.

Strip sales have been in the region of £2,100. It was felt strongly by some Board members that smaller sizes should be available to engender team loyalty from a young age to help secure a fan base and crowds for the future.

ACTION Feedback on views about children's kits and an enquiry about the possibility of obtaining these kits to be made to the manufacturers.

6. EVENTS REPORTS

- i) Concert – May 2010. Eric has met with Bill Parkin who was very supportive of the event. Questions raised were; what are the up-front costs? Who would these be met by? How would profits be divided? Could this be an annual event? David Cook offered to do some of the H & S on the event.
- ii) Race Night – Board members AGREED a date of Friday 30/10/09.
- iii) Quiz Night – best held now in the New Year, there are a couple of free slots in the events diary.
- iv) Balloon Race – it was AGREED that this would be best held at the beginning of next season and that John Bell would take over the organisation.
- v) 70's Disco – Tucker McLeod is booked as DJ. Will run till one a.m. Poster and tickets are almost sorted. 150 max capacity. £6 entry, £5 for Trust members. Keenweld and the Pilot will be outlets for tickets. A prize will be offered for the best fancy dress.
- vi) Club Event – Callum Porteous has asked if the Trust would put details of this Club event on the website.

ACTION: Lottery licence will need to be renewed.

7. BOOK SALES

Still getting sales at matches and via mail order.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

- i) Official Website; Colin is putting as much on the website as he is receiving. Questionnaires to players are still to come back.
- ii) Trust Website; Needs a new members list, also an article about Livingstone.

9. CLUB UPDATE

Attendance and gate is up (against forecasted loss). The concession is that the current team is a more attractive one than won the league, with team spirit a lot better. The Board felt that long term injury news would be relevant to be posted on the website. Jo Payne and his wife were at the last game and had a good day. A stand in on the microphone should be sought, as George is not always available.

10. A.O.B.

- I) A.G.M. date to be scheduled at next meeting.
- II) Calendar sponsors to be approached soon for 2010 calendar.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Saturday 3rd October at 11.30am in the Pilot Inn.