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MINUTES

Meeting of the Society Board

Date: 08/06/09

Time: 18:30

Place The Pilot Inn

1. PRESENT

John Bell (chair), Colin Pike, Derek Purvis, Gordon Dickson, David Spence, George Thompson, Steven Scott, Karen Thorburn, David Cook, Eric Deighton.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Ian Gregory, Paul Smith and Bill Purvis.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOCIETY BOARD HELD

02/05/09, DECISION: To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Society Board held on 02/05/09. Proposed by David Cook and seconded by Derek Purvis.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Quiz; The quiz will be postponed until the winter months.

Supporters Direct Conference; John and Colin reported on their attendance at this event at Stirling University. They spoke at two workshops on fan ownership and involvement. Good feedback was reported after the sessions. They did notice that there was a very small contingence from lower league clubs. Berwick Rangers Trust representation was the only third division delegates there. James Proctor has promised to write a little piece for the Advertiser regarding the Trusts involvement in administration of the club and the high regard the Trust has within the S.D. organisation.

5. PLANNING FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

The main focus of the June meeting was planning for the 09/10 year and starting to diary a timetable of events.

Decisions made at the meeting were:

1. 5-a-side or family fun day to be held early on in season.
2. Trust would like to aim towards younger people but recognise that the Club will not run youth sides next year; instead they hope to appoint a Director of Youth Football in the future to give structure to the set-up.
3. Idea to try to link up with Speedway where possible to promote/fundraise and form a smart ticket system to allow people to attend both sports.
4. Try to organise match day opposition events (quizzes etc) these have gone down very well in the past.
5. Wherever possible at events etc to promote membership of the Trust.
6. Foster rapport with new Black and Gold Club owner to enable use for functions etc.
7. Search for next generation of Board members and Club volunteers to do key tasks in both organisations, i.e. D of E volunteer on tanoid etc.
8. Encourage players to get into schools and meet next generation of players/fans.
9. Plan a beer festival in the future in conjunction with CAMRA.
10. Investigate a limited number of sales locations for strips.

DRAFT CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SEASON 09/10

(Lead Board Members named beside event)

AUGUST: Balloon Race	George Thompson
SEPTEMBER: Link Event	Eric Deighton
OCTOBER: Quiz	Eric, David Cook, George
NOVEMBER:	
DECEMBER: 70's Disco	Karen Thorburn, David Spence
JANUARY: Dinner	Colin Pike
MAY: Vintage Sports Day	George, Karen

Sponsorship options to investigate were discussed including Berwick Borough Housing and the Health Trust.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Saturday 11th July 11.30 at the Pilot Inn, leads to report on event progress.