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MINUTES

Meeting of the Society Board

Date: 30/08/08
Time: 11:30
Place The Pilot Inn

PRESENT

John Bell (Chair), David Spence, Ian Gregory, Paul Smith, Gordon Dickson, Karen Thorburn, Derek Purvis, Ronald Kirk, Bill Purvis.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Colin Pike, George Thompson and Cameron Waterhouse.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOCIETY BOARD HELD ON 26/07/08, DECISION:

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Society Board held on 26/07/08. Proposed by David Spence, seconded by Ian Gregory.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Seat stickers; the Supporters Club are now unhappy with the Trusts proposal to place stickers on every seat purchased by ourselves in the 'sponsor a seat' campaign. They would rather we had one plaque. We had thought that stickers were part of the deal, but they say not, we would like clarity on exactly why they are unhappy with stickers, so a letter will be sent.

4. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARIES REPORT

Stands at about 206. 9 annual members still to pay, expecting 3 soon. Will start sending out books with new membership.

5. TREASURERS REPORT

Shop account has been acquiring some charges; this was because the shop account used to be part of the club, and therefore a business account. The Trust needs to open a Treasurers account so that no charges should be incurred.

Discussion followed about an online store, which has not worked well in the past and proved costly. Paul has found a way of running an online store which does not take a percentage, though it would need someone to run it.

Payments can be made through PayPal, as well as postal charges and printed stamps.

Further discussion followed on 'piggybacking' onto a local company who sell online, but this would cause too many tax problems for the company.

It was agreed to start designing a 'special edition' retro shirt to sell. It was felt that a lot of fans would be keen to buy a 'timeless' shirt.

It was felt that a 'sandwich board' or some other advertising board be purchased to attract visitors to Shielfield Park that may walk past the shop and not realise it is there.

Another idea being developed is a catalogue of merchandise. Models have been lined up to model clothing. A popular player from the past could be brought in to launch catalogue.

6. EVENTS CO-ORDINATORS REPORT

No members present to report. The 42 ground tour has been put back to the end of the season.

7. BOOK SALES

Castlegate shop has sold four books and would like a receipt.

Eddie Hope has sold a fantastic 25 copies. It was agreed to give him a bottle of wine.

The book is still being promoted at matches and one copy per week is being sold on e-bay.

8. COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA

The newsletter went down well, with good feedback about the membership card. Free postage could be offered with card against new replica shirt.

9. A.O.B.

- i) Pie and Bovril issues; Gordon has e-mailed P & B webmaster about accusations made on the forum about him being a liar. To date no answer has been received. Lots of circumstantial evidence as to who is causing trouble via the forum.
- ii) Meeting with John Robertson; John is reportedly unhappy that some of the things said in confidence at the last Trust meeting were repeated outside. This was discussed though not resolved.

10. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was decided to try alternating between Tuesday and Saturday meetings again to give everyone the best chance to attend; therefore the calendar of meetings to the end of year is as follows:

Tuesday 7th October at 6.30 PM.

Saturday 8th November at 11.30 AM.

Tuesday 2nd December at 6.30 PM.

It was proposed to hold the AGM on 6th December; the paperwork would have to be ready to go out at the November meeting.