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MINUTES

Meeting of the Society Board

Date: 31/10/09
Time: 11:30
Place The Pilot Inn

1. PRESENT

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

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Steven Scott and Colin Pike.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOCIETY BOARD HELD

03/10/09, DECISION: To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Society Board held on 3/10/09. Proposed by Bill Purvis and seconded by Ron Kirk. There were no matters arising.

4. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARIES REPORT

Current membership still stands at 220. A discussion followed on a post Christmas recruitment drive, commencing, weather permitting, on the 2nd January at the Livingstone game. It was also discussed where best to position the stall. It was hoped that more members would help out at these drives.

5. TREASURERS REPORT

We have a balance of £1872.72.

£285 went out to pay for the summer newsletter, of which £115 was for postage. Also there was £55 for business cards and £55 for the SFA fee. Stock has been ordered for the shop.

Trust is due to make a payment to the Club as per our commitment to them. The Race night the previous evening was successful.

ACTION It was decided to pay £600 to the Club after the Race Night success. The cost of newsletters was discussed, it was wondered whether we should shop around for a better price or to cut the number of issues per year.

6. AGM

The AGM should possibly be moved to January as it has taken longer than hoped to complete the accounts. This decision would be subject to comment from Supporters Direct.

An up to date contact list of Board Members is needed. All are up for election at the AGM.

ACTION David Cook would check in the model rules as to the possibility of delaying the AGM, and then this would be discussed with Supporters Direct.

ACTION Karen would circulate an e-mail asking everyone for up to date contact information, for circulation between Board Members.

Possible date for AGM would be 30th January 2010.

7. EVENTS REPORTS

- i) Race Night. Event made in the region of £1,000 profit. Jimmy Crease attended and stayed over, with thanks to Steven Scott for accommodating him. Thanks also to Les and Martin for running the race night again. Hoping to have another at Berwick Holiday Centre.
- ii) Concert in May. With organisational, timing and early funding issues, it was felt that for an initial concert it would be best to let a promoter run the concert. This has permission of the Supporters Club, and letters have been sent to invite for tenders. May have to be held in 2011 now. Profits made can be ring fenced to fund subsequent concerts.
ACTION David Cook and Eric would speak to local licensing team in order to inform us for the future and before we talk in detail to Promoters.
- iii) 70's Disco. Tickets are selling quite well. There is 150 max can attend. Will have the event mentioned on Radio Borders and in the Berwick Advertiser. It was suggested the John approach the Club to ask for a 9 game season ticket for the raffle. Colin Pike to be asked to do a football quiz in the afternoon and to invite Shire fans (Black and Gold Club)
- iv) Quiz Night. Will be an agenda item for the December Meeting.
- v) Derek passed round fliers for a quiz night to be held by the Supporters Club.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

The Trust Website needs more content and to be refreshed more often. Match reports are not always uploaded. It was thought that maybe Trust members should be asked what they expect to find when looking at the Trust website. They could be asked for input at the AGM and through Colin's e-mail comms.

ACTION David Cook, Eric and Gordon Dickson would form a working group re: above.

Copy will soon be required for the next newsletter.

ACTION Board members to check e-mails from Paul and are asked to respond re: newsletter copy or feel free to give him any other stories.

9. CLUB UPDATE

McLaren is carrying a groin injury.

Spirit and atmosphere is good throughout the whole set up and they are a united camp.

The Club have a new Director, Mr. Jeff Burnlees of J.B Site Investigation (Main Sponsor) He is very engaged with the Club.

A middle ground budget was set at the beginning of the season, with a need to run the club properly given the deficit. Gates so far though have been above predicted which is very positive, though costs are being watched.

Floodlighting was passed at second inspection in September and is now 2nd/3rd division standard.

10. A.O.B.

- I) A Yearbook is to be launched at the Clubs Champagne Breakfast on the 22nd November.
- II) Kit sponsorship is available.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Saturday 5th December at 11.30am and will be the AGM or next ordinary meeting depending on outcome of action at item 6.