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MINUTES

Meeting of the Society Board

Date: 03/08/09

Time: 19:00

Place The Pilot Inn

1. PRESENT

John Bell (chair), Colin Pike, Gordon Dickson, David Spence, Bill Purvis, Ian Gregory, Karen Thorburn, David Cook, Eric Deighton.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Derek Purvis.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOCIETY BOARD HELD

11/07/09, DECISION: To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Society Board held on 11/07/09. Proposed by Bill Purvis and seconded by David Cook. There were no matters arising.

4. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARIES REPORT

Membership stands at 227. 21 are still to renew. Discussion followed about possibility of encouraging membership by Direct Debit. A recruitment stand had been at Saturday's game and 4 members had been signed up.

5. TREASURERS REPORT

Balance at 31st July was £2,584.06. There is about £1,000 of liabilities.

6. EVENTS CO-ORDINATORS REPORTS

- i) Concert Event in May. Eric is having a meeting with Miles Gregory. Event will be at Shielfield Park in May, we will need to obtain permission from the Supporters Club, who hold the lease. Still need to hold a tripartite meeting anyway so John will speak to Lenny Ayre and Walla to take this forward. Also wise to bring in as many people (SC and Club as well as Miles) to mitigate risk.
- ii) Quiz night. Just about got questions and structure sorted for quiz night later in year.
- iii) Balloon Race. Have previously had a balloon ride as prize, but this is a little dear at £320 for two people. Could possibly use the TV we

already have. Possible date – 26th April. Will have to consider all green issues too.

- iv) 70's Night. Booked for 12th December. A couple of names offered to look for as D.J.s. Ian Beresford has offered to do the tickets. Good idea to put event on Shire website and possibly have a sports quiz that afternoon.

7. BOOK SALES

Dave has dropped 60 copies into Connie at the Club.

8. COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA

NEWSLETTER. Board members to meet on Wednesday night to put together newsletter packs for distribution. Spare copies to be given to Brian Parkin to put in with internet sales packages. 300 are being printed. Colin Pike will check timescale with printers and whether they can frank the envelopes.

WEBSITE. Trust website not getting regularly updated, more contributions are needed for articles please. Club Website is set up for a few people to run. Colin is trying to get on as much as he can, but is not being given very much from official sources. Has managed to put one thing on every day for the last three weeks, and has also got head and shoulder shots of all the players. A new Team picture is being taken soon.

9. CLUB UPDATE

Club held a golf day at the beginning of July. £1,700 was raised. Wages budget has been spent; some players may go out on loan to recoup some money.

Damon Gray is the new signing. Berwick is becoming known as a club where young players can get a chance to show what they can do.

Performance has been ok in friendlies and cup games. Strip sales are going well; the away strip is very popular.

Phoenix 92, a fans club from Holland has chosen to follow BRFC this coming year.

Joe Payne is retiring from the Berwick Advertiser; it was decided to offer him an honorary membership and a framed photo.

10. A.O.B

There are currently 11 members on the board. It is felt that 7 or 8 do the majority of the work, which is not sustainable. There needs to be an equitable distribution of work, with more active board members and a need to broaden membership. This could be an opportune moment to do the survey that was written up some time ago, as may lead to new members with key skills. The opinion was to wait till the AGM before we try to address Board Membership issues.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 7th September at 7pm at the Pilot Inn.