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MINUTES

Meeting of the Society Board

Date: 06/01/10
Time: 18:30
Place The Pilot Inn

1. PRESENT

John Bell (chair), Gordon Dickson, Karen Thorburn, David Cook, Eric Deighton and Colin Pike. Trust Member Chris White.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Bill Purvis and Derek Purvis.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOCIETY BOARD HELD

05/12/09, DECISION: To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Society Board held on 5/12/09. There were no matters arising.

4. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARIES REPORT

In his absence, due to the bad weather, Bill e-mailed a report through: For your information membership has dropped by a further 2 to 216 and we currently have two members two payment in arrears who are likely to be dropped next month – however, no one else has missed payments this month.

ACTION At the first meeting post AGM we will need to plan for Membership retention/ recruitment.

5. TREASURERS REPORT

We have a balance of £3,079.09

We have to date paid 6 months of the £300 per month promised to the Club (total £1,800).

ACTION It was decided to pay £500 extra to help offset some of the loss of income due to match postponements in the bad weather, and publicise this on the website.

It was also decided to talk to other Trusts to see where they have their audits done, and the costings, as any savings made can help us contribute more to the club.

An agenda item for a future meeting would have to be website and domain costs, as a tightening of this could realise savings.
Quotes would from now on be obtained from 3 local printers to get best price for any work done. Gordon will circulate a cash flow analysis which he has produced at the first meeting of the new Board.

6. AGM

The digital paper work has been converted and updated. Some parts of the papers would come out, to be available on request to keep paper and postage costs down.

The effects of the bad weather on matches and work on the AGM has meant that a revised date of Saturday 13th February has been set.

7. SUPPORTERS CLUB REPORT.

The following report was e-mailed by Derek Purvis:

There is not a lot to report as there has been no meeting since early Dec
There is a Quiz planed for Friday 19th March 7-30 start in the Black & Gold

8. EVENTS

The money is almost all in from the Race Night, Steven has asked if from now on he can have a bit of help to organise future race nights as he has another baby on the way.

The 70's Disco was a success. It was wondered if David could organise future events?

A quiz will now not happen as it is clashing with Supporters Club events.
The new Board should run a big Raffle for Christmas 2010.

9. COMMUNICATION

David Cook will write an article for the website about summer football.

Match reports don't seem to be going on regularly.

Gordon is having problems with the Shop website in that people are expecting answers by return to queries, which is not practical.

10. SURVEY

An additional question would be inserted asking if fans have internet access and e-mail addresses would be sought.

The survey would be launched at the AGM.

The possibility of obtaining reply paid envelopes/ account would be investigated by the Secretary.

11. CLUB UPDATE

There have been no games since the 12th December due to the bad weather.

There is not much activity in the Transfer Window.

Damon Gray is training, but not match fit.

The deficit has been well eaten into with the share purchases and other things, but budget was sensibly set on conservative estimates.

As it stands there are 4 games to catch up on with bad weather postponements.

12. AOB.

It was felt that we should invite the Speedway Supporters Club to a joint meeting to possibly co-organise an event with mutual fans. This could possibly even take place in Edinburgh. The Gangstas of Ska would go down well.

Board members would meet to pack calendars/newsletters/AGM papers next Thursday (14th January)

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

This is the AGM on Saturday 13th February, where a date for the next ordinary meeting would be set.