

# Berwick Rangers Supporters Trust

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## MINUTES

### Meeting of the Society Board

Date: 11/07/09

Time: 11:30

Place The Pilot Inn

#### **1. PRESENT**

David Cook (Chair), David Spence, Steven Scott, Karen Thorburn, Eric Deighton and Bill Purvis.

#### **2. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Derek Purvis, John Bell, Colin Pike, Gordon Dickson and George Thompson.

#### **3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOCIETY BOARD HELD**

**08/06/09, DECISION:** To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Society Board held on 08/06/09.

#### **4. MATTERS ARISING**

David Cook wondered who was to follow up on the piece that James Proctor was to write about the Trust for the Advertiser. It was thought that Colin or John were probably responsible after attending.

#### **5. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARIES REPORT**

We have lost three members. There are some 28 annual renewals that need worked on, of this Bill is confident in getting 11. Karen will check mail at the Youth Project in case some have gone there. A list will be circulated so that Board Members can do some personal chasing up.

Despite this membership stills stands at 230 which is very healthy.

**ACTION;** a standing item on the agenda is to be recruitment and other membership issues.

It was decided to have a stand (with newsletters and freebies) at matches early in season to recruit new members, the new kit would be on sale and fans attending to buy this would be good to approach. Strips are set to be launched at the friendly match on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> kicking off at 1pm. It would be good to organise some fixture cards to hand out at stand too, as these have been asked for.

## **6. TREASURERS REPORT**

£2,376.89 balance. We have put 5k into the club this season.

## **7. EVENTS**

**BALLOON RACE;** Board members present voiced concerns about the time left to sell the balloon labels. 2,000 seemed to be a lot to sell in any case. Maybe it was more realistic to sell 1,000. A suggestion was made that Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August (which is a Bank Holiday) would be an alternative. Progress on this would be sought from George.

Karen reported that, although Keenweld was still happy to supply the helium, the price had jumped up a lot. Colin is keen to continue to support us where he can and Karen asked that maybe he be given a corporate membership to thank him, which he would be delighted with. This was agreed.

**LINK EVENT:** Eric reported that, although he had been doing a lot of work he has been unable to secure an event for September. Linda Waite is very keen to be involved.

The work that he has done has actually meant that a bigger event is more likely later in the season. He has made good links with Miles Gregory of the Maltings who has been a mine of information and help and could take care of the 'red tape' and ticketing and also knows the pitfalls and best ways to do things. Everyone present was very enthusiastic about this and further work would be done.

The logistics of holding an event between a football match and speedway meet have been called into question while investigating what to hold, so the event may have to take place at a location other than the pitch.

**70'S DISCO:** Could be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> of December, preferably now at the Black and Gold. Dave is to make contact with the new owner then a date can be fixed. A ticket price of £5 (maybe £6 on the door) was agreed, and a raffle will also be run. It was decided to ask the B&G to supply a Pie and Pea supper for filling the room. Fancy dress was to be encouraged.

**RACE NIGHT:** It is hoped to hold a Race Night in September, Spadge has this in hand.

## **8. BOOK SALES**

Not a lot happening with books. Dave clarified that it was just MATCH sponsors that would receive a complimentary book. He will take a box of 60 to Shielfield.

## **9. COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA**

The next edition is nearly ready, just a couple of articles to be presented. Trust website being updated today.

Conversations have taken place with the Club re; news being put on the official website first.

## **10. CLUB UPDATE**

John not present. Not a lot happening. Signings have been reported in the press.

### **11. A.O.B.**

i) Concern was expressed at the continuing lack of contribution at meetings from certain members.

It was felt that this should be fully discussed at the next meeting to address the situation.

ii) There is a lot of common ground now between the Trust, Club and Supporters Club. It was felt that representatives now need to hold a tripartite meeting and move on with some coordinated approach. ACTION – The Trust will approach the two other groups and invite them to talk.

### **12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

MONDAY August 3<sup>rd</sup> 7pm.