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MINUTES

Meeting of the Society Board

Date: 25/02/09

Time: 18:30

Place The Pilot Inn, Berwick upon Tweed

PRESENT

John Bell (Chair), Karen Thorburn, Paul Smith, Colin Pike, David Cook, David Spence, Cameron Waterhouse, Ian Gregory, Bill Purvis. The meeting was also attended by Linda Waite and her sister from Berwick Speedway.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Eric Deighton, Ron Kirk, Gordon Dickson and George Thompson.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOCIETY BOARD HELD ON 21/01/09, DECISION

The minutes of the Society Board meeting held on 21/01/09 having been circulated were approved as a correct record, proposed by David Cook and seconded by Colin Pike. There were no matters arising.

3. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARIES REPORT

Membership stands at 219. Of this, 15 are junior memberships and 3 are corporate. The estimated monthly income from subscriptions is £540. The aims and set up of the organisation was explained to the ladies present.

4. EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT

The committee met on 02/02/09 to discuss the possibility of launching a quiz league. Notes of the meeting have been circulated via e-mail.

5. BOOK SALES

Some books are coming back from the Sporan. Dave sold 4 at the Dumbarton match and 1 at the Annan match. Linda Waite offered to take some books at the Cornhill shop.

6. COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA

Costs of the newsletter are quite high. A discussion followed on the possibility of sending all the newsletters electronically. It was decided to send out a letter with the next newsletter to ask everyone to opt IN if they still wish to receive

copies through the post. The importance of communicating as often as possible was explained to the visitors, especially given the lack of communication by the club in the past.

Paul asked everyone to contribute to the website content, even with general football copy, because there has been a narrow base of contribution.

The possibility of joint initiatives with the speedway club in the future was discussed, maybe as a 'Sunday Funday'. Reps from each group will keep in touch. Linda informed the Trust of a leaflet exchange day taking part at Springwood Park on 19th March. There is also 'Border Events' magazine to consider for promotion. The speedway also is planning to visit schools to do assemblies and future sessions could be joint initiatives.

Information was shared about the various ways to obtain signage on main roads. Other ways of joint promotion were discussed including joint voucher books for entry.

Linda thanked the Board for inviting them to the meeting and they left at this point.

7. TREASURERS REPORT

Balance is £2,092.19; there is at least £200 in cheques to bank.

8. ATTENDANCE

A report was presented on Board Members attendance in the last year. Out of twelve possible attendances since January 2008, Board members attended the following number of meetings:

John Bell - 10

Colin Pike - 10

David Cook - 7

Karen Thorburn - 11

Derek Purvis - 6

Bill Purvis - 11

David Spence - 9 (joined the Board during the year)

Ronal Kirk - 6

Cameron Waterhouse - 5

Gordon Dickson - 11

George Thompson - 7

Paul Smith - 12

Steven Scott - 8

Ian Gregory - 8 (joined the Board through the year)

It was felt, however, that some members who could not attend as many meetings as other due to work and other commitments are present whenever there is an event or to do such things as promotional handouts, envelope stuffing etc.

9. NEW CLUB WEBSITE

A multi agency meeting had taken place to discuss the new club website. There were two offers to run the website, but one party pulled out of the offer after a couple of days.

The Trust was the other party offering to launch and run a new site, paid for by the Trust for the first year. Paul has the site 70% completed, the online shop still to be created. Cost of the site is £950, which the Trust will fund. It

will have a content management system, and any Trust Board member will be able to update certain areas of the site with their password. Paul would have overall editorial control. Any advertising revenue would be given to the Club in the first year, and this is what should fund the website in subsequent years. A firm proposal was put forward by Paul, seconded by John.

10.AOB

- i) A talk in with the new Club Board will be held in the Golf Club on 7th March.
- ii) Bill agreed to allow his telephone number to be published on the website fro general enquiries.

11.DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Saturday 28th March at 11.30 at the Pilot Inn.