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MINUTES

Meeting of the Society Board

Date: 02/07/11

Time: 11:30

Place The Pilot Inn

PRESENT

Colin Pike (Chair), David Spence, Ron Kirk, Gordon Dickson, Michael Smyth, Karen Thorburn, Keith Hall, Bill Purvis, John Bell, Gemma Law, Dale Jones and James Thomson. The meeting was attended by Reserves Chair, Bill Berry.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from David Cook.

1. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY BOARD HELD ON 07/05/11 AND 31/05/11, DECISION:

The minutes of the meetings held on 07/05/11 and 31/05/11 were accepted as a true record, proposed by Bill Purvis, seconded by Dave Spence, subject to wording on item 7 of the meeting held on 7th May, being changed from reactionary to reactive!

2. MATTERS ARISING

Covered on agenda or through action tracking.

3. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARIES REPORT

Membership stands at 232. Bill has sent out 61 annual payer reminders and 40 have paid so far. Colin Pike will email Chris Sanderson. 88 members (59%) pay the minimum of £2 per month. **ACTION** Bill to send round a report on breakdown of payment amounts etc. Membership packs have nearly run out.

4. TREASURERS REPORT

Balance in bank is £3,614.53.

Gordon is having problems getting e-mails from Kevin Shearer.

Trying to set up a paypal account, and to sort accounts out so Trust can get a debit/credit card.

5. CLUB REPORT

72 players were seen during recent trials. 29 at Berwick and 43 at Tranent. 3 young players from Hearts have been invited to pre-season training. Have signed 14 young players.

Season tickets (youths) have been advertised in Middle and High Schools, with some free jnr season tickets handed out at Middle School assembly's.

The possibility of a colour poster with fixture list being distributed in the Advertiser, possibly with joint funding from SC. Or a commercial sponsor. It was felt that we did not have the resources to organise this so Karen will approach Supporters Club through Rodelle and offer to part fund. This was proposed by Keith Hall and supported unanimously. **ACTION.**

Paul Smith is working on a 'Legends' game. Eric Tait would organise a team as would Tommy Graham from his era. A possible date of April 21st next year is suggested. There would be an informal dinner after the ordinary game on the Saturday and the legends match on the Sunday morning.

New strips have arrived and will be used at today's match. Replicas are as yet unavailable.

Discussions are being held between Paul and Alan Bell about website admin. It is hoped to get things up on the website quicker than at present. The lack of current info on the website is causing comments from fans. Signings were not reported until they were in black and white. Darren Gribben has not signed with us yet, and we are looking for ways to accommodate Notman.

Items suggested for financial planning are improved lighting at Old Shielfield or Ivinson, a new sprinkler system kit for reserves or youths, matchballs etc

6. RESERVES

Bill Berry brought Trust up to date and gave appreciation for what the Trust is doing.

Mainly the Youth set up is trying to bring forward good young players to the 1st team.

One thousand pounds was raised at the charity golf day.

There is a good mix from Borders/ Berwick and East Lothian, hopefully training could take place in Berwick as well.

Michael Smyth has offered to do match reports from reserves matches, and take photographs.

The Reserves will not be financed by Berwick Rangers this year.

7. WORKING GROUP REPORTS

COMMUNICATIONS: 5 email communications have gone out via Mailchimp.

Paul has launched new website.

EVENTS: Dave has circulated an events list via email.

8. SD SCOTTISH COUNCIL

Supporters Direct is in financial trouble after having funding cut. A motion is going to Holyrood in September looking for support. There is support in the House of Lords. Scottish MP's are being pressed for support; some Trust members north of the border are contacting their MP's.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- i) Need to look at advertising to promote the Club and a skills audit needed to help in as many areas as possible.
- ii) The Club now has an official chaplain, Alan Cartwright.

10. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Saturday 13th August at 11.30 in the Pilot Inn