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MINUTES

Meeting of the Society Board

Date: 13/08/11

Time: 11.30

Place: The Pilot Inn

PRESENT

Colin Pike (Chair), David Spence, Gordon Dickson, Karen Thorburn, David Cook, Bill Purvis, Michael Smyth, Ron Kirk, Dale Jones Kieran Bowell and John Bell.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Keith Hall. Colin reported that Gemma has stood down from the Board. It was felt this was a shame as she had a lot to contribute.

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 02/07/11 were accepted as a true record, proposed by Bill Purvis, seconded by David Spence.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Covered on the agenda or through action tracking.

3. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARIES REPORT

Stands at 233 plus junior members. We have lost 2 members since the last meeting.

Received an e-mail from Kenny Herd after receiving his pack, which he was delighted with!

Members packs still need updated and stocks are very low. Gordon will re-order badges **ACTION** Bill will bring a pack to next meeting for CP and KT to look at.

Bill has also written to MSP's re Supporters Direct with six replies so far.

The membership packs have still to be updated; Bill will bring one to the next meeting for Karen and Colin to look at. **ACTION**

The Cup match against Livingstone is to be used as a publicity day. Flyers would be handed out by a team of volunteers, and some to be delivered to the

shop to be put in carrier bags, and enclosed with any online orders. David Cook would organise this with Paul Smith. *ACTION*

4. TREASURERS REPORT

Balance is £4507.23.

Should talk about AGM at next meeting.

John has come forward with three ideas to put to the membership for us to fund this year.

1. To erect redundant floodlight pilings from Meadowmill at Old Shielfield, so that it can be used for training.
2. New sprinkler system for pitch.
3. Training kits, match balls etc for Reserves.

Colin would put out an email to the membership for feedback, as well as articles on the website and in a programme. Each would have a bit of background on them, John would supply this information. *ACTION*

5. YOUTH SECTION REPORT

Nothing to report, however Dale pointed out that members, particularly office bearers were all getting older and would probably be going off to university or college next year. This would need to be looked at from now to enable junior section to continue.

Junior (up to 13 yrs) season tickets had gone down well. It is proposed to give away Zoo hats to the first few through the turnstiles.

It was hoped to try to get juniors on board at turnstiles, possibly giving away a free hat with their membership. There are a few young people coming through stadium tours etc.

Some members thought that running busses could be used to generate profit for youth section; we missed an opportunity at the Hibs game.

This to be a sub item on agenda. *ACTION*

6. WORKING GROUP REPORTS

COMMUNICATIONS: Newsletter has gone out; articles have been posted on website. It was decided to add extra copies of newsletters on to print run to be used as publicity handouts.

Trust should get a small article in every match programme possible, anyone can contribute.

EVENTS: David S has emailed out the latest document. It is hoped to organise a Race Night in October.

STRATEGY: Gordon, Bill and Colin have survey returns, and these will be studied again for possible names to approach to join the Board. *ACTION*

7. RESERVES

Four reserves would be on first team today. Colin and Michael will be at Hawick on Tuesday. Things are progressing nicely with a good stream of players coming through.

8. CLUB REPORT

John explained the current financial position, and how the Club are looking to recoup the deficit (not counting the Celtic match money) Bits and pieces of money are coming in from Cup matches.

Paul Curry is training with Hamilton who have 2 weeks to make a bid.

Replica shirts should be out soon, there are 22 on pre-order. The shop would be open on Monday evening to buy for the Hibs match.

Alan Bell is to take over running the website, which will be relaunched with a new address.

A 17 year old girl is doing the SFL TV filming, supported by Merrick from the Youth Project. Could do with a pool of, say, 2 more people. A request could go in programmes. *ACTION*

Club is struggling to get ex players available for the Legends Dinner/Match on April 21st.

9. SD SCOTTISH COUNCIL

There is a meeting on Sunday 21st. The demise of SD Scotland has been stopped, almost 50% of MSP's have signed up to support it. It is hoped that there is funding for the next three years.

10.A.O.B.

- i) Dennis McLeary will soon mark his 40th Year with Berwick Rangers. It was wondered whether we should do something to celebrate this. It was decided to check for definite when this would be. It was also thought that his role should be dissected in order that he could be replaced if he ever retired, given the contribution he gives.
- ii) A few people have enquired about buying Club ties. David Spence will approach John Hush to find out if it is possible to obtain the old style thin striped ties.
- iii) John asked that the Club report be pushed further up in future agendas to allow him time to get to the Club if needed.

11.DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Saturday 17th September at 11.30 in the Pilot