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MINUTES

Meeting of the Society Board

Date: 21/09/11

Time: 19:00

Place: The Pilot Inn

PRESENT

Colin Pike (Chair), David Spence, Gordon Dickson, Michael Smyth, Karen Thorburn, Keith Hall, John Bell and David Cook.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Bill Purvis and Ron Kirk.

1. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOCIETY BOARD HELD ON 13/08/11, DECISION:

The minutes of the meeting held on 13/08/11 were accepted as a true record, proposed by John Bell, seconded by David Cook.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Covered on agenda or through action tracking.

3. CLUB REPORT

Reserves and Youths set-ups going well, there is a good 'buzz' about them. A licence (rather than lease) has been taken out on the Ivinson pitch. County Council will maintain and mark the grounds. May need to purchase removable goalposts (suggestion made that CC may have some). There is a possibility of charging to use the pitch.

The free Junior Season Ticket scheme is going well.

Jimmy has been watching young players and has signed a left sided player.

Keith Hamblin is being very cooperative.

Board members felt that promotion of the club to potential players is a weakness and should be an agenda item for a tripartite meeting **ACTION**. The agenda should possibly solely focus on promotion of the club. Any meeting should look for actions and outcomes, as previous tripartite meetings have achieved little after the talking.

John Robertson has resigned as Director and left his shares to the Supporters Club. This means that a position as Director is coming up. This is another example of the Dennis scenario- succession, which will need serious consideration.

4. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARIES REPORT

Membership stands at 236. There have been three new members. Some annual payers are yet to respond.

5. TREASURERS REPORT

Balance is £5,116.13. Raffle prize of £50 paid out and 5 reserve programmes at £34 each, plus £125 web costs.

The AGM will have to be in the New Year, as accounts will not be ready before then.

6. ENHANCING OUR COMMUNICATION WITH FANS AND COMMUNITY

Flyers had been handed out at the Livingston match advertising the Trust. Events such as the Race Night being promoted on the website and Facebook.

7. WORKING GROUP REPORTS

COMMUNICATIONS: No emails have gone out since the last meeting; however the Trust has been promoting itself as item 6.

EVENTS: Race Night, Friday 30th September.

8. RESERVES

The Trust is still producing the programmes and funding them. Michael is doing match reports. Colin is putting these on the website.

An ex-American Special Forces officer is helping train the reserves.

9. SD SCOTTISH COUNCIL

Scottish Supporters Direct will be funded until April 2012 by the Scottish Government (70k) so is safe for now. Colin Pike has been part of the team that represented SD at the Scottish Parliament. Board members felt that this kind of involvement should be reported on. **ACTION**

10. SUPPORTERS CLUB

It was felt that we should reiterate that we would like a rep to attend meetings, even on a rota basis. Arthur Herriott is to be invited along to a meeting.

ACTION

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Gordon asked Karen to give calendar advertisers a ring round to ask if they would advertise in the 2012 calendar. **ACTION**

12. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Saturday 5th November at 11.30 in the Pilot Inn