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MINUTES

Meeting of the Society Board

Date: 05/11/11

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 and Keith Hall.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from John Bell

Colin opened the meeting by explaining recent events re: Jimmy Crease. He described the Clubs lack of response after the teams defeat at Deverondale. The only response came after the Trust posted a statement on our website. Colin cited the lack of apology or any statement in forming an opinion of shortcomings by the Club.

It was agreed that in future, though we would take concerns directly to the Club itself, we would retain the right to make statements, as a democratic organisation formed in the interest of BRFC supporters.

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 21/09/11 were accepted as a true record, proposed by David Cook, seconded by David Spence.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Covered on the agenda or through action tracking.

ACTIONS from tracker:

Revised Model rules to be brought for formal adoption. (DC)

SC secretary to be approached re metal badges. (KT)

Folder to be removed from Member Pack once stocks exhausted.

JB to be mailed to provide more info re: member schemes. (CP)

Tripartite meeting to be pushed on, even though Brian Porteous.

Items to be provided for agenda. (ALL)

Article for website to be written about Colin's recent involvement with SD Scotland (CP)

3. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARIES REPORT

Membership stands at 231, which, given that Bill has knocked off 9 names who haven't renewed, means we are holding our own.

4. TREASURERS REPORT

Balance is £5,811.63 nothing has been paid out this month. There is also £825 to be banked from the Race Night.

5. CLUB REPORT

John Bell was not present as he was at a Club board meeting. David Cook informed the meeting that, to date, there had been 17 applications for the Managers job.

The possibility of a new Trust rep to the Club Board was discussed. Responsibilities would have to be clarified in favour of the Trust, and it would have to be ensured that the right person takes the role on.

6. YOUTH SECTION REPORT

Dale reported that the Youth Section had been inactive. He also reported that as he turned 18 in January he would be standing down, as had most of the active members. Youth Section would then have recruitment issues.

It was felt that a strategy should be formed to work on this, and possibly a meeting held to promote involvement to new youths.

DC asked Dale for an A4 sheet of bullet points/ideas to start process off.

7. WORKING GROUP REPORTS

COMMUNICATIONS: One communication – the statement to members regarding the Manager. Some board members are concerned we are not communicating with all, as we don't have everyone as an email contact. A request for up to date contact info will be made in newsletter. Contact by text could be looked at in the future.

EVENTS: David S had circulated list by email. May have a Spring Disco. Is felt we should hold some joint events.

It was also felt that the Managers Talk in could be jointly hosted.

ACTION possibilities for joint events to be investigated.

8. RESERVES

Changes are happening; Ian Neil is no longer involved.

Team is doing well. Ian Little is taking an interest, and has attended matches.

9. SD SCOTTISH COUNCIL

No meeting has taken place since Trust last met, there is one very soon.

10.A.O.B.

Bill is to investigate costs etc involved in using TNT post. **ACTION**
Karen to book Black and Gold for AGM. **ACTION**

11. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Saturday 17th December at 11.30 in The Pilot.

AGM Saturday 14th January 11.30 in Black and Gold.