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MINUTES

Meeting of the Society Board

Date: 17/04/12

Time: 11.30

Place: The Pilot Inn

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Keith Hall and Ron Kirk

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 25/02/12 were accepted as a true record, proposed by Bill Purvis, seconded by David Cook.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Covered on the agenda or through action tracking.

3. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARIES REPORT

Membership stands at 232. Box 22 will become an individual membership as Chris White is in Australia. Doug Stenhouse's change of address is being taken care of.

4. TREASURERS REPORT

Balance is £2,223-97. £511.82 has been paid out for newsletters and £102 or Reserve's programmes. Colin, Gordon and John are taking care of paperwork to allow them to be signatories. (2 of 3 needed to sign cheques etc)

5. CLUB REPORT

1st Team: Ian and Robbie have been formally appointed. They gave a presentation to the Board of the Club on their plans for the future etc. Not all players are being competitive. The loan players have been competitive.

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A list is being compiled of players the Club will be keen to retain. Youth Team has suffered from the loss of Bill and Keith. Peter Unwin has held things together.

The End of Season Awards will be on 5th May in the Black and Gold.

Nominations will be sought for Trust Player of the year via email, Facebook and at the turnstiles.

John is talking to Zoo Sport about the new strip. New home and away strip changes to be staggered each year. Zoo are donating strips for the Team.

JB Site sponsorship is to be continued.

Ducket toilet works will be a major piece of work and will involve plans being drawn up.

The process of organising pre-season friendlies has started.

The possibility of organising a window display in an empty shop on Marygate was discussed and will be followed up.

It was decided to approach John Ferguson for advice on encouraging youth involvement as he played a great part in this some years ago as a teacher.

6. WORKING GROUP REPORTS

COMMUNICATIONS: Nothing to report

EVENTS: Spring Disco – Saturday 21st April in the B & G, £6. Ticket sales are slow, can we re-advertise on website/facebook etc?

STRATEGY: Nothing to report

7. RESERVES

Reserves are at least fulfilling fixtures. A few Herriot Watt under 19's have been signed to 'fill holes'.

Hoping to appoint an individual to oversee the organisation.

JB reported on SFA meeting about 'Youth Academy' which in short rewards financially clubs which already have established youth set-ups and do little to encourage or enable new ones or those which need support.

8. SD SCOTTISH COUNCIL

At the conference in Stirling Supporters Direct Scotland voted against accepting Scottish Government funding as the money would have to be used for things which were outside the Supporters Direct movements remit.

BRFC Trust will continue to renew via London for the moment.

9. A.O.B.

Newsletter: Contributions to be presented earlier rather than be 'chased up'.

Perhaps a small team could be formed to fill newsletter, and contributions asked from people other than Board members. Agenda item for next meeting

10. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 16th May 2012 at the Pilot, 19.00.