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MINUTES

Meeting of the Society Board

Date: 16/05/12

Time: 19.00

Place: The Pilot Inn

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Keith Hall, David Cook and Ron Kirk

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 17/04/12 were accepted as a true record, proposed by John Bell, seconded by Michael Smyth.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Karen explained the new online registration/update system for Supporters Direct. Gordon provided a cheque to cover membership. Colin explained what was happening with funding for Supporters Direct Scotland, who are accepting Government funding but have to reach targets of work on a six monthly basis, as set out by the Scottish Government. We need a good photo of the stadium to progress the window dressing idea. Planning permission has to refer to a specific address. We need to narrow down which property we would like to consider to carry the application forward and also need rough figures to decide if project is viable.

3. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARIES REPORT

Membership stands at 235. Badges are running very low. We should consider that 2013 is our 10th Birthday.

4. TREASURERS REPORT

£2,837.42 in bank.

Reserves programmes have been paid = £102.

The Club have requested that we make a donation to the new lawnmower which they are purchasing. It was agreed to donate £1000.

5. CLUB REPORT

John reported on current signings as it stood, and who it was hoped would be signed.

Ian Little is gaining much respect from other clubs.

Reserves have a game at Penicuik, with new Coach Mark Lamb in place.

Reserves now have a tie-up with Salveson's (boys) Community Club. They will oversee the under 17's, though players will be signed to BRFC.

BRFC's only commitment is a complete set of kit. Reserves will train alongside under 19's. Matches will possibly be played at Edinburgh to preserve Shielfield pitch.

The Board agreed a donation of £250 for Ian's trip to Thailand to play in a veterans competition. Michael expressed his reservations on this type of spend, however it was agreed subject to photo's being taken to promote the Trust.

Dates for pre-season friendlies have been set, but no teams organised yet.

6. WORKING GROUP REPORTS

COMMUNICATIONS: Colin had sent out an email canvassing members as to who our Player of the Year should be.

EVENTS: Spring Disco – Costs were up on previous events, only made £85 this time.

An Elvis tribute night is booked for 20th October. Ticket price to be £8 or £10 with food, may combine with a casino night. Possible future venues were discussed i.e. Tweedmouth Bowling Club or Berlino's.

STRATEGY: Nothing to report

7. A.O.B.

Michael Smyth will 'coordinate' the next newsletter. He will email members soon regarding contributions. Deadline would be the end of July. There was a short discussion about where the printing business should go to, local v. value. It was suggested that one newsletter should be like a 'yearbook'.

8. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 20th June 2012 at the Pilot, 19.00.