

Berwick Rangers Supporters Trust

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MINUTES

Meeting of the Society Board

Date: Saturday, 11th August 2012

Time: 11.30

Place: The Pilot Inn, Low Greens, Berwick-upon-Tweed

PRESENT: David Cook, in the Chair; Gordon Dickson, Keith Hall, Ron Kirk, Bill Purvis, Michael Smyth and David Spence

APOLOGIES: John Bell & Colin Pike

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: 4th July 2012

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as a correct record, having been proposed by Bill Purvis and seconded by David Spence

2. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous Trust board meeting, held on 4th July 2012

3. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARIES REPORT

Bill Purvis reported that:

- Trust membership currently stood at 242
- the total membership figure included 17 outstanding renewals (9 of whom Bill was confident would definitely renew), leaving 8 pending
- 300 new Trust badges had been delivered

4. TREASURERS REPORT

Gordon Dickson reported that:

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- the balance of funds in the Trust account stood at £3531.01
- Recent payments included £380 to Viva Digital for antivirus software installation etc, £327.54 for new Trust badges, £29.95 for the Trust player of the year trophy and £34 towards the cost of printing the reserves team programmes

5. CLUB REPORT

There was no club report in the absence of Trust director John Bell

6. WORKING GROUP REPORTS

a) Communications: no report

b) Working Groups: Events – David Spence distributed Elvis tribute event posters (Saturday 20th October at the Black & Gold Social Club). David agreed to contact Alan Bell of the BRFC Supporters Club about publicising the event on the SC and official BRFC websites.

David Cook said that he would discuss the annual autumn race night with Steven Spadge Scott, to be held in The Pilot

7. A.O.B.

a) Club Shop

Colin Pike to approach BRFC to ascertain whether they are happy to honour the 10% discount for Trust members making purchases from the club shop

b) Fixture lists

David Cook agreed to provide Keith Hall with the official BRFC fixture list, to be made into fixture cards for Trust members

c) Vacancy for the position of Trust Secretary

David Cook agreed to draft an advert for the Trust website and the Berwick Advertiser. It was agreed to pay the postholder an honorarium of £20 per month, proposed by David Cook and seconded by Gordon Dickson

d) Membership of the Trust Board

Due to the current shortage of numbers (5 short of full capacity), it was agreed that each Trust board member would approach potential candidates to ascertain their interest in joining the Trust board.

e) Trust membership – recruitment campaign

Suggestions included:

- a recruitment day at the Rangers match (DS)
- application forms and letters to be placed in the club shop (DC)
- sponsoring the matchday teamlists, including putting application info on the rear (DC)

It was agreed that recruitment leaflets would be prepared for the Rangers and subsequent home matches (Gordon Dickson & Paul Smith to arrange)

f) Tripartite meetings

Colin Pike to action

g) Trust advertising board at Shielfield

It was noted that the current Trust board was looking tatty. Annual rental cost was confirmed at £210. Keith Hall agreed to investigate costs for making up a new board, and Gordon Dickson agreed to obtain the design pdf from Paul Smith, with a view to updating the board design

h) Trust sponsorship of away match buses

It was agreed that the Trust will only consider part-sponsorship of buses to away matches in exceptional circumstances, eh v a highland league side in the Scottish cup; proposed by Michael Smyth, and seconded by Keith Hall

i) Next Trust newsletter

Paul Smith has requested copy by Monday, 26th November

j) AGM

Agreed that the 2012 Trust AGM will be held at 11.00 – 13.00 on Saturday 8th December in the Black & Gold Social Club (subject to availability).

Colin Pike to invite BRFC representatives including Chairman Brian Porteous and manager Ian Little. Guest speaker to be decided.

8. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

11.30 on Saturday, 29th September 2012 in the Pilot Inn, Low Greens, Berwick-upon-Tweed

Trust members are welcome to attend

Michael Smyth & David Cook, minutes