

# Berwick Rangers Supporters Trust

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## MINUTES

### Meeting of the Society Board

Date: 26/01/13 Time: 11.30am Place: Pilot Inn, Berwick

**PRESENT:** Michael Smyth, Bill Purvis, David Spence, John Bell, Ron Kirk, Keith Hall, Gordon Dickson, Gary Smith & Isla Barber

**APOLOGIES:** Steven Scott

**1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Proposed by David Spence & seconded by Ron Kirk

**2. MATTERS ARISING:**

Zoo Advert for next newsletter would be (£100 - £150) to be discussed before next newsletter

**3. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARIES REPORT:**

Membership is at an all high of 245

Birthday cards for junior members are now low in stock, there are about 20 junior members

Gary Smith was proposed by John Bell and seconded by Ron Kirk to be a new member of the Trust committee

**4. TREASURERS REPORT**

Balance as at 31/12/12 is £6182.93

Looking to donate £5K to the club

**5. CLUB REPORT**

(a) In the transfer window Ian Little has 2 players in mind for now and is working on signing four of the current squad for next season.

(b) Richard Walker is the new physio at the club replacing Jamie Dougal, who we wish well on his new appointment with Celtic.

(c) The new home top for next season, there is a threeway choice, opinion needs to be canvased before the end of the season and the decision will be made at FC at end of season.

(d) John Bell enquired whether the Trust would like to take part in a initiative where schools and youth groups will be approached to offer them a Berwick Rangers day – there is £10K available for community involvement

(e) Work in the sponsors lounge and been taking place and there has been good feedback on corporate dining proposals. Lots of work and labour charges have been donated to the club

## **6. RESERVES REPORT**

The Reserves have played twice since the last meeting

Won 3 – 1 against Gala Fairydean

5 – 0 against Hawick

6 players from the Reserves have had experience in the first team

## **7. WORKING GROUP REPORTS**

COMMUNICATIONS:

EVENTS: Black & Gold for disco

£100 note raffle

Crossbar Challenge

Penalty Challenge

P Oliver comedy night – who is going

STRATEGY:

## **8. A.O.B.**

(a) The Boards approval has been sought for Michael Smyth and Gordon Dickson to meet with Brian Porteous (yes approval confirmed) with regard to the changes on the committee and to confirm what the club expectations of the Trust are.

(b) In May 2013 the Trust will be 10 years old (actual date is 7<sup>th</sup> March 2013). It has been suggested that to mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary we have something in the Advertiser and that on the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2013 we present Cheque to the football club.

(c) We need to get feedback on calendars- the cost for postage on these is £1.92 each, we could continue with the newsletter, possibly at the end of Jan – Can this be considered. The Fantasy Prints Account was £600. Is there an advertising budget. We do need to tighten up on postage. (March /April – financial planning meeting)

(d) Trust members are concerned that non playing players do not interact with fans as they are too busy on their phones, it was queried whether we could produce a photo sheet that fans could collect signatures.

(e) Some trust members have shown some concern regarding a former directors involvement with the club.

## **9. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Date: 27<sup>th</sup> February 2013 Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: The Pilot Inn, Berwick