

## **MINUTES**

### **Meeting of the Society Board**

Date: 20/08/22 Time: 19:00

Place: Zoom

**PRESENT:** Andrew Allan, Joe Crawford, Duncan Ferguson & Ron Kirk

**APOLOGIES:** David Letham and Gordon Dickson.

### **MATTERS ARISING:**

#### **Under 20s**

Andrew Allan brought the proposal of Crowdfunding in order to set up an Under 20s Team. The Club, at this point in time, simple do not have the money to run a Under 20s team. Andrew suggested a Crowdfunding initiative in order to help with the setup of an Under 20s team. He suggested it would be best to come up with a proposal on how much it would cost in total, including travel, training costs, UEFA Coach and strips. Andrew estimates the cost to be around £12,000 over 2 years to run the team. The Under 20s would join would be the Scottish Lowlands Development League. At this point in time, the board are not keen, sponsor is from the fans, which might be overegging it. It should be said drawing funds from the club at this moment in time is not feasible. The board have suggested to delay it a season, with the possibility of starting the Under 20s team in the 2024/25 season.

The Winter Magazine had an article about the Under 20s. The thing with an Under 20s team is you need commitment from players, minimum of twice per week. Another issue is getting 20 players to form a squad from the Berwick area, might not be possible and as a result, you will need to draft players from out with the area. It should be said Stuart Malcolm is very much in favour of an Under 20s team.

Dan Crowe has been doing a good job of putting flyers out with fixtures lists on them. Ron Kirk noted the newsagent in Duns even has a fixtures poster up. Posters have also been displayed around the Caravan parks around Berwick. This is very good to catch the holiday makers. Dan was very keen to get these flyers out to target visitors to the area. Linda McCormack is assisting Dan putting the flyers around the Berwick area. It should be noted that these flyers contain fixtures up to October.

Dan and Nathan Thompson have been doing some design work for Border Buses, in order that Berwick Rangers fixtures can be displayed as a form of advertising. They have contacted the Supporter's Trust to see if they can have any funding with this. There is also a fixture list poster at Morrisons, Berwick.

### **MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

This was provided by Joe Crawford. He stated that there was 165 members in total, 2 corporate and 14 junior members, same as the previous month.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The current balance is £6841.51. £295.20 was used to purchase water bottles for the Berwick Wildcats.

### **CLUB REPORT**

Nothing much to report. Social Media has been reporting new players joining. There was a Swiss National playing v. Cumbernauld Colts and was subbed off at 2-2. Lots posted on social media regarding Open Goal Broomhill winning goal was infact offside. It was reported that the performance v Open Goal Broomhill was much better than that of Tranent on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August, with Berwick 2-0 up at half-time and could have taken a point. Open Goal Broomhill have a lot of seasoned professionals, such as Player/Assistant Manager Derek Lyle, who played for Queen of the South, Peterhead, Hamilton and Dundee, amongst others. He scored v. Berwick as did Kirk Broadfoot, ex. Rangers, Kilmarnock and St. Mirren. Other players in Open Goal Broomhill squad include Paul Slane, ex. Celtic, Partick Thistle, M.K Dons and Ayr United player. The club's target for the season is to finish within the top five.

The meeting closed at 19.40

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Date : Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September  
Venue : Zoom  
Time : 19:00