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**Minutes of the Trust Board meeting held at 18.00 on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2010  
in The Pilot Inn, Berwick-upon-Tweed**

**1. Present**

Colin Pike, in the Chair; John Bell, David Cook, Eric Deighton, Gordon Dickson, Gemma Law, Stephen Scott and Davie Spence

**2. Apologies for absence**

Callie Denholm, Ron Kirk, Bill Purves, Derek Purves and Karen Thorburn.

**3. Minutes of the meeting of the Trust Board held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2010**

The minutes of the board meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2010 were agreed as a correct record (proposed by JB, seconded by ED).

There were no matters arising since all relevant items were included on the agenda for this meeting.

**4. Membership Secretary's Report**

BP had circulated an email stating that membership had reduced to 217.

**5. Treasurer's Report**

GD reported on the following expenditure incurred since the previous meeting:

- £75 on questionnaires
- £243 payments to Paul Smith
- £586 for calendars
- £173 to Fantasy Prints
- £29 for the player of the year trophy
- £89 to BP for expenses

GD was unable to supply balance details at the meeting since these were held by BP.

It was also reported that a further payment of £2500 had been made to BRFC in connection with the handover of the shop.

## **6. Supporters Club Report**

DP had circulated a brief email stating that the pitch drainage works had commenced, as had the work on the disabled toilets.

## **7. Club Report**

JB reported on the following matters:

### **a) Team**

Jay Shiels had not re-signed and the manager was still waiting to hear from Elliot Smith. The club was aiming for a first team squad of 18/19 players. A public trial would be held in Edinburgh on 12<sup>th</sup> June. Ian Little and Jimmy Crease were currently doing the UEFA B coaching certificate at Largs, the acquisition of which would assist with the Club's own licensing arrangements.

### **b) Reserves and U 19s**

The club had submitted an application for the reserves to join the East of Scotland League 1<sup>st</sup> Division. The application was due to be considered at the EOS AGM in approx 1 week.

Re U 19s - the club was seeking to establish an Edinburgh-based squad but this had fallen through, and moves were now progressing with the creation of a locally-based set-up at U17 level, coached by Bill Blyth.

### c) Finances

Last season, the club broke even - a remarkable achievement given the history of the past few years.

### d) Fixtures and friendlies

League fixtures were due to be published mid-June. Friendlies had been arranged with Blyth Spartans (A), Raith Rovers (H), Stenhousemuir (A) and St. Johnstone (H).

## 8. Tripartite meeting with FC Board and Supporters Club Committee

As per previous discussion, it was agreed to seek a meeting in late July, to give sufficient time for the Trust to collate agenda items. It was intended that the meeting should include discussions about promotional activity for specific league fixtures to help boost crowds.

## 9. Events

a) 8<sup>th</sup> August - 80s disco at the Black and Gold: DS has produced flyers and tickets

b) Christmas Raffle - needs more work

## 10. Trust Website

Agreed that Trust member Ian Beresford would take over responsibility for maintaining the website from Paul Smith.

Protocol - all items for the website to be sent to CP as Chair; CP will be responsible for forwarding items to IB.

## 11. Calendar

Quotations:

S&M - £740 ex vat

Fantasy - £690 ex vat

Printpoint (?) - £768 incl vat

Unit cost per calendar - £5

Agreed that the Trust would sponsor one month - and that the Supporters Club & Football club would be approached to sponsor one month each.

## **12. Survey results**

ED explained that the survey results could be categorised into 5 key areas (ED email refers).

Agreed:

- a) To present the key findings to the proposed tripartite meeting and agree future actions, with reps from SC and FC involved in work which arises from these findings
- b) JB/DC/ED to produce summary of survey for trust website and summer newsletter
- c) Set up trust working groups for each of the 5 key areas - groups to be set up at July meeting

## **13. Trust membership**

Concern expressed at continuing erosion of membership. Agreed that priority must be to devise action plan for increasing membership.

JB asked if the Trust would consider sponsoring a game as a promotional event - costs to be clarified. DC suggested that any sponsorship should be for a league game rather than a friendly, and that if we do go ahead, it should be used as an opportunity to recruit new members.

Action: agenda item for July meeting

## **14. Date of next meeting**

11.00, Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2010 @ The Pilot Inn, Berwick-upon-Tweed.

