

# Berwick Rangers Supporters Trust

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## MINUTES

### Meeting of the Society Board

Date: 05/03/11

Time: 11:30

Place The Pilot Inn

### PRESENT

Colin Pike (Chair), David Spence, Gordon Dickson, Karen Thorburn, David Cook, Keith Hall, Gemma Law, Bill Purvis, David Cook and Ron Kirk.  
Also present was Trust member Michael Smyth.

### APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Callie Denholm, John Bell and Steven Scott.

#### 1. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOCIETY BOARD HELD ON 26/01/11, DECISION:

The minutes of the meeting held on 26/01/11 were accepted as a true record, proposed by David Cook, seconded by Dave Spence.

#### 2. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising. Progress on items minuted in the action tracker from January were discussed.

#### 3. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARIES REPORT

Membership has remained static at 226. There are 2 memberships in the pipeline. Bill has received a quote for new car stickers. Colin Pike proposed that the greater amount was purchased, seconded by Karen Thorburn. Every member would receive a new car sticker in the next mailing. Bill to go ahead and order stickers.

Bill has a copy record of Junior membership, it was decided that he should receive contact details of each member.

#### **4. TREASURERS REPORT**

Balance in bank is £4,189.06

2 x £30 have been paid for reserves programmes. Paul Smith has been paid £100 to set up the programmes.

The club was not given their cheque last month from the Trust, Gordon to write a cheque for £1,500 this month.

Report about donations to the club still to be prepared. This to be 'newsflash' item on website.

Lottery license to be obtained.

It was decided that Colin Pike's expenses are to be reimbursed for all the work he is doing with Supporters Direct.

#### **5. SUPPORTERS CLUB REPORT**

No representative present. David Cook will go back to Bill Parkin to ask that a representative be sent to our meetings.

#### **6. YOUTH SECTION REPORT**

No representative from youth section was in attendance. Karen will make sure Dale is on the distribution list. Now that Eric will not be active on the Board we will need to maintain contact with YS, however Eric will remain involved with the Youth Section for the foreseeable future.

#### **7. WORKING GROUP REPORTS**

EVENTS: The Disco is very soon, Dave Spence asked that we have a 'sales boost' and advertise wherever we can, i.e. facebook etc.

It was asked if the 'Stars in Their Eyes' competition was feasible, i.e. would enough people, talented or otherwise come forward. It was decided to ask around for interest.

STRATEGY: David Cook will speak to Eric with regard to revisiting the 'strategy' workstream to decide if anything more can be done.

#### **8. CLUB REPORT**

John Bell was not present. Colin reported that there was concern about the state of the stadium.

It was decided to try to obtain a copy of the lease to determine where responsibilities lie.

Colin and David Cook have spoke to John Bell regarding managerial side of the club, particularly in regard to bad performance on the field.

#### **9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- i) Rob Bevan of the University of Wales in Cardiff would like to speak to us, at our convenience about clubs who play near or over a border of a country. 8-10 people would be present, including

representatives of the Supporters Club. It was decided to offer him the 9<sup>th</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> of April.

- ii) Race Night – profits to be split with the Reserves.
- iii) Colin reported back on the findings of the SD survey on SPL proposals.
- iv) Paul Smith wishes to use the .org web address from now on for the Trust website. The Board gave him the go-ahead.
- v) Gordon Dickson showed the Board examples of merchandise offered by Fantasy Prints; fan t-shirts that would also appeal to non football fans. They would be for sale through website but by Fantasy, at commission to us, so no outlay.

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

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 11.30 am in the Pilot Inn.