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MINUTES

Meeting of the Society Board

Date: 9/4/11
Time: 11:30
Place The Pilot Inn

1. PRESENT

Gordon Dickson, Karen Thorburn, David Cook, Eric Deighton, Colin Pike (Chair), Dave Spence, Bill Purvis, Gemma Law, Keith Hall, Ron Kirk, Dale Jones, Keiran Bowall and Trust Member Michael Smyth. Also in attendance was Robert Bevan from Cardiff University, who was to talk with the Board after the meeting about research he was doing into sports clubs who play over the Border from where they are based.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from John Bell and Steven Scott.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOCIETY BOARD HELD

5/3/11, DECISION: To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Society Board held on 5/3/11, proposed by Bill Purvis, seconded by David Cook.

4. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising, items flagged in the action tracker were discussed and outcomes will be recorded.

5. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARIES REPORT

Stands at 228. We have gained 4 and lost 2. We also have 20 junior Trust members. 230 active members is the historic best.

Action Dale will circulate email with their current membership figure.

Action David Cook will write copy for Advertiser and Website about Youth Membership.

6. TREASURERS REPORT

We have a balance of £2,768.87

£1,500 has been paid to the Club, a further £1,000 to be paid before 1st June.

£17 has been paid to Colin for expenses, and £20 has been paid for the lottery licence. Gordon will take and bank money from the Disco today (£400 so far) and take raffle money at another time.

The Raffle draw was discussed, as there is no Club Awards ceremony it would have to be drawn at another time, it was decided that perhaps half time at the match the same day would be good. *Action* Karen will speak to John about organising the raffle draw.

7. YOUTH SECTION REPORT

The youths have commenced their five-a side competition, with 20 players at £1.50 per head. 12 players played in the second round, and all enjoyed it more. Plan is to change tournament to 7-a-side. The half season ticket became available but was too late to be of any real benefit, though 3 people took it up. *Action* Rep to be asked to ensure that Junior Season Ticket is available in good time next season.

Action Rep is also to be reminded of the need to approach schools with a view to encouraging young support, interest and attendance Berwick Rangers matches.

There was only a little feedback on the first youth survey sent out to pupils. A revised one is ready to go out.

James and Ross attended a meeting at Workspace, but are unsure as to how much they are to receive as a grant.

There is a photo shoot to take place this afternoon at Shielfield with Jimmy Crease and Youth Section supporter Walter Deiter.

8. WORKING GROUP REPORTS

COMMUNICATIONS: Paul has new software and would like to revamp the Trust website. *Action* Paul to be approached to supply us with costings.

EVENTS: The Disco was a success, £443 on door, £131 for raffle and £59 for push a £ at a bottle. Costs were - £60 for pies, £100 for Gary Dunn's Disco and £9 for card for tickets.

The next event is a karaoke in the Blenheim on 6th May, entrance £2 raffle also.

Action Spadge to be approached to find out when a race night can be organised.

STRATEGY: Ties in with the Tripartite Meeting.

9. SUPPORTERS CLUB REPORT

There is still no rep. *Action* David Cook will write to Rodelle and Bill to ask again for a rep to be found.

10. CLUB REPORT

John Bell tendered his apologies but had circulated a comprehensive report. (Attached)

David Cook proposed that he write a form of words to be asked of the Club, through John, regarding Jimmy Crease's re-appointment. This was 2nd by Keiran. It was taken to a vote, 8 for, 2 against.

14. AOB.

i) The Reserves are holding a Ladies Night and ask if the Trust can fill a table of 10. There will be 3 cabaret acts and comedian. It is on Sunday 22nd May in the afternoon.

ii) Colin requests that SD Scottish Council be a standing item on the agenda from now. *ACTION.*

The SPL vote on restructuring leagues has been cancelled. Don't know where to go from here. The funding structure was to be; 80% to SPL, 15% to div 2 and 5% to community leagues. SPL clubs have a 170 page document to look at, the responses will go back to SPL through the Scottish Council, and will be looked at by academics at Scottish Council. All political parties have been written to and names and manifestos have been kept so performance re football can be monitored.

iii) Membership of Board. There are currently vacancies. Names did come up in the survey of people who showed interest in serving on the Board. These people would be written to as a first step and then a notice would be posted on web and in newsletter asking for applications. *Action*

iv) We have 2 months until the end of the financial year. It is time to consider financial planning. Colin proposed that we involve the membership. We will choose three projects to put out to the general membership to vote on or suggest alternatives. A single item, mid-week meeting would be called to discuss finances for the next year. John Bell would have to be present.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Saturday 7th May at 11.30 in the Pilot.