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MINUTES

Meeting of the Society Board

Date: 17/07/10

Time: 19:00

Place The Pilot Inn

PRESENT

David Spence, Bill Purvis, Colin Pike, Gordon Dickson, Karen Thorburn, Derek Purvis, Eric Deighton, David Cook, Callie Denholm and Gemma Law.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from John Bell and Keith Hall.

1. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOCIETY BOARD HELD ON 02/06/10, DECISION:

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Society Board held on 02/06/10, proposed by Eric Deighton, seconded by Gemma Law.

2. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARIES REPORT

Stands at 212, down 5.

2 new members have joined.

3. TREASURERS REPORT

£2,452.13. Colin Piker questioned that the Club are stating we have pledged them £5,000. Minutes for the last few meetings to be checked to see if there was any mention made or agreement given. No one can remember being formally approached. As it stands we have not set our budget yet and have other bills i.e. the audit to pay. Eric asked if we could produce a calendar of known future income and expenditure. **ACTION** Financial planning item to be included on next agenda.

4. SUPPORTERS CLUB REPORT

Pitch works have been completed, toilets should be finished too.

Plans for a Quiz Night in November, but no date has been set.

A new Year Book will be launched in November. Weekly Ticket income is going down. Some wondered if standing order would keep subs up.

5. TRIPARTITE MEETING

This will take place on Monday 19th Prior to the Sunderland game. Agenda will include; survey results, financial matters and other items as compiled by Colin Pike.

An outcome of the meeting is hoped to be; awareness of what each party is doing; recognition of input by the Trust and to find ways of not approaching the same people for support.

It is hoped to be the first in a series of regular meetings, David Cook proposed 4 a year.

6. CLUB REPORT

Craig O'Reilly has been signed as has Damon Gray. Trialling Chris Holmes. The Raith Rovers game may be moved to Kircaldy.

Colin and Bill Blyth have been involved in under 17s trials at Lowick.

7. RESERVES

Colin has attended meetings re: reserves. The set up comes with no money. 3 volunteers have come forward to run it. This team would have to pay to use floodlights etc, but will be able to train with first team. It will be a more integrated set up and has full blessing of the Club. Colin has already said he would do what he could for them. The Trust will provide programmes for them which will be put together by Colin and Paul Smith. Cost is £360 annually, but they have sponsorship of £200. There is a chance here for reserves to sell ad space as well as the programmes. David Cook proposed acceptance of our support with a condition that we expect to get some membership from it. Colin will also attend their monthly meetings.

8. SURVEY FINDINGS

Eric proposed to split board into 3 subcommittees: Strategy, Events and Communications.

Communications will deal with web, info dissemination, newsletters and forums. Team are: Colin Pike, lead member and Paul and Karen.

Strategy will deal with fees, membership, representation of Trust and the way money is spent. Team are Eric as lead member plus David Cook and John Bell.

Events will come up with calendar and organise the events. Team are Dave Spence as lead member with Callie, Gemma, Spadge and Derek.

Gordon and Bill will provide input to all teams as necessary.

9. EVENTS

80's Disco is on 8th August. Will be the same format as last time. Posters and tickets are being printed for free. Raffle prizes are required.

There is hoped to be a Race Night at the end of the summer.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

Newsletter is ready for distribution, to be organised.

11. MEMBERSHIP RETENTION

1+1 Scheme to be launched encouraging every member to sign up a new member, with all Board members expected to sign someone up.

12. A.O.B.

- 1) Club relationships: disappointment voiced as to how the handover of the shop was conducted. a significant amount of money and stock was handed over with no recognition, added to the lack of acknowledgment of the £5,000 pledged and paid in the season (including extra money during the spell of bad weather). We may have to stipulate that future money be ring fenced, to ensure our membership sees donations spent appropriately.
- 2) The AGM will have to be held by 31st December **ACTION** this will have to be a future agenda item.
- 3) Raffle tickets are ready, Board members should take 10 books each, and 2 will be included in newsletter.
- 4) Calendar: there are 12 pages @ £70 available for the BRFC Bear All calendar.
- 5) The Trust is not producing fixture cards this year as the Supporters Club are doing them.
- 6)

9. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS

Wednesday 18th August at 7pm in the Pilot.