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MINUTES

Meeting of the Society Board

Date: 20/03/10
Time: 11:00
Place The Pilot Inn

PRESENT

David Spence, Bill Purvis, Colin Pike, Gordon Dickson, Karen Thorburn, Derek Purvis, Eric Deighton, Ron Kirk, 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 24/02/10, DECISION:

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Society Board held on 24/02/10, proposed by Gordon Dickson, seconded by Ron Kirk.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Colin has not yet written to the Chair s of the Football or Supporters Clubs, re; a tripartite meeting.

Colin has contacted Paul Smith re day to day running of the website. Paul would not have a problem giving up maintenance and update of the site, although web hosting charges would still apply. In order to make a decision on this it was felt that we needed a breakdown of our web costs and David Cook offered to talk to Paul about this. It was also hoped that Paul could meet with David, Ian Beresford, and Colin while he was in the country.

3. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARIES REPORT

Stands at 219, there is one new and two full members paid up since last meeting.

4. TREASURERS REPORT

£3,557.04 balance in bank.

We are due to make a payment to the club. David Cook suggested we paid now. It was decided to pay £1,000, which would be two months payments plus £400 extra.

5. SUPPORTERS CLUB REPORT

Supporters held a successful quiz night last night, which was well attended. A race night is planned for April.

6. CLUB UPDATE

John Bell, not present, Colin reported that discussions have been entered into with players re: next year's contracts. 5 players have already resigned.

7. SURVEY

58 responses so far, which accounts for 27%. A reminder for responses will be posted on website to highlight the need for replies. 100% of people are saying we are doing a good job. Some feel the Board needs rotation so no member serves too long.

ACTION A Closing date of 31st March has been set, and will be posted on the website.

8. EVENTS

David Spence has been to B & G and found it is well booked up, discussion followed on when best to hold another event there. **ACTION** David will book Saturday 27th August for some form of social evening, and will also provisionally book a December date.

Have had quotes from printers for the Christmas Raffle tickets and will go with Shiel and Morrison. Colin will write to various local businesses to make contact and to see if we can secure some sponsorship/prizes.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

Results of survey are relevant to future communication strategy, so will be discussed when they are collated.

A list of which members are writing which newsletter articles will be recirculated as a reminder.

10. MEMBERSHIP RETENTION

This will be discussed after survey results are published.

Membership Forms could be reviewed at this time.

A working Group could look at where leaflets could be left as well as other membership retention issues.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- i) A meeting will need to be organised regarding the shop takeover.
- ii) If the league is reorganised we will have to keep up to speed with the situation.
- iii) John Bell and Bill Parkin have mentioned the need to look at the possibility of a new stadium. The re-launched 'sponsor a seat' initiative by the Supporters Club is looking at whole stadium issues in relation to Health and Safety. Unnecessary money should not be thrown at the current stadium with talk of a new build at the table.
- iv) Gemma and Callie are working on the Calendar and obtaining quotes.

12. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS

Saturday 24th April at 11am.
Wednesday 19th May at 7pm.