



TRUST IN YELLOW

Celebrating 10 years

Members Meeting – 14th June 2016

Board Members Present	Relationship to Meeting
Martin Robinson Noel Warham Colin Aindow Bill Sloan Alan Jones Howard Birch	Chairman Vice-Chairman/Social Events Officer Treasurer Membership Secretary Press and Publicity Officer Board Member
Apologies From Board Members	Relationship to Meeting
None	
Apologies from Trust Members	Relationship to Meeting
Ron Ellis	Trust Member

Meeting Opened: 7:30pm

Agenda Item Number	Notes	Actions
1	Taking of Minutes NW offered to take the minutes for this meeting.	NW to type up minutes and distribute to all board members for verification. All board members to verify. AJ/CA to post minutes on website. MR to cover minutes in newsletter.
2	Apologies for Absence As above.	N/A
3	Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Arising The minutes were accepted as a true record of the Board Meeting of May 11 th . HB was thanked for his accurate record of the meeting. There were no matters arising which are not covered elsewhere in the minutes.	N/A
4	Treasurer's Report CA circulated a copy of the current	MR to pay website costs as one-off to ensure website is back up as soon as possible.

	<p>financial situation to all present.</p> <p>CA stated that, rather bizarrely, he was chasing up people who we owe rather than the reverse. There had been some issues with the Website and Email which had gone down. This was due to the fact that the Paypal account was linked to Phil Carder's credit card, and therefore payment was declined.</p> <p>CA also stated that £120 was owed to the winner of the EURO 2016 sweepstake which would not be resolved until the start of July and the end of the tournament.</p>	<p>CA to arrange reimbursement as soon as possible.</p> <p>CA to arrange payment to sweepstake winner upon tournament conclusion.</p>
5.	<p>Membership</p> <p>BS informed the meeting that current numbers stood at 203. He has sent emails to lapsed members who have not renewed in the last three months, and will now start heading further back.</p>	<p>BS to email lapsed members.</p>
6.	<p>Report on Disabled Facilities</p> <p>HB reported that the disabled toilets were in the process of being redone. However, the Trust were wishful of installing a covered, raised platform in the paddock area to enhance the match day experience of disabled supporters.</p> <p>HB has conducted significant research into this and has received lots of information on planning a project like this. He contacted Level Playing Field (an FA organisation) and the Football Foundation, who asked him to contact Fiona Caplan at SAFE (Southport Access For Everyone) who had already had discussions with the Football Club and Merseyrail.</p> <p>It was felt vital to clarify if there exists and agreement between the Club and Merseyrail on this matter, and HB offered to pursue this. It was felt that ideally we would like Merseyrail involved, but it was important to know how the Club was involved and not cause any disruption to their working</p>	<p>HB to Draft email to H. Preece clarifying situation an asking for permission to move forward with Merseyrail, either directly or through the Club.</p> <p>MR to enquire about meeting with H. Preece and C. Clapham (and S. Shrouder if available)</p>

	<p>relationship.</p> <p>MR stated that he felt a meeting with H. Preece and C. Clapham was needed to discuss this and other issues.</p>	
7.	<p>Trust Events</p> <p>NW informed the meeting that all was set for the Summer Bash in association with Churchtown Cricket Club, and thanked MR for all his work in liaising with Greg Pennington over this. NW, in his role as 'Chairman of Selectors' announced the team. NW went through the line-up for the day and encouraged all to attend.</p> <p>NW stated that he had discussed a 'Meet the Manager' session with Andy Bishop at the End of Season Presentation, which he was more than happy to do. NW had provisionally booked the Grandstand Bar for after the final home pre-season game on 30th July but this would require monitoring due to the fluidity of fixtures.</p> <p>NW informed the meeting that in the light of the huge success of the 2005 team Reunion (organised by CA) and the 'Bingham's Boys' event (organised by AJ), it was felt that for the 50th anniversary of the promotion season, something bigger was required. It was noted that the Grandstand Bar had been full beyond capacity and there was certainly a demand for such an event. In addition, the players from the latter event had expressed their delight and also their enthusiasm to do something this year.</p> <p>To that end, NW and CA (AJ had wished to be involved but was unavailable) had met with Stephen Whittle from The Atkinson for preliminary discussions about a celebratory event in March/April 2017. This would include an exhibition, media and education projects with schools and local youth groups, and a celebratory evening event as the focal point. CA had been to view the space</p>	<p>NW to publish team on Facebook and contact team members to ensure attendance.</p> <p>NW to liaise re: cricket with Greg Pennington @ CCC</p> <p>NW to liaise with H. Preece/A. Bishop/Grandstand Bar to co-ordinate Meet the Manager.</p> <p>NW/CA/AJ to arrange meeting with Atkinson.</p> <p>CA to email photos of Atkinson to Board members.</p> <p>NW to speak to G. Wilde, M. Braham and H. Preece to ascertain enthusiasm for involvement.</p> <p>NW to begin to look at dates once fixtures are released.</p> <p>NW to liaise with R. Urwin/T. Adams and Board over events.</p>

	<p>and had taken some photos. There was general enthusiasm for the fledgling project and NW was keen for everyone to be involved. The Atkinson were keen to work with the Trust, and there was the possibility of obtaining Lottery funding. Nicola Hudson from Supporters Direct (present) offered support and guidance with this.</p> <p>After the success of last year's 'Get Involved' programme of events, the following draft timetable was established after some discussion.</p> <p>June 2016: Cricket Match/Churchtown CC Summer Bash July /Aug: Meet the Manager Sept: Band Night (See AOB) Oct: A Question of Sport Nov: Race Night Dec: TIY 10 Year Awards Mar/Apr 2017 50 Year Celebration of Promotion Season</p>	
8.	<p>Projects</p> <p>MR shared a number of designs which Autograph Signs has produced for a new 'Next Match' sign, which were impressive.</p> <p>MR stated that one sign would cost £400-500, whereas replacing all three would cost from £2000-2700. NW asked about the possibility of a second board near the entrance to the town at Preston New Road and the Coastal Road, but this was felt unfeasible at present.</p> <p>After some discussion, it was agreed to replace the sign on the bypass, and leave the ones on the ends of the Main Stand as they were for now.</p> <p>There was a short discussion about coach travel, but from last year's experience it was impossible to garner accurate information until the fixtures were released, which will take place at the start of July. BS stated he had a contact for minibuses, from 12 to 26</p>	<p>CA to check feasibility of fitting or re-siting board on bypass. If this is feasible, will move onto next step of design process.</p> <p>MR to get quote from Maximum Signs who produced the original boards, for comparison.</p> <p>MR to send off for coach prices as soon as fixtures out.</p> <p>BS to pass minibus contact details to MR.</p>

	seaters.	
8	<p>Trust Priorities</p> <p>It was strongly felt by all present that the meetings with the Club Board needed to be more regular. However, it was felt important in particular that all three of C. Clapham, S. Shrouder and H. Preece were able to be present. NW asked if it would be possible to schedule bi-monthly meetings, while CA stated that he felt there should be a minimum of four per season.</p> <p>The following priorities were identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disabled Facilities • 50th Anniversary of Promotions Season Celebration • Establishing Pattern of Meetings • Establishing the Club's Priorities and Projects and any potential Trust involvement • Accessible Matchday Bar within the Stadium • Weekend Trip • Community Links (Sandgrounder Radio, Soup Kitchen, etc.) <p>With regard to the weekend trip, it was considered vital to make a decision on the destination and dates as early as possible. It was felt important to avoid any potential FA Trophy disruption.</p> <p>Ron Ellis, in sending his apologies, had sent a list of what he felt were priorities in terms of the actual stadium, which were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Male and Female Toilets at both ends of the ground. • Disabled facilities with protection from stray balls. • Renovation of Grandstand Bar with access from the ground to enable half-time opening for alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks and snacks. • Covered accommodation of the Blowick End and later over the KGV (Popular) side. 	<p>MR to discuss meetings with H. Preece/C. Clapham.</p> <p>HB to email J. O'Byrne to ascertain progress on Bar project.</p> <p>All board members to assume responsibility for different priorities after the AGM.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extended area for the Press Box as more reporters are bringing greater amounts of technical equipment. <p>These issues will be discussed further and responsibility allocated after the AGM.</p>	
9	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>At the start of the meeting, the Board were approached by a gentleman named Mick Seanor, who stated that September 26th would mark five years since the passing of Dave Ratcliffe, a prominent supporter of the club. Mick was wondering whether it would be possible to have Dave’s name on a plaque on one of the floodlights. There was some discussion that it would be good for the names of prominent supporters who had contributed to the floodlights – such as Dave, Sally Devine and Phil Carder – could be affixed to one of the floodlights. However, later in the meeting, Nicola Hudson informed the group that it was impossible to affix anything to the floodlight itself. It was suggested that maybe a bracket could be affixed, or maybe something placed on the base. Alternatively, this could fit into long-standing plans for a memorial wall.</p> <p>As an offshoot of this, Mr Seanor had suggested holding a charity night in September around the time of Dave’s anniversary to raise money for Alder Hey Children’s Hospital, a cause which Dave himself had supported. Mr Seanor stated that he had spoken to members of the popular local rock group ‘Fag Ash Lil’ who would be happy to be involved in such an event. It was agreed to put this event on the list and act further once the fixtures were released.</p> <p>In his email to MR, Ron Ellis had also stated that Southport FC had a quiz team in a local league, and suggested the Trust also consider entering a team. There was some interest and it was</p>	<p>MR to enquire as to possibility of plaque in relation to floodlights/wall.</p> <p>NW to liaise with M. Seanor to arrange charity band night.</p> <p>MR to speak to G. Wilde regarding Quiz League.</p> <p>AJ to check dates regarding SD Summit/Members Day.</p> <p>Board Members to discuss advertising at Southport Railway Station at next meeting, as well as potential illumination of Woodvale sign.</p> <p>CA to liaise with Parker Brewery to arrange tour.</p>

	<p>thought wise to garner further interest on the subject.</p> <p>Nicola Hudson spoke about the Supporters Direct Event taking place at Wembley in July. This consisted of an SD Supporters Summit and Member's Day. This will take place on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th July. The Saturday is open to all and is free with a suggested donation, while the Sunday is aimed at board members or active volunteers. The weekend will include a number of guest speakers and will include discussion of issues such as the FA's Whole Game Solution, and 'B' Teams in the EFL Trophy. There would also be a Non-League Summit. N. Hudson encouraged all to attend and said it would be an excellent event.</p> <p>CA enquired as to whether the Trust could pay Board Members expenses in order to attend, and N. Hudson said this was perfectly acceptable.</p> <p>There followed some discussion (led by HB) as to how we can promote the club during Lancashire games at Southport and Birkdale Cricket Club, and also during the British Open at Royal Birkdale in 2017. It was felt we may be able to produce and distribute flyers and this was worthy of further investigation.</p> <p>The subject of the display board at Southport Railway Station was brought up. There had been some suggestion that it may be possible to advertise on the platform and this will be investigated and discussed further.</p> <p>In relation to the earlier discussion about the sign on the Woodvale bypass, a member suggested that installing lighting may maximise the effectiveness of the sign, which the Board agreed to look into and discuss further.</p> <p>The Parker Brewery Tour is still planned but it has been difficult to agree dates,</p>	
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	and it is hoped to organise this during the summer.	
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Meeting Closed: 9:50pm

Next Meeting: Monday 11th July (Society Board)