



NUNEATON TOWN SUPPORTERS' CO-OPERATIVE

Meeting opens at 7.30pm, Coton Liberal Club, Wednesday, 22nd April 2015

Present: J. Hobson, D. Hall, E. Stevens, J. Skuce, P. Davis, M. Ball, D. Parnell, A. Briggs, P. Burdett, R. Miller, R. Barnes, M. Turner, D. Cook

Apologies: None.

Minutes of last meeting: Last meeting minutes passed as true record.

Chairman's report: He asked the board to propose changes to subscriptions, £2 perhaps, and when they are to be paid, in time for the AGM. Dave Hall suggested keeping the rolling membership as opposed to a fixed date. Mike Turner will report back to the next meeting with suggestions for this. Also it was suggested that we appoint a membership secretary, no one came forward to fill the position at the meeting. Dave Parnell suggested a diary of events for the year to attract members and was willing to help organise events. Roger Barnes pointed out that we need to attract younger members.

Supporters' Director Football Club board meeting report: Andy Briggs attended a football club board meeting held on Tuesday, 21st April at Corby.

Apologies from Helen Thompson due to her husband's illness.

Matters arising: Three points deduction discussed, correspondence produced between Tony Reeves and the Football Conference, Maris, the player concerned played two days after his loan period terminated. An email extending his loan period hadn't arrived at the Football Conference on time, but a mailed version arrived three days later.

Financial report: A document was produced showing a month-by-month reduction in the creditors' list. Some outstanding invoices were produced.

Supporters' Directors report: Andy reported on attempts to contact the Rugby Club regarding the driveway, their chairman has recently resigned apparently. Andy told the meeting that holes previously filled in by the Co-operative had stood up well, but new ones were continuing to appear and the Co-operative would rather pursue funding for a proper repair, with the involvement of the rugby and football clubs. The football club was prepared to provide temporary filling material if the Co-operative would provide the workforce to do the job.

The football club chairman thanked the Co-operative for its contribution towards the cost of two new tumble dryers.

The Football Club chairman then asked if the Co-operative could provide them with membership numbers and the financial standing of the Co-operative. Andy told the Co-operative meeting that he felt this should be made available to the club, seeing as they were being completely transparent with him at football club board meetings. The Co-operative chairman pointed out to the Co-operative Board that both parties had signed a 'Code of Conduct', and that section 1(v) states that we should not be obliged to disclose the Co-operatives financial position. After much discussion and a show of hands it was agreed that this request from the football club would be granted.

The Football Club asked if there was anyway they could help increase the membership of the Co-operative and they were willing to publish this on the club's website etc.

Andy pointed out to the board meeting that tickets for the end of season evening were selling well and details of the club's attendance would be needed as soon as possible for table reservations. The club would provide these numbers and names.

A report of academy plans and structure was given by the new board member, and club secretary, Russ Horsley, trials were continuing and 12 places have been granted so far, plans were progressing to schedule. This would now include all age groups from U10s and upwards. The Supporters' Director was then asked as to any possible sponsorship of some part of the youth set-up by the Co-operative. Andy explained that this would need to be discussed by the Co-operative board, and perhaps, Russ Horsley could be invited to address the Co-operative board regarding the plans and aspirations for the academy. This was agreed by the Co-operative committee to invite him along to a meeting, when questions could be asked.

A player management report followed this, which were quite lengthy, budgets for next season, the manager, season ticket prices etc.

Russ Horsley has taken on the role of football club secretary, with a full list of formal responsibilities.

Football Conference issues: fines have been imposed due to a mass confrontation at Southport, this was appealed against, but was upheld, both clubs were fined, and an individual player was fined also.

Pre-season friendlies were discussed.

A.O.B. It was asked if the Co-operative would help find the costs for a professional PA system without any obligation towards the costs. Andy Briggs and Roger Barnes agreed that they would take this forward.

Some old stock to be sold in the shop.

The football club's accounts would be delayed due to the change of accounting company. The accountant involved would also be joining the club's board.

Lee Thorn then told the board meeting that he had come to an agreement with Ian Neale that would leave him 100 per cent sole owner of the ground and football club. Ian Neale would be stepping down from both companies involved with the ownership of club and ground, thus ending his day-to-day involvement with the football club. Ian Neale would provide assistance, on a consultative basis, free of charge, for as long as required. It was agreed that this change over would be concluded by the end of April.

That ended the Supporters' Director's report. The chairman thanked Andy for his work.

Player of the Year Event: Roger Barnes reported. He thanked both U16s and Youth set-ups for the work. Ticket sales were going well, with over 180 allocated, with perhaps over 200 attending. Roger's company would sponsor the programme. The BISC would present the away player of the year trophy. By about May 5th truer figures could be provided to the catering company. More chairs might have to be sourced. Trophies would be sorted, when Roger returns from holiday on May 4th, the week before the event. Comparing by Jules. Quantity of beer to be check for the event. Raffle prizes would be needed, also items for the raffle.

From Town to Town: Video and audio recordings have been started, which eventually will be on the website. The website will shortly be administered by the Town-to-Town team. Paul Sawyer met Ken Loach recently and will be interviewed for the project. Mike Turner reported good reviews for the website. Queen's Road School pupils will soon be involved in the project, recording, filming and editing material.

Memorial Garden upkeep: Needs some attention, Jim and Martin volunteered to look into it. J. Skuce pointed out that the original idea was for the football club to do the upkeep. They do mow it, but it was agreed that the Co-op should look after it.

200 Club draw: To take place after this meeting. Dave Hall again asked for a push on membership. We have lost members recently due various reasons. It was suggested that a flyer should be published to try and drive the membership forward; perhaps, the football club could help this.

A.O.B.: Mike Turner is trying to make contact with the Rugby Club via their secretary. It appears that previous discussions with the rugby club chairman, who has now resigned, were not passed on to their committee.

Eddie Stevens reported on the Youth Team's successful season, winning their league. They were disappointed with the football club's lack of interest during the season. He thanked the Co-operative for all their help during the season with the gate, team sheets, food etc. Unfortunately, they won't be involved at Nuneaton Town next season due to the football club's Academy plans. The team will be presented with their trophy at the End of Season Event. The Co-operative chairman, said that the lad's had been a complete credit to Nuneaton Town. Dave Cook thanked the Co-op for their help with the U16's. Both sides will be moving to Bedworth United.

Next meeting: Wednesday, 6th May, Coton Liberal Club, 7.30 pm. Meeting closed 9.25 pm



