



NUNEATON TOWN SUPPORTERS' CO-OPERATIVE

Meeting opens at 7.30pm, Coton Sports Club, 28th June, 2017

Present: H. Warren, M. Turner, J. Skuce, M. Ball, D. Hall, R. Barnes, B. Bruce, P. Davis

Apologies: B. Shakespeare

Minutes of last meeting: 17th May, 2017 passed as true record. Ben mislaid his notes for the 3rd May minutes, but will try and retrieve them.

Matters arising from 17th May: Acting chairman Dave Hall pointed out that at the AGM it was agreed that membership remains at £2 and life-members be reduced to £20.

R. Barnes queried if the football club have publicly recognised the NTSC's recent purchases, if not this will be pointed out to them.

Nomination of Chairman: Roger Barnes and Harry Warren stood for election, the stand-in chairman, Dave Hall had the casting vote. Harry elected as chairman, Mike Turner stood down as vice-chairman, Roger agreed to serve as vice-chairman.

Treasurer's report: General Account: £7,897.57. Contingency Fund: £8,319.82. Payments: £600 contribution to turnstiles. Income: Membership £18 plus £3 donation. Easyfundraising: £24.91.

Mike and Dave have spoken to The Co-op Bank regarding our accounts now that the Nuneaton branch has closed. The situation will be monitored. Ben Bruce queried the position of setting up accounts for future fund raising e.g. name change. At present our banking is free, but another bank could incur charges.

Community Ownership/Business Plan/Market Research: Harry pointed out that at the AGM it was asked if there was a cut off point for the market research, Ben will be sorting this.

He also pointed out that with the football club now apparently of the market, it was vital that we have our business plan in place in the eventuality of it going up for sale again at any time. Harry suggested that he spoke to SD about one or two points.

It was asked how many shares presently exist in the football club.

Roger Barnes brought up the fan-on-the-board situation and suggested trying to re-establish this, now that there appears to be a more established football club board? It may be 100?

Review of AGM: Attendance was discussed, and an effort was needed to get more involvement from the floor, in future, in any decision making, rather than relying on the board. The Q & A at the end was interesting.

Fan's Forum Review: Ben reported that it had been a success, and suggested a more regular occurrence. Although attendance was disappointing, but with more effort beforehand next time, this could be increased. More involvement from the football club would be needed next time, and perhaps the Co-op promote and a host it.

Community Sub-committee meeting: Roger presented a report to the meeting about the last meeting between ourselves and football club. It was felt to be a positive meeting.

The possibility of supporting the youth team again, with their fixtures, as in the past, with the gate, food, black-out etc. It was suggested that possible costs be obtained from the football club first. A large percentage of the team are local lads apparently.

The club shop brought up, but this will be run next season by an independent concern.

A board member offered to get a quote, for the football club, for a diagnostic check on one of the club's mini-buses, but the problem has now been resolved with the bus.

A discussion took place on the SFB boardroom and how much this facility had contributed cash wise to the football club in previous years and how this could be revived by the new set up at the football club.

The problem of lack of concessions at the gate was brought up, with little possibility of this, this season. It was pointed out that this was a reason for poor attendances last season.

Local community involvement by the football club was discussed, ball-boys etc. The football club would be pursuing more involvement.

Finally, the Co-op's role in how and how not it can help the football club was outlined.

Further meetings would be arranged.

Disabled Facility: A meeting with the Rugby Club would be needed, to explain our plans for this to them.

AOB: Mark Axon has offered to be co-opted on to the board. This was agreed unanimously after a proposal and seconder. A second co-opter could be a possibility.

Player sponsorship: Kelvin Langmead and Brady Hickey proposed.

Ben proposed more fund raising ideas for the forthcoming season, Race Night, Quiz Night etc., to help cover name change costs etc.

Ben would like to form a sub-committee to explore the creation of a hall of fame at the club.

Could coverage of home games be explored, for fans who can no longer attend games.

Post-match presentation in the club was discussed.

A hand-out team-sheet was mentioned. It was pointed out that this would affect sales of the match day programme.

It was proposed to continue our page in the match-day programme. Copy would be needed, Ben offered to produce this.

Ben is overloaded with old programmes from the club, does anyone want them, if not, could be sold on Ebay?

Next meeting: Wednesday, 12th July, 7.30pm. Coton Sports Club

