



NUNEATON TOWN SUPPORTERS' CO-OPERATIVE

Meeting opens at 7.30pm, Coton Liberal Club, 5th October, 2016

Present: B. Bruce, R. Barnes, M. Ball, J. Skuce, D. Hall, J. Hobson

Apologies: R. Miller, M. Turner, P. Davis

Minutes of last meeting: Signed off as true record.

Treasurers' report: G/A: £8105.33 C/F: £7679.77. Paid in £104 C/F. Paid out: £40 room hire. Membership report: Renewals/new members 114. Life members: 27. Corp members: 4. Total: 145 (160 last year). 6 Corporate renewals sent out 19/8, 4 returned to date.

Community Ownership: Email received stating the football club was for sale, and a brochure was attached for the sale of the ground, in the near future, through a local agent. It didn't address the idea of Nick Igoe. It was pointed out by the chairman that the key to the Co-op becoming involved was Igoe's being in on our behalf. If the ground is up for sale our ACV may kick in. This appears to be a grey area, but the sale of the ground should invoke the ACV. This is registered with the local council, but needs to be confirmed that this would happen, this was confirmed by the council a few months ago in a telephone call with our chairman at the time of the last take-over talks. SD would be able to help us with any problems regarding ACV.

It was suggested that a fan's forum, by the Co-op, would be a way of judging feelings about community ownership, and perhaps attracting some potential backers and interested groups out there. James Mathie could possibly be involved to explain how fan-owned clubs are sustained.

Perhaps the rugby club would be interested in bidding for the ground. In which case we need to talk to them.

The chairman said that at the moment we had a tentative offer of buying the football club, for the fans of the town, and the community as a whole, and we can't sit around waiting for people, we need to do it ourselves, with any help offered to us. We need to be seen to be leading the way, with other interested parties coming on board. All sports could be catered for.

Website & Communication: Ben asked for quicker responses to emails he posts, especially requiring board opinions. Some questions could be answered by the board using email responses, just to make things a bit slicker. He also reported on his work on the Co-op website, with the aim of getting members to use it more, using blogs etc.

Sub-Committee: Roger reported on the meeting with Guy Branston, who has visited Ambleside, after Roger's suggestion, to look at training facilities for his young players, he has also looked at Bulkington.

A discussion took place on the possible stocking of the club shop, the club will provide a catalogue from the supplier. It would not be tied to one supplier.

Volunteers would obviously be needed to man it on match days. Andy Pace and Brian Clarke have offered to help.

Small items of merchandise would have to be purchased by ourselves. Large items, such as shirts etc., could be supplied on a no-sale/return basis. Profits would be split 50/50 between Co-op and football club.

The model of Manor Park could be moved to the Heritage Centre.

The shop would be an ideal base at the ground for the Co-op.

Another sub-committee meeting arranged for the Monday, 10th October, 7pm.

200 Club: Dave has made further progress on completing his data base, after the theft of his bag. Emails have been sent, but there is some still missing. October draw 29th, Boston game.

Remembrance Day: Wreath to be sought, nearest date will be Stockport game, Saturday, 12th November, 2pm. Roger volunteered to officiate again. Ben to advertise on social media.

AOB: Christmas raffle tickets to be source by John, some prizes already offered, to be posted on blog that anyone who wishes to donate prizes would be most welcome too.

Roger raised the story of Jacqui Forster, suffering from cancer and been put statutory sick pay by Supporters' Direct. A fund for donations has been set up, and perhaps the Co-op should donate to it. It was decided that this could create a precedent, and perhaps private donations would be better.

Next meeting: Wednesday, 19th October, Coton Sports Club, 7.30pm

