



NUNEATON TOWN SUPPORTERS' CO-OPERATIVE

Meeting opens at 7.30pm, Coton Sports Club, 5th April, 2017

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

Apologies: None

Minutes of last meeting: Signed off as true record.

Matters arising: Wheelchairs are still at the club, and would be ready if needed at next home game, this has been agreed with the head steward and football club secretary.

The defibrillator is kept in the physio's room, and would be made accessible at home games. The point of training to use it was asked about, this is the football club's responsibility. One member of the board offered to put his name forward to be trained how to use it.

Vote of confidence: The meeting started with a statement from the chairman that he was staying with his recent decision to step down as chairman of the Co-operative. He was asked to remain in the position until next month's AGM, but he said that he intended to stick by his decision. He thanked everyone for their support over the years. He said that he intended to remain on the committee, and would continue his work with the Co-operative.

The committee member who proposed the vote of no confidence in the chairman reiterated his views for this, and said that he still stood by those views.

The vice-chairman took over the meeting. This would be rotated until the AGM.

Treasurer's report: G/A account: £9111.33. Contingency Fund: £8,267.07. Received: Easyfunding raising £25.05. 200 Club share Jan-March £588.75. 20% of above transferred to C/F fund.

The treasurer stated that the local branch of the Coop Bank will shortly be closing, we could still bank with them, But Paying in arrangements will have to be set up via local Post Office. This would be monitored.

Future of NTSC: An around the table discussion took place on recent developments within the Co-operative, with each committee member making a short statement of their feelings at the moment. This proved to be very interesting, and after a lengthy period, it was agreed that we needed to continue working within our constitution for the benefit of our members and the football club. It was agreed that it would be an absolute tragedy if this wasn't to be, both for the town and football fans of the club.

It was suggested that a fan's forum would be set up to explain the role of the Co-operative to try and dispel some of the misnomers about the group. Also a meeting with the football club chairman was agreed to be necessary as soon as possible to involve all Board members.

Community Ownership/Business Plan: It was proposed to do some market research in Rope Walk about the general public's views of the football club, Dates 4th, 5th, 6th May were proposed, and the full commitment of the committee would be needed over the three days, and anyone else who wished to volunteer. A questionnaire has been printed and would also be online shortly. A rota would be needed at the next meeting. A display would also be set up to create more interest.

Newsletter: Is now ready for publication. It was agreed to go ahead with printing, after a couple of small alterations.

Player of the Year Event: It would be a short event, possibly including the BISC, after the last home game of the season. A raffle would help cover the cost of a small buffet, with shirt prizes? Ben has spoken to the club and they are keen to see it happen. Trophies would be sorted, and replicas for the winners produced.

Fan's player of the year, Manager's player of the year, Players's player of the year, Youth Team player of the year could be presented. Voting slips would be available for Saturday's home game and the following week's home game.

AOB: A plaque has been sourced in memory of Alan Cooper, the club's kit man who passed away during this season. It would be set into the dugout, where Coops ashes were laid to rest. It was agreed to go ahead with this tribute.

Harry mentioned an interesting website, called Fans Alike, which monitors clubs' re-enactment with their fans. He will send around a link to look at.

This year's Supporters' Direct annual conference will be held their year at St George's FA Centre, more details next meeting.

The following items to be added to next agenda: AGM (Board to identify potential new Board members ahead of AGM. Fans Forum (All board members to present their ideas for format of event). Market Research, to arrange rota. Viability of shop.

Meeting closed: 9.19pm Next meeting: 19th April, Coton Sports Club.