

NUNEATON TOWN SUPPORTERS' CO-OPERATIVE

Meeting opens at 8.00pm at Fife Street Club, after not gaining entry to Liberty Way, Thursday, 21st, November 2013

Present: John Hobson, Peter Burdett, Jim Skuce, Dave Hall, Pete Davis, Mike Turner, Martin Ball, Ray Miller.

Apologies: Andy Briggs, Roger Barnes.

Chairman's report: Nothing to report only what's on agenda. Previous meeting's minutes passed as a true record.

Treasurer's report: Nothing to report.

Rugby Club meeting: With Robert and Sue Ryan of the rugby club, John Hobson, Pete Davis, Jim Skuce and Roger Barnes for the Co-op. John Hobson reported a fruitful meeting and said bridges were being built with the Rugby Club. Under discussion was the driveway, it was agreed that the Rugby Club would pay the invoice in full and be able to claim back VAT, saving some £160, the Co-op would then pay them our share. The Rugby Club offered to pay £300 plus the VAT saving, their argument being that most of the original damage was done by heavy building lorries. Dave Hall expressed the opinion that he thought the payments should be 50/50, due to it being their driveway and they being responsible for any accidents on it.

He thought that the lorries argument was wrong; the drive was at the moment in a worse state, after being repaired once, and no lorries using it now. Mike Turner said he thought that to cement the growing relationship with the Rugby Club we should push on with it. Pete Davis said that the Rugby Club might be able to get grants in the New Year towards the cost of a proper driveway being constructed. Pete Davis said the contractor would do the repairs as soon as the weather was favourable. A vote was taken, and agreed to get the work done as soon as possible, and let the Rugby Club know of our decision.

The lighting of the driveway was discussed. Ian the electrician was going to give quotes on the costs. John Hobson said the Rugby Club were adamant that they did not need extra lighting, but were willing to allow erection of lighting on their land. It was pointed out that the Peter Savage company, at the entrance end of the driveway, were shortly floodlighting a large storage area, which would help light the top end of the driveway, and possibly save any lighting towards that end.

Heritage Project: Mike Turner reported on the meetings him and John had had on Thursday, 7th November taking Judy Crabb to Thomas More School, Library, Heritage Centre and Hinckley College. He said they had met Peter Lee and John Burton, who would be of great help on the project and were willing to come on-board. He said the facilities at Hinckley were very impressive. Judy hopes to get the application off for the grant before Christmas. John also reported interest from a couple of groups in Nuneaton interested in getting involved. John and Mike agreed, that Judy Crabb was a very focused lady and doing sterling work on our behalf.

Christmas Draw: We would be selling tickets on the gate at the Chester game, and also in the club, Mike Turner had notified the football club. Mike reported voucher prizes from Cross Khukries, Heart of England Co-op, Martin has asked Frank Parker Butchers, Pete Davis offered to approach Johnsons Jewellers and possibly David Devall, these would go towards existing prizes of £200 first prize, corporate package for 2, hamper, fruit hamper, Christmas cake, wines and spirits, sweets, biscuits etc etc. and he asked for the gate table and clubhouse sales to be posted on the forum beforehand, mentioning that money raised by the raffle would go towards projects such as a driveway repair, that possibly helping increase sales. Jim Skuce asked if anything had changed regarding the date of the Christmas event, both dates being Saturday's when the football club were playing away from home. It was hoped perhaps it could be changed to a Friday night.

Player of the Year Event: Pete Davis reported on a meeting he and Roger Barnes had had with Gemma Brown of the football club regarding the event. She could provide a comedian; John Hobson said he had two groups lined up. It would be a £10 a head buffet including entertainment, with a third of bar profits coming back to the Co-operative, Mike Turner suggested running a raffle. John Hobson thought £10 a head would guarantee a good turnout from fans with a promise of as many players attending as possible. A further meeting would be held in January.

Membership survey: John and Mike have produced a survey/questionnaire with yes/no answers, which now needed looking at by the committee. Dave Hall asked when it would be going out, after Christmas?

A.O.B. Pete Davis said he had been informed of a section of Chester fans that wound up security personnel at games, it may or may not happen this weekend. He then left the meeting to attend another one. Dave Hall said the November 200 Club draw would be at the Alfreton game on Tuesday, 26th November. Mike Turner said some sizes of Co-op polo shirts were still available, if someone wanted one for Christmas. He had sold 14 of the 20 ordered. Dave Hall reminded the meeting about raffle tickets still being available, and sales were going well. John said the original winner of the corporate package for the Chester game could not make it, so it was redrawn and Richard Hamblett's name came out, and he was happy to take it.

Next meeting: Thursday, 12th December at Fife Street Club

Meeting closed: 9pm