



NUNEATON TOWN SUPPORTERS' CO-OPERATIVE

Meeting opens at 7.35pm, Coton Liberal Club, Wednesday, 25th February 2015

Present: J. Skuce, P. Davis, M. Ball, A. Briggs, P. Burdett, M. Turner, J. Hobson, D. Hall, R. Barnes

Apologies: R. Miller, D. Cook, E. Stevens

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

Chairman: Nothing to report

Treasurer: Not present.

Newsletter: Martin produced an eight-page draft copy, still several columns to fill, suggestions put forward. Aiming to publish it for the 14th March (Torquay game)

Supporters' Director: Still no notice from the football club regarding a forthcoming meeting. Andy to email Lee Thorn and Ian Neale.

Youth Team/U16s: No spokesman at meeting from either set-up. An observation was made that the Youth team manager could be getting disenchanted with the football club's attitude towards the Youth Team. The Youth Team management has held a meeting and serious doubts as to whether they will continue at Nuneaton Town next season were expressed. Dave Cook the U16s manager has spoken to Lee Thorn and was told that Ian Neale was dealing with that side of the club. If the present Youth Team disbands, the U16s could play as a youth team next season. Roger Barnes suggested that this would be a great shame if the Youth Team were disbanded, after generous support from the Co-operative, and this matter should be on the agenda when a board meeting is held with the Supporters' Director present. Andy Briggs pointed out that at the meeting between the Co-operative and Lee Thorn, the chairman had suggested a business plan was drawn up by the Youth Team and U16s showing costs involved, and he asked if this had been undertaken, in Andy's opinion, this wasn't an unreasonable request. His understanding of the meeting with Lee Thorn was the suggestion that the Youth Team carried on as an Under-21 side and this would need a business plan to show the costs involved in such a set-up.

Rugby Club Driveway: Peter Burdett presented the forms he had received from the Football Stadia Improvement Fund to the meeting. These would require information privy to the football and rugby clubs. John Hobson said he had received no reply from the Rugby Club to his recent email on this matter. It was pointed out that costings were need and any possible grants that could be obtained to present a plan to both parties.

Accounts: John Hobson to speak with the treasurer regarding the accounts presentation for the accountants, as soon as possible.

Player of the Year Evening: Roger Barnes told the meeting that he had emailed to football regarding this event but had had no reply from them, then, while away on business, he had received a telephone call from Helen Thompson informing him that the football club had received substantial sponsorship from Sketchley Grange last year, and part of that sponsorship was that the event would be held there this year. Roger pointed out to her that last year and very successful event was held at Liberty Way at the price of £10 per head. She suggested to him that they go to Sketchley Grange and ask about costing's. He pointed out to Helen Thompson that he would have to go back to his committee on this suggestion, which he did. Mike Turner told the meeting that Gemma Brown had already booked two possible dates in the football club's diary for it to be held again at Liberty Way in May. After prolonged discussion by the committee, on the club's decision to move the event, without any prior notice to the Co-operative, (i.e. would it be supported as well as last year's event, especially after a poor season on the pitch?, our members' response to travelling there?, the cost per head?, the Youth Team's involvement? the BISC attendance etc, etc). A proposal by Andy Briggs that the football club had held successful evenings at Sketchley Grange before, and perhaps a visit to Sketchley Grange, to obtain some possible costs involved should take place before rejecting the idea. Roger said he was prepared to do this, but needed to know the committee's answer as soon as possible. P. Davis, seconded by D. Hall, put a proposal forward that "the Co-operative did not take part in organising the event this year", a vote was taken, and passed by a majority decision, nullifying the previous proposal regarding an event at Sketchley Grange.

Race Night Event: Organiser, Dave Cook wasn't present at the committee meeting this evening, but Mike Turner point out that we still needed sponsors for races, horses and jockeys and all monies must be in a week before the event.

Town to Town: Second e-book on the way, College still working on website, e-books will be published on there as soon as possible.

A.O.B.: Pete Davis mentioned Jim Jarvis's Cabaret Night next Thursday, 6th March, raising funds for the Hospice. Jim Skuce suggested a mention of the death of Stan Neale in the newsletter.

Next meeting: 11th March, 2015, Liberal Club, 7.30pm

Meeting closed 8.50pm

