

Nuneaton Town Supporters' Co-operative

Meeting: Fife Street WMC – Thursday, December 12th

In attendance: Andy Briggs, Peter Burdett, Peter Davis, Dave Hall, John Hobson, Ray Miller, Mike Turner. Guests: Paul and John Sawyer. Apologies: Martin Ball, Roger Barnes, Jim Skuce.

Meeting opens 7.35pm.

Minutes of the previous meeting (21/11/13), accepted as a true record. Matter arising: Cheque for work carried out on driveway to be given to Pete Davis for delivery to Nuneaton RFC.

Chairman's Report: Nothing to report in addition to items on the agenda.

Secretary's Report: No Secretary's report.

Treasurer's report: Ray Miller reported that monies held in Co-operative accounts were as follows: £4,089.37 (Contingency a/c); £5,297.33 (General a/c). Total £9,386.70.

Heritage Project: Paul and John Sawyer introduced to meeting. It was reported that significant progress had been made and that several interested parties had expressed a desire to participate. Judy Crabb intends to submit grant application by December 20th, 2013 subject to receiving six letters of support from various organisations. Four had been received so far and the two outstanding had been pledged.

A visit to Individual Support Solutions (ISS) by John Hobson and Mike Turner has resulted in several members of that organisation expressing an interest in learning about the history of the town's premier football club. This resulted in a very successful tour of the Liberty Way stadium. The people who visited the club were given a club pin badge and scarf to take away with them.

Paul Sawyer described the research he had undertaken regarding the beginnings of football in the town and what he intended to pursue in the future.

Judy Crabb had indicated that the project would require a working title. John Hobson said that a final decision on this would be made when the structure of the steering committee was known, should the bid be successful.

Judy had also suggested that as the project develops, certain events could be organised, such as recorded interviews with former players and older supporters, to maintain the profile of the project. At this point Paul and John Sawyer left the meeting after being thanked for their attendance.

Christmas Draw: A list of prizes was compiled by Mike Turner and Dave Hall reported that £490 had already been banked, which meant that the break even figure of £235 had already been surpassed.

Player of the Year: Roger Barnes and Pete Davis are to attend a further meeting with Gemma Brown on Wednesday, January 15th 2014. Volunteer bands have pledged support subject to availability when the final date is decided.

Meeting with NTFC: Minutes had already been distributed by Mike Turner. Matters arising: Ian Neale has indicated that he would now like to receive money due from the 200 Club. He also wants to promote the 200 Club on the club website and requested a statement from NTSC indicating the amount of money raised. Mike Turner to oblige.

It was proposed by Mike Turner and accepted by those present that the first prize be increased to £500 for the December draw in an attempt to attract new members. It was decided that any new 200 Club members would have to pay cash for the December draw, plus a completed mandate for January 14 by Saturday, December 21st

Ian Neale asked if NTSC could provide certificates/badges for ball boys. This was agreed in principle.

Any Other Business: Mike Turner proposed that NTSC sponsored Mark Noon for the rest of the season (£100). This was accepted.

Mike Turner reported that he had met with Craig Bird (Chaplain and Community Director) who had expressed an interest in NTSC's activities. Pete Burdett suggested that NTFC could support any new club established in Hinckley by offering a pre-season friendly. It was pointed out that the club would have to arrange this and put out a team appropriate to the level at which the new club would be playing. The meeting supported the idea and agreed to suggest this to NTFC.

Next Meeting: 7.30pm, Thursday, January 2nd 2014 at Fife Street WMC

Meeting closed at 8.35pm.