

## **Meeting between Nuneaton Town Football Club and Representatives of the Nuneaton Town Supporters' Co-Operative Interim Board.**

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2012 at Liberty Way.

**Present:** NTFC – Ian Neale, Dave Allen, Neil Hodgson, Kevin Harris-James, Mary Mills, and Martin Winstanley. NTSC – John Hobson, Mike Turner, Andy Briggs, and Jim Astley.

Meeting opens at 8:15pm.

Ian opened by saying that the Club saw the supporters' groups as an active part of the Club. Previously this had been fragmented but he hoped that a strong Co-Operative would emerge. Jim then briefly explained the current situation of the Co-Operative, with particular regard to the organising of the AGM for 15<sup>th</sup> March. John then ran through the main aims and objectives of the Co-Operative.

**Fan on the Board** - Ian said that while the Club were prepared to offer the role to show the transparency of the board, there would be certain issues that would need to be kept confidential. Kevin said that he had been involved with Supporters' Trusts before that had created a Memorandum of Articles. Mike said that Supporters' Direct had a large library of such information available. Jim said that a document needed to be drawn up that detailed the minimum requirements of the role.

Neil asked if there had been anyone who had expressed an interest in the role? Andy replied that when the fans saw a legitimate commitment from the Club it would hopefully create an interest. Ian added that there appeared to be a gap in supporters in the 25-40 age group and that he hoped that the Co-Operative could help to find out why this is and what we can do to encourage support amongst this demographic.

**Legends' Evening** – John said that it was a concern that if the Legends' Evening was not run properly, it could be seen to tarnish the Hall of Fame that had run previously. Ian said that the Hall of Fame had been a great evening, but that was almost three years ago. Nothing had been done since and the Club saw an opportunity to put on an event that the supporters would enjoy. Andy said that the Club and the Co-Operative could work together to make sure the evening was a success.

**Sponsors' Evening** – Ian said that he hoped the Co-Operative could have a table at the Sponsors' Evening and explain our relationship and fans' opinions of the Club to potential and existing sponsors.

**200 Club** – Ian said that the original offer he made was still on the table; the Co-Operative would take over control and administration and all profit would be split 50/50. Ian added that it currently had around 78 members.

**Drag Race** – some leaflets were handed out detailing the event.

Ian said that the Club would appreciate any feedback (no matter how small) that could help improve the match day experience for supporters.

Martin said that he was working hard on improving the match day catering. There were some issues in the kiosks but he was hopeful that these could be resolved soon.