

Nuneaton Town Supporters' Club Committee Meeting.

Thursday, 2nd June 2011 at The Acorn.

Meeting opens at 7:05pm.

Present: Jim Astley, Martin Ball, Roger Barnes, Pete Burdett, Dave Hall, John Hobson, Ray Miller and Mike Turner.

Apologies: Nigel Ashfield, Mark Axon, and Jim Skuse.

4. Chairman's Report.

John said he had spoken to Judy from the BISC and they were still willing to contribute towards the memorial garden. The quote had been received for the wrought iron gates (£1450). This was accepted and John said he would place the order. Roger said that a bench was waiting but would need a new plaque and some attention. Mike asked if John could get any information on preparing the site for the installation of the gates.

At the AGM next week it would hopefully be a fairly straightforward event; present the accounts, explain what has happened up to this point, how we intend to move forward etc.

5. Secretary's Report.

Jim had nothing to report.

6. Treasurer's Report.

Ray reported that the current balance was £3421.17, although there were a few unrepresented cheques from the FA Cup Bonanza. Ray added that he has always held an ambition to create an account that money is paid into and saved for an emergency – a 'rainy day' fund. Ray suggested that we consider this as we move forwards.

Trust Business

John said he had received some communication with Jacqui Forster from Supporters' Direct and she said that Northwich Victoria are very interested in our memorial garden and would like to discuss our intentions/actions so far.

With regard to the name of the organisation, Jacqui suggested not having both 'co-operative' and 'trust' as part of the name. She suggested several and Mike thought that it was important the 'supporters' was mentioned. Pete suggested incorporating 'Borough' and Roger suggested Nuneaton Town Supporters' Trust. John suggested Nuneaton Town Supporters' Co-operative and this was agreed by six votes to one. Dave added that this name would have to be ratified by members at a later date.

John suggested rejoining Supporters' Direct (SD) as associate members until our accounts were submitted. This would allow us to receive advice and help from SD as we progress. Dave asked if he should carry on closing down the Trust. John said that more guidance from Jacqui Forster was required into 'resurrecting' the Trust.

John asked if there had been any interest from others about joining the Trust as possible committee members. Jim said he had sent Kieran Everard an email inviting him to the AGM. John said he would speak to Andy Briggs. Dave added that the new Trust board should be allowed to co-opt four people onto the board without being voted on (depending on the constitution).

Dave added that he thought it was important to consider the Trust's new objectives. He read out the objectives from the old Trust.

- To strengthen the bonds between the Club, its supporters, and the local community.
- To create a democratic organisation, open and accessible to any person regardless of age, race, gender, or disability.
- To create a platform for Nuneaton Borough supporters to express their concerns, views, and opinions.
- To acquire shares and exert influence on Nuneaton Borough FC to enable the concerns, views, and opinions of its supporters to be taken in to account.
- To create and maintain dialogue between all those concerned with the Club's future.
- To enable a democratically elected representative of the supporters to be appointed to the Board of Directors of Nuneaton Borough FC.
- To raise money to be spent in such a way as to promote the aims and objectives of the Nuneaton Borough Supporters Trust, for the benefit of the local community and all supporters of Nuneaton Borough FC.
- To promote, wherever possible, the positive image and good name of Nuneaton Borough FC.

Dave also said he would take a look at the application forms. Mike suggested that there should be a note on the form about the Data Protection Act.

Fees – Jim suggested keeping it down for the first year and offered to compile a list of Conference, Conference North and Conference South clubs to compare. Dave said that Altrincham offered a three-tier membership scheme and added that some members made monthly contributions by standing order throughout the year. John said that family memberships had proven popular in the past.

John said that a new website was imperative and Mike added that a top quality one was essential. John said that new badge was also needed.

With regard to the launch party, Jim suggested having it early August with an open meeting two weeks before where supporters could come along if interested.

John said that as from the next meeting, a list would be raised, matters delegated, and the items achieved before the next meeting.

Any other business – none.

Next meeting - AGM – 10th June at 7:30pm at Liberty Way.

Next committee meeting – Thursday 16th June – venue to be decided.

Meeting ends at 20:35.