

Nuneaton Town Supporters' Co-Operative Interim Committee

Thursday 2nd February 2012 at Liberty Way.

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

Apologies: Nil.

Meeting opens at 7:10pm.

3. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record.

4. Chairman's Report. The Halifax ticket situation was discussed at the previous meeting, with Mark agreeing to contact the Club and offering to pick up tickets and make them available for supporters to collect at Halifax's stadium. Mark reported that NTFC had been open to this arrangement, but HTFC had said no due to Police advice. The Secretary of Halifax said that she was unhappy with the need to segregate as it cost the Club money due to less fans traveling and the additional costs of segregation. Andy suggested posting something on the website to advertise the fact we had made an effort to help our supporters.

5. Secretary's Report. Jim advised that the planning for the AGM was ongoing. He collected nomination forms.

8. Corporate Membership - John said he would send the leaflets to the printers.

9. FA Cup Bonanza - Mark Noon has arranged a Middlesbrough shirt signed by Gaizka Mendieta. John also said he was preparing a goals DVD that could be shown before the match and be made available for sale on the day.

10. DVDs - We have sold 17 so far.

11. Any other business.

- A thank you letter from the Hospice regarding the Co-Op's donation of the Christmas hamper was read out.
- With regard to a meeting with the Club, it was agreed the same people (Jim, John, Andy and Mike) would attend. Items to be discussed include;
 - I. Memorial Garden - Jim asked if the Club insisted on a fee, could the Co-Op cover it when required? Mark suggested asking the club to justify the cost. Andy said it appeared to be profiteering and suggested that if the club insists on the £50 'admin fee', that they should provide a breakdown of the costs involved in order to justify the fee. Pete said that Crematoriums charge as they are a business, but a Football Club should be more community minded. John said that if a fan was being placed into the Memorial Garden, then it was certain he was a long-standing fan who had given a lot to the Football Club over the years. Mark said that in his opinion, if we wanted the MG to be free to all supporters, we should be prepared to administer it. Jim suggested looking at how other clubs deal with this issue. Roger suggested offering Co-Op members a plaque to remember them by after they have passed on. Dave asked if the Club were required to keep records? Mike replied that the Club would, but that Devalls had offered to assist in this. Mike said he would be prepared to help with maintenance if necessary, but the grounds men had sufficient time on their hands to maintain the garden, in his opinion.
 - II. 200 Club - The original offer from the Club was to take over the running and split all profits 50-50. Jim S. suggested leaving it until next season and re-launching it with a re-vamp. Andy said that it had a negative image, but this was the only real downside. A renaming/re-launchng would solve this problem. Andy suggested agreeing to the original offer if it was still on the table. John said that if we can't reach an agreement, look at doing our own thing.
 - III. Legends' Evening - Jim A., Mark, and Roger agreed to meet the Club to discuss further.
 - IV. It was reported that Ian Neale had refused to allow collection tins for the Mary Ann Evans' Hospice to be placed on the bar.

12. Next meeting was set for Thursday 16th February at 7pm at Liberty Way.

Meeting Ends at 8:45pm.