

## **Nuneaton Town Supporters' Co-Operative Interim Committee**

Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> July 2011 at Liberty Way.

Attending: Alan Cooper, Dave Hall, Pete Burdett, Martin Ball, John Hobson, Mike Turner, Mark Axon, and Jim Astley.

Apologies: Roger Barnes, Jim Skuce, Ben Bruce, and Ray Miller.

### **3. Minutes of previous meeting.**

John said he had written a letter to invite Marcus Jones MP and Mark said he had invited Allen Ford and was waiting for a reply. John said he had ordered the buffet for the launch night. He has used the Club as he thought it was always appropriate to use the Club in such circumstances. John added that he ordered the badges, and they were expected to arrive in around two weeks.

Dave asked if we had picked a player (or two) to sponsor for the upcoming season? John said we would pick Mark Noon and one other. Mike said he would organise it.

John said he had done the membership cards and would pass them on to Ben to order. He would suggest ordering a stamp as well.

The press release had been almost done and could be sent out very soon. Mark said that website was ready to go, but content was needed. He had also started a Facebook page.

John had some content for the newsletter to pass on to Martin. Jim said that the next few weeks would generate a lot of content for both the newsletter and the website.

Dave said that changing the name of the bank accounts was an ongoing process.

With regard to the FSA, Jim had taken a look at the website, and it appeared that all necessary changes could be made online if the log in details could be located. Dave said he would have a look and get back to him. (Change of title and change of registered address is required).

Dave said he had sent out invites to all the old Trust members and John offered to do the same to all the old Supporters' Club members.

### **4) Chairman's Report.**

John said he taken delivery of the fencing for the memorial garden and it was excellent quality.

### **7. The Trust**

- a) Report from SD Fan's Day.

Jim read his report from the seminars he attended (see attached document).

Mark discussed the lecture he had attended on the benefits of Trusts having influence in Clubs, and Mike said he had been to a seminar about the constitution that had been delayed, but was to be released soon.

Jim, Mark and Mike all agreed it was very useful, and while it may not be particularly evident straight away, it was a good base for the future.

- b) Launch Event.

Jim ran through the work he had done on the agenda for the launch evening (see attached document). It was agreed to discuss this further next week when the special guests had been confirmed.

- c) Dave Sharpe – Jim said he would email him soon about the launch evening.
- d) Hospice – Dave said he had spoken to Janet Kavanagh from the Hospice. She was very pleased that the NTSC had decided to link with the Hospice, and had promised to attend our launch evening.
- e) Membership cards (see above).
- f) Press release (see above).
- g) Bank accounts (see above).
- h) FSA (see above).
- i) Badges (see above).

## **8. Memorial Garden.**

Mike said he pegged it the site, but this may change due to the location of the grass from Manor Park.

Mike said he had procured a list of materials we would need from Ian Neale. Jim had shopped around and the best he could find was £484.10 plus VAT from Travis Perkins. TP would donate a bag of Cotswold chipped stone in return for a mention in the NTSC literature on the garden.

It was agreed to go with TP, although Jim offered to look into replacing cement with postcrete after several recommendations from Committee members.

## **9. PA System**

Mike reported that Roger had performed a survey off the ground with Mark Mortlock with regard to improving the PA system. Dave asked if we had adequate funds and if we should be topping up the money the Club intended to spend? John replied that we had Trust money and Supporters' Club money available and it was exactly the sort of thing we should be focussing on. Mike agreed and added that if we were to wait for the Club to update the PA system, it may take a long time. Mark said it showed a signal of intent to supporters.

The new system would cost £1400 and it was agreed to move ahead.

## **10. Any Other Business.**

The aims were discussed and the following were adopted (many thanks to Mike Turner for organising);

- To strengthen the bonds between the Club, it's supporters, and the local community that it serves.
- To raise money to be spent in such a way as to promote the aims and objectives of the Nuneaton Town Supporters' Co-Operative for the benefit of the community and all supporters of Nuneaton Town.
- To create a platform for Nuneaton Town supporters to express their concerns, views, and opinions.
- To work with the Club to improve the match day experience for all supporters.
- To encourage and promote the principle of supporters representation on the board of any company owning or controlling the Club and ultimately to be the vehicle for democratic elections to the board.

Next meeting – Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> July at Liberty Way – 7pm.

Meeting ends at 9:07pm.