

Nuneaton Town Supporters' Co-Operative Interim Committee

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

Apologies: Pete Burdett and Roger Barnes.

Meeting opens at 7.10pm

3. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record.
4. Chairman's Report – John said he had spoken to a few people about the Co-Op – Chris Peat, Joe Baker and Mark Grimes.
5. Secretary's Report – Jim A. said the preparation for the AGM was going well and he would be sending some stuff out presently.
7. Report of meeting with Club – Mike said his main question coming out of the meeting was what were the long term plans of the football Club (and Ian Neale) moving forward? Roger said we need to act responsibly, prepare ourselves and be a safety net.

With regard to appointing a Fan to the Board, Jim S. asked if there were any rules about appointing a deputy in the event that the elected fan was unavailable? John replied that Supporters' Direct would assist with this. Andy said that the Club seem to want a Fan-director in the boardroom where it should be seen as having a fan in the boardroom and a director on the terrace. Mark said he can partly see the Club's point of view in that it is good for a Fans' Rep. to talk to sponsors, visiting directors, FA officials etc. Andy said that the Co-Op need to decide on the role but require the Club to provide information on timetables and their ideas on what being the Fans' Rep. will entail. Jim S. said it would be helpful to have several meetings on this subject alone, while Mike suggested talking to Supporters' Direct and other clubs with fan-directors. Mike added that a possible open meeting to discuss the role with supporters might be helpful. Jim S. said a newsletter might be in order to ask fans their opinions. Dave added that he used to put newsletters in the library.

200 Club – John said we may need to re-think the rules, and we would, at least have to contact members about the changes. Roger said that it was important we bang the publicity drum on this subject. Andy agreed and added that it was showing that the Co-Op were listening and doing something.

John said that Ian Neale had asked about the Co-Op maybe doing a survey of some sort. Mike said that we could maybe ask about whether fans prefer Mondays or Tuesdays for home games? Andy said that smaller surveys could be added to the Co-Op website.

8. Board Member Development Day – John, Mike and Andy would be in attendance.
9. Corporate Memberships – leaflets had arrived from the printers.
10. Disabled Stand – Roger said that the planning permission the old Trust obtained for the disabled stand was due to run out in May. Roger said as the Trust did not own the land, they would have trouble obtaining grants. Andy suggested getting a response from the Club before spending any money. Jim said he would take the plans to work and take a proper look at them. It was agreed to extend planning permission.
11. DVDs and 12. Heritage website were postponed due to lack of time.
13. PA system – Roger reported that rats had chewed through the cables again. Mark Mortlock and himself had fixed it that afternoon and put capping around it. It was agreed to pay Mark £40 for his work.
14. Bike Ride to Solihull Moors – It was agreed to split the funds 50/50 with the Mary Ann Evans' Hospice. Dave agreed to contact the Hospice to check this was acceptable, and to get permission to put the logo on our posters etc. Mike suggested contacting Solihull Moors to see if we could arrange a collection inside their ground.
15. Any Other Business.
 - Mike said we needed to be very firm with the Club on the subject of arranging a minute's silence. He added that the Club claimed to be a Community Club so this should be an important part of that. Mike suggested maybe having a minute's silence on the last game of the month to remember those recently passed on. If possible we could write the policy and pass it onto Club for approval.
16. Next meeting was set for 7pm on Thursday, 8th March at Liberty Way.

Meeting ends at 9pm.