

Nuneaton Town Supporters' Co-Operative

Meeting on Thursday, 17th May 2012 at Coton Liberal Club.

1. Meeting opened at 7:35pm.

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

Apologies: Jim Skuce and Mark Mortlock.

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

Action Points 3/5/12

1. Email SD about Gift Aid – Jim A – done, awaiting reply.
2. Bring some Corporate Membership Forms to the next meeting – done.
3. Prepare for FA Cup Bonanza Day – Jim A & John – done.

4. Chairman's Report – John said we did better than he expected at the Bonanza.

5. Secretary's Report – N/A

6. Treasurer's Report- Ray said he had received about £800 to £900 from the bike ride. Dave said we could contact the Hospice to hand over the money. Ray said that in his opinion, they FSA might have mixed up the paper work at their end as they differentiate between Trusts and Societies. Mike said he would contact them.

7. FA Cup Bonanza – Jim A said that, as next year we would be running the 200 Club, it may be worth altering the FA Cup Bonanza day? Jim A suggested halving the entrance fee and halving the prize money. It would still be a good day and the prize money would still be worth winning. Jim A also suggested having a manned table in the bar for all home games. This could be a focal point for the Co-Op and would create a routine where fans knew where to find us.

John said that it would be worth investigating the running of a raffle in the away end.

Mark handed out and explained the Euro 2012 sweep/prediction competition he had devised. It was agreed to go ahead with it and Mark agreed to send it out and promote it.

8. Corporate Membership – two memberships have been received so far. It was agreed to arrange a meeting of the corporate sub-committee soon to discuss marketing.

9. 200 Club – Roger described how he had recently met with the Club concerning the 200 Club. Roger produced a detailed report that explained the current situation and gave his recommendations for moving forward. Following discussions, Andy agreed to make an action plan for moving the 200 Club forward, as it was felt that we were not making progress on this issue. A preliminary action plan was discussed and the following was drawn up

- The first draw would be the August Draw; this would take place in the last week in August.
- All payments must be received by the 20th of the month.
- Contact the Club and explain the situation
- Does it need a new name? If so, what?
- Contact all current 200 Club members/all ex-200 Club members/ all Co-Op members/all Boro fans
- Do we need a license to operate? John said he believed so. You can obtain one from the Council.

10. Disabled Stand – Roger reported back from the meeting he had recently attended with Mick Bates, Kevin Ward and Ian Neale. Ian's plan is to build a hard standing area next to the Memorial Garden with a hard path into the stadium. There would be a raised wooden platform with access ramp to a sheltered area for disabled supporters. Ian was investigating the costings.

Andy said that his company had a Corporate Responsibility Policy that encouraged his staff to spend time each year working on a community/charitable project. Andy thought that a 'bus shelter' type stand like Mick Bates had suggested at our previous meeting could be something that his staff could deliver. However, he would wait and see what Ian comes up with, although he would be prepared to send the architect down to produce some drawings. Roger said there was a meeting scheduled for next week.

11. Merchandise Sub-committee – the Sub-committee agreed to meet on Wednesday 23rd (This was later changed to Tuesday 22nd).

12. Any other business

- Roger said he needed to contact Terry Angus and Gary Fitzpatrick to get the shirt/ball signed.
- Jim A explained the Last Man Standing game. It was agreed to run with it next season.
- Roger said he run an Antiques Road Show type event at the Rugby Club a few years ago. Would it be worth trying it at Liberty Way over the summer?
- Mike asked for discussions on the membership boost (maybe using the scoreboard as an incentive?) to be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

13. Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 31st May at Coton Liberal Club, 7:30pm start.

Meeting ends at 9:30pm.

Action Points 17/5/2012

1. Contact the Hospice to arrange presenting cheque from bike ride – Dave.
2. Mike to contact the FSA.
3. Promote and distribute Euro 2012 sweep/predication game – Mark and Jim A – all members.
4. Corporate Sub-Committee arrange meeting.
5. 200 Club action plan - Andy.
6. Investigate obtaining a license from the council for running a lottery – Jim.
7. Merchandise sub-committee – meet.