

## Nuneaton Town Supporters' Co-Operative

Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2011 at Liberty Way.

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

Apologies: Ray Miller.

Meeting starts at 19:15.

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

4. Chairman's Report – Co-Op member and long time Boro' fan Dennis Hogben had sadly passed away. John said a stone was being prepared for the MG to remember Alan Cooper, and a stone for Dennis would be appropriate as well. John said he arranged a wreath from the Co-Op for Alan on behalf of the Co-Op.

7. Meeting with the Club (27/10/11) – John said that the Club had seemed very keen at the meeting. Roger asked if the question of financial indemnity had been discussed. John replied that it was not considered necessary at this juncture, but the Co-Op would finance it if the situation changed. Andy said that indemnity might be considered to protect a director from being sued by a disgruntled employee. Roger said we would need to clarify with the Club that if there were a deficit at the end of the financial year, would the elected director be responsible for a percentage? Dave added that any expenses could be claimed by a fans' director from the Co-Op if necessary.

Andy said there were still items to be discussed, but he felt the meeting was overwhelmingly positive. He added that a document should be created that would detail what the Rep. would know, and what he can share with the Committee. Jim A said that the Rep should be encouraging the Club to share as much information as possible. Andy said that the Rep should not just put on a suit and disappear. John agreed and added that it was important that the Committee helped him in his role. Jim S said that the Rep was there to offer the Club information on what the Club are doing, as well as offering help. Andy said that it was important we clarify the role before we ask fans to volunteer for the position.

- Legends' Evening – The Committee felt the date of December 2<sup>nd</sup> was unrealistic in arranging an event that would do the concept justice and suggested re-arranging it for February/March time. Jim A offered to speak to Mark Grimes with regard to the 'Old Players' Club'.
- Scoreboard – Roger said that from his recollection, an adequate scoreboard could be purchased for circa £1250 but that spending around £2-3k would give better value for money. Roger said he would speak to Mark Mortlock about the scoreboard. Andy said it was very important that the Co-Op keeps some revenue from advertising and link this in to our Corporate Sponsorship.
- Robbie Burns Fund Raising Event – Andy said that this would set a precedent for the Co-Op that was unwanted. A testimonial for a long-serving player would be different. Mike said that the Co-Op had other priorities, and John agreed, adding our responsibilities were to the supporters. Roger suggested giving Robbie Burns a percentage of the raffle profits.
- Charity Event for Mary Ann Evans' Hospice – The Committee agreed to support this event. Roger suggested organising the walk round Bosworth Battlefield, as this had been a successful fundraiser in the past.
- 200 Club – Mark said that this was beneficial to both parties, and Andy said that with the Club offering us control of the bank account, it was far more attractive. Jim A said that one person would need to take charge of it and Jim S said a re-launch would be beneficial. Mike suggested all profits could be saved for long-term projects.
- Christmas Raffle – Mike said we should target the game on December 17<sup>th</sup> for a big push and a date to do the draw. Prizes include a hamper, cake, spirits, wine etc. Mark said he would contact Allen Ford about a possible prize. Roger said as soon as the prizes are confirmed we could get a flyer done and on the Co-Op and the Clubs' websites.

8. Memorial Garden – Mike said the step had been lowered and the ball on the plinth would be in place soon. The opening ceremony had been pencilled in for 1:30pm and Mark said he would advertise this on the website and the Facebook.

10. Any Other Business,

- Mike asked if we could advertise the [www.easyfundraising.com](http://www.easyfundraising.com) website amongst supporters as it could be a good source of income.
- A sub-committee of Mike Turner, Dave Hall, and John Hobson agreed to look at Corporate Sponsorship.

Next Meeting set for 10<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm at Liberty Way.

Meeting Ends at 9.18pm.