

Nuneaton Town Supporters' Co-Operative

Thursday, 15 September 2011 at Liberty Way

Present: Jim Astley, Mark Axon, Andy Briggs, Jim Skuce, John Hobson, Alan Cooper, Dave Hall, and Mike Turner.

Apologies: Ben Bruce, Martin Ball, Ray Miller, Pete Burdett, and Roger Barnes.

1. Meeting opens at 19:07.
3. The minutes of the previous meeting are accepted as a true and accurate record.
4. Chairman's Report.

Auditors – Chris Peat is not currently qualified but would be after December. He offered to find someone who would do it free of charge. Mike suggested it would be better to let Ray organise the current set of books with the old auditor and let Chris do it from next year.

Website – needs content. A sub-committee of Mike Turner, Jim Astley, Andy Briggs, John Hobson and Mark Axon was formed to move things forward.

There had been a good uptake on the FA Cup Bonanza.

5. Secretary's Report.

There are currently 115 members.

8. Memorial Garden.

John said that Damien had offered to come back and hang the gate. He also offered to do a plaque so suggested we think about possible wording.

Mike said we had received £100 from the Co-Operative's Helping Heart Scheme towards the MG. It was suggested by the Co-Op that they might be able to give us vouchers that could be passed onto our members. Mike added that he had recently planted some bulbs and John offered to get some more.

Mike said he emailed Devalls but had yet to receive a reply.

John said he had managed to borrow a boat to help clean the river area, Andy said if that did not work he could arrange an access platform.

10. Any Other Business.

- Dave said he would liaise with John when sending out letters to ex-Trust members who had not yet joined the Co-Operative to ensure no duplicates were sent.
- Mark said it had been suggested on an Internet forum that membership fee should be lowered to attract new members. John said that it would cause more problems than it would solve and people could pay monthly if they were short of cash. The membership fee had been carefully researched and had been discussed and agreed upon.
- Andy said it was important to encourage people to suggest things, and Mark offered to make a note of forum suggestions and bring them to the Committee if they have merit. Jim said that he thought a more formal approach for bringing up ideas may be appropriate, but Andy said we should be more inclusive and modern.
- John asked what the Co-Op's next step should be with regard to the Club agreeing to have a Co-Operative representative added to the Board (in some capacity). Andy said we need to be clear what we want when dealing with the Club, but that our first step should be acknowledging Ian Neale's comments. There is no chance that the Club would renege on their offer after making it so publicly, but they may qualify it. John said he had contact with other Directors (not just IN) that may be helpful as we move forward. Andy said that in his opinion, the Supporter's Representative needs to be a full director. Mark said that we need to know what the Club's offer is first. It was agreed to research our position.
- It was agreed to have tables at the next two games to attract new membership,
- Andy said that a new newsletter was important and that a section asking for feedback on each newsletter would be helpful.
- Andy said a decision from the Club on whether Co-Op members got FA Cup ticket priority (and 10% discount in the shop) may attract new members.
- Mike said we would soon need to start organising for fund-raising. One idea was a sports/football quiz

Next meeting set for Thursday, 22 September 2011 at 7pm.

Meeting ends at 8:45pm.