

Nuneaton Town Supporters' Co-operative

1. Meeting opens 7.35pm on 20th June 2013 at Coton Liberal Club.
2. Present: Jim Astley, Jim Skuce, Dave Hall, John Hobson, Pete Burdett, Ray Miller, Mike Turner, Roger Barnes, and Martin Ball.
Apologies: Mark Mortlock, Ben Bruce and Andy Briggs.
3. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Action Plan

1. Prepare for AGM – ongoing – Jim A – ongoing.
 2. Change paperwork/website to 'Nuneaton Town Supporters' Society Limited' – ongoing.
 3. Set up an online 'dropbox'. John – done, login details distributed.
 4. Mark investigate scoreboard – Mark is away.
 5. Arrange day at SD Supporters' Summit – John said he would book tickets – booked. It was agreed that entrance fees would be paid by the Co-Operative.
 6. Visit accountant – Jim A – done, see below.
 7. Attend meeting with Ian Neale – done.
4. Chair's Report – John said he had recently updated the minutes available on the website, uploaded the amended membership form, and written a few stories for Facebook and Twitter.
 5. Secretary's Report – Jim A had nothing to report.
 6. Treasurer's Report – Ray had nothing to report.
 7. AGM Update/Accounts – Jim A presented some accounts he had prepared with an accountant. Jim A asked what the situation was with shares? Dave replied that the shares have a nominal value, and are awarded to members when they join and revert back to the Co-Operative if they fail to re-join. Jim A asked if there were any loans outstanding? Ray replied that these had been paid off several years ago. Jim A asked if the Co-Operative had any investments? Ray replied that we did not. Jim A said he would finalise the accounts and get them sent off to Chris Peat.
 8. Report from meeting with Ian Neale – Mike read through the minutes.

"Could the Co-Operative look to appoint a sub-committee to communicate with the Club to speed up discussions? It was agreed to discuss this at an upcoming meeting." The Co-Operative have done this previously (Jim A, Mike, Andy, and John). It was agreed to keep this sub-committee moving forward.

"What are the aspirations of the Co-Operative?" 1. To strengthen the bonds between the Club, its supporters and the local community that it serves. 2. 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. 3. To create a platform for Nuneaton Town supporters to express their concerns, views and opinions. 4. To work with the club to improve the match day experience for all supporters. 5. To encourage and promote the principle of supporter representation on the board of any company owning or controlling the Club and ultimately to be the vehicle for democratic elections to the board.

"Would the Co-Operative be prepared to work with the Club's Community Foundation?" As mentioned previously, the Co-Operative would be prepared to meet with a representative from the Foundation to discuss the possibility of working together.

"Key principles of the Club and the Co-Operative? Short and long term goals of the Club and the Co-Operative? Commercial support and assistance to promote the Club? Fund-raising initiatives? Growing the fan base? Identify skills sets to assist the Club? Establish a tri-way relationship with the local authority? Attracting funding to develop the stadium for the benefit of the Club and the supporters." Ray said that it was difficult to answer these questions while an uncertainty remained over the direction of the Football Club. Mike said there was a definite willingness to co-operate moving forward.

9. 200 Club – Dave reported that two people have left the 200 Club, but a new person has joined. The draw is scheduled for next Tuesday, 25th June.
10. Scoreboard – Mark is away. Roger said Mark is busy at work. John said he would email him to discuss the situation.
11. Any other business
 - Mike, John and Martin were scheduled to meet with Marcus Jones MP tomorrow (Friday 21st June) to discuss various matters, including the registering of the ground as a community asset, and the new bill for football governance.
 - Roger said he had two possibilities for the clock to be presented to Kevin Wilkin. After looking at photographs, it was agreed to purchase the more expensive one.
 - Mike suggested meeting with the Rugby Club soon.
12. Next meeting is set for Tuesday, 25 June 2013 at 7:30pm at Coton Liberal Club. Meeting ends at 9:30pm.

Action Plan

1. Prepare for AGM – ongoing – Jim A – email Chris Peat and finalise accounts.
2. Distribute dropbox log in details to all – John.
3. Contact Mark about scoreboard – John.
4. Publish minutes after IN has signed them off.
5. Meet Marcus Jones MP – Mike, John and Martin.
6. Attend Supporters' Summit – John, Mike, and Jim.
7. Purchase clock – Roger.