



NUNEATON TOWN SUPPORTERS' CO-OPERATIVE

Meeting opens at 7.30pm, Coton Liberal Club, 21st Sept, 2016

Present: R. Miller, M. Turner, J. Hobson, D. Hall, M. Ball, R. Barnes, B. Bruce

Apologies: J. Skuce, P. Davis

Minutes of last meeting: Signed off as true record.

Treasurers' report: G/A: £8,145.32 C/F: £7,575.77. £23 paid into C/F. Membership report: Renewals/new members 111, life members 27, Corp members 2, 4 to be chased up. Still 20 or so members to renew. All board members to help chase up renewals.

Sub-committee meeting: Dave Hall reported a positive meeting with Guy Branston.

200 Club membership of the players was raised, Guy Branston to investigate, and since, six forms were passed to football club for possible memberships. Dave has letter ready to send to football club regards 200 Club, but held it back after possible interest forthcoming. Agreed that any shortfall to be split between Co-op and football club.

Roger Barnes reported that Guy Branston was looking for training facilities for Academy players, and he had taken him down to Ambleside club to look at their facilities, with the view of building up a community relationship with the football club in this way. Roger suggested that the Co-op should again give help towards the youth team, this would be up to to individuals volunteering their help.

A display, one one match day, in the club, from the Town to Town Project. This would need help with.

Dave Hall mentioned at the meeting the situation of Andy Pace and the club shop. At the moment, the shop has hardly any stock, and perhaps the Co-op could buy some merchandise and sell it in the shop. Any profits would be shared with the football club. Perhaps the Co-op could use the shop as a base on match days. It was agreed by the committee that this could be possible. A meeting with the club would be needed on this matter.

The disabled facility was discussed. Roger Barnes mentioned a meeting with the Rugby Club chairman, and showing him the plans for this. He asked if he could show the plans to the Rugby Club committee, and would get back to Roger.

Roger also reported that Guy Branston mentioned that the football club were concerned with personal abuse some people were receiving from certain fans on match days.

Community Ownership/James Mathie: Mike and John have had a video-conference with SD's James Mathie, regarding community ownership. Lots of matters were discussed, but basically what would happen is a financial specialist on community ownership, Nick Igoe, would seek to ascertain what the football club is worth etc, and what would be needed financially, via a share issue, to run the football club within community ownership. Two clubs, Peace Haven and Gray's Athletic have recently done this. This would obviously need the football club's full co-operation. SD are willing to attend meetings with the football club to give us the help needed on community ownership. The next step would be to send an email to Lee Thorn stating that the Co-operative wished to buy the football club and ground on a community ownership basis.

An enormous amount of work would be needed to following this through, but seeing the way the club is going at the moment, something needs to done immediately. We have nothing to lose at this moment in time. This was agreed by the committee, and that this approach should be made.

AOB: Dave Hall raised the question of starting the Christmas Raffle preparations now and not in November as last year. PayPal account on membership form now seems to be working now.

Ben Bruce will be looking into the Co-op website and social media, with a view to doing a re-vamp of all.

A newspaper cutting was produced, regarding Jacqui Forster of SD, suffering from cancer, and a fund that has been set up to help her, we would look into this.

Question for next meeting with Community Officer, "where are the wheelchairs we provided at the club"?

Meeting ended: 9.10. Next meeting 5th October, Coton Sports Club, 7.30pm

