

TUST MEETING 16 APRIL 2007

Those present:

Chris Fleet	CF	Simon Cavanna	SC
Jon Gibbs	JG	John Lear	JL
Hayden Jones	HJ	Phil Smith	PS
Stephen Breed	SB	Andrew Fiderkiewicz	AF
Kevin Rye	KR	Laurie Noble	LN

Meeting opened at 19.52 by CF - everyone present.

Opening agenda discussion
Ran through minutes of last meeting.

CF tried to contact club for clarification re. presentation on pitch - response he got was that there were all in a meeting.

Matters Arising

HS sorted printing costs - £120.00 for 400 copies - all colour - 24 pages

CF to sort out player of the season

AF letter to be sent from former Chairman or CF re Trust

Supporters club not officially folded. Members voted to merge with Trust. Letter to be worded correctly and signed off by Laurie/CF.

Any existing funds from club to go back to Torquay United Football Club officially. Supporters club to give approx. £2,000.00 to trust. Some may go back to the club. Everyone happy with decision.

All post to go to 45A Palace Avenue, Paignton.

Letter headed paper would be more professional. HJ to design it preferably before AGM - 15 May 2007.

Cheque Presentation

CF spoke to Chris Curle. He is happy to do a presentation this Thursday 19th April at the Grand Hotel. Either photo with a cheque for £600.00 or a photo presenting the cheque.

Early evening slot - as many people as possible - photo's to be taken.

CF to contact him again to finalist time - approx. 5.30pm

Everyone happy with the matters arising from last meeting.

Introduction of Laurie Noble

Very knowledgeable of non-league football. Born in Torquay. Coached football at The Warberries School for 15 years. Now retired. Got a financial background. Willing to help out where he can. Used to board matters.

Prepared to be elected at AGM to become Secretary.

All present voted unanimously to vote him onto board.

Kevin Rye

Had concerns about Trust. Visit was to talk about the Trust to carry on by themselves. He has done all he can. Passed on information to Trust to gain as much knowledge about running Trust as they can and how to function in the best possible way. AT stated that the commitment is there from the Trust board. SC stated that one problem the board has is that they never know who is in charge at the Club from one week to the next. KR said it's not important who is in charge but whether the Trust has a say in matters which is important and getting members to join up. The Trust must make sure that banking is run correctly at all times. Any problems setting up account, etc., get on the phone to him and he will try and help.

HJ is being contacted with matters that are not his responsibility. Members on the board need to take responsibility for their roles on board.

Trust should be aiming to get around 10% of gate numbers to run healthily.

HALF TIME

KR added if Trust needs any help then get in touch with him. He will give advice and support if he can. SB asked him for any email addresses for other Trust Secretary's for information that he can use.

Financial Implications on Relegation

Blue Square and Setanta involved with this. Trust wants to get information as to what is going on. PS to look into it and will possibly do a statement for next meeting.

Recruitment Drives

CRF thinks all members should take this idea away with them and think individually for ideas and how to recruit new members. AF stated there was one box of leaflets left. CF thinks we should try and give them out to fans at last match. AF will look into the situation. SB will push for recruits at away matches. AF and LN will look into all of this.

KR suggested Trust joining Chamber of Commerce.

All new members to receive a Welcome Pack. SB to pass paperwork for this to AF and LN.

SB will make sure any members who have not received magazine or welcome pack

will get them sorted on Tuesday 17th April.

Player of the Season

Statement did not get to Herald Express on time. Amended version agreed as better than original. Statement said that it is not the Trust who decided but the football club but the Trust did offer its services. Amended version was re-amended at tonight's meeting so that it could be sent off to the Herald to be published this week.

Pay Pal Account - Website

Pay Pal will take small fee for using service. People abroad to be charged extra due to fee and postage, etc. KR mentioned using Google. Fee for members abroad to be sorted. Information to be collected on postage rates, etc.

Corporate Membership

CR spoke to Nick Bye. Financial implications from local businesses. Need to work out rates and what going to get for their membership. SB suggested mail dropping. Board needs volunteers for working group. HJ volunteered as did LN, SC and SB. Suggested dealing with this between themselves via email.

Planning of Agendas

Anything anyone wants discussing should be sent to Secretary in plenty of time before next meeting so that it can be on a fixed agenda with everyone knowing what is to be discussed.

Any items wanting to be discussed to be sent by email to SB

Financial statements to be discussed monthly.

Open Meeting

CF suggested meeting for fans in approx. 2 weeks time. CF spoke to Nick Bye to see if he could come along. Suggests inviting local M.P.'s, club officials, etc to come along and make meeting open to everyone. Trust Board to run meeting. Format needs sorting.

AGM

Cannot have people applying for positions. They have to be nominated by 2 people. These people have to be members of the Trust. Need to hold elections within 6 months. Process needs to be run by someone who is totally independent to the board. KR suggests getting somebody from Exeter to chair the meeting.

Open meeting pencilled in for two weeks. KR will come back with answers to election process. CR thinks it is vital that members should have an open voice even if election does not take place

Everyone voted for meeting to take place.

Emails read out re; youth development policy.

Meeting closed by CRF at 22.35 with giving thanks to all who attended.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TRUST

STEPHEN BREED
SECRETARY T.U.S.T