

MINUTES of the meeting of the Board of Torquay United Supporters Trust held on Monday 4 June 2007.

Present: Chris Fleet (CF) (Chairman)
Hayden Jones (HJ) (Vice-Chairman)
Phil Smith (PS) (Treasurer)
Laurie Noble (LN) (Membership Secretary)
Maria Lunn (ML) (Secretary)
Simon Cavanna (SC)
Jon Lear (JL)
Jon Gibbes (JG)
Andrew Fiderkiewicz (AF)

Also present: Matt Williams (MW)
John Mowl (JM)

1. **Apologies**

There were no apologies for absence

2. **Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman and Secretary.

3. **Introduction of John Mowl and Matt Williams**

The Chairman introduced John Mowl and Matt Williams to the meeting. Matt is part of the Youth Development Team and John was Chairman of Moor Green Football Club for seven years. In that time he was responsible for obtaining planning permission for the erection of floodlights (he took on the Council and won).

He had been asked to attend in the hope that he would be willing to assist the Trust in their efforts to help the Youth Development side of things.

Matt Williams then addressed the meeting and advised that he would be speaking with Colin Lee over the next few days. He had compiled a list of projected costings (see list attached) but it may be that this will change following his meeting.

His list contained a breakdown of all costs for all teams for the season and totalled approximately £29,000. It was felt that this was an area where the Trust could help with raising funds and awareness. It was hoped that we may be able to help perhaps with sponsorships, etc. However, we would need to liaise with the football club on this particular point. We needed to aim our assistance at the 10-16 age groups as the 16-18 group would be self funding via the College.

A few of the options suggested were sponsoring the kit or transport.

Further discussion took place and it was agreed that a Working Group would be set up initially with Matt Williams and John Mowl who would work out a plan of action. It was hoped to get local business involved and look at funding from other sources including Barclays Bank Football in the Community and the Blue Square Premier League. When this was sorted out then the Working Group would include a member of the Consortium together with members of the Trust to take the matters forward. It was agreed that Jon Gibbes would liaise with Matt and John in the first instance. It was hoped that a plan would be in place so that it could be put forward at the next Open Meeting of the Trust.

HALF TIME BREAK

4. **Monthly Meeting with Consortium**

The next meeting was scheduled to take place on Wednesday 13 June 2007 at 2pm at Boots and Laces. It was agreed that the following would be in attendance: Chris Fleet, Hayden Jones, Simon Cavanna and Maria Lunn.

5. **Protocol to work with Consortium**

See attached document.

6. **Details of First Discussion with Consortium**

It was agreed that we would utilise the document received after the Open Meeting together with our suggested solutions. The issue of Share Issue would be added to the list.

LN had been speaking to colleagues regarding the programmes and it was agreed to take his suggestions to the meeting .

7. **AGM**

It was agreed that the Board should consist of 6 elected members and 3 co-opted members. Therefore nominations would be sought for 6 members.

The secretary advised that the timescale was 10 weeks to allow for nominations to be sent and returned, then ballots paper sent out and returned in time for the election results to be announced at the AGM. It was therefore suggested that we aim for a Saturday in mid September for the AGM to enable as many members as possible to attend.

It was agreed that an independent third party needed to manage the election process and Dave Treharne was suggested.

The secretary would formalise the nomination process and announcements would be in the magazine, in the press and on the website.

8. **Open Meeting**

It was agreed that the next Open Meeting would be held on Friday 22 June 2007 at Boots and Laces.

9. **Any Other Business**

CF advised the meeting that he had been asked by Colin Lee to walk around the ground and see where the Trust could possibly help.

Under the grandstand there is a gym which now needs renovating. The gym equipment needs replacing and it was suggested that the Trust could take it or bin it, whichever they wanted. The changing rooms also needed updating with new baths, etc. The old office was in a terrible state and again needed total redecoration.

It was suggested that we need a group who were willing to give up a couple of weekends to help clear out these rooms and help with redecoration, etc. The Club would provide the materials and it was hoped the Trust would provide the man power. It was thought that 15-20 people would be enough for two 8 hour weekends.

It was suggested that the first weekend would be used to remove all the rubbish and the second weekend would be used for the decoration, plumbing, etc. It was hoped that we would be able to utilise skills from the database to help with his project and it was agreed that perhaps this could also be mentioned at the Open Meeting.

Other areas which needed to be looked at were the Away End where both the ladies and men's toilets were disgraceful and again skilled personnel were needed to help in these areas. Also the area behind the Away Stand had been used as a tip and this needed to be cleared.

The area on the Pop Side near the Bowling Alley fire exit was suggested could be used by the Trust and also by the 50/50 ticket sellers. This area needed brightening up.

It was suggested that as good PR that some of the players may be asked to help on these weekends. CF would ask as Project Manager and would itemise what was needed.

It was agreed the weekends in question would be 30 June and 1 July for the clear out day and 7 and 8 July for the specialist day.

AF asked if we had yet contacted the members who were on the Board of the Supporters Club. It was agreed to write to them at the same time as the magazine is sent out.

HJ advised that there were still some changes to be made to the website particularly following the resignation of Stephen Breed.

HJ advised that he had been contacted by Serena Webber about community messaging. This was free and could be done by email message or message to your mobile. It could be used as an extension to the boards.

There was a meeting of the South West Footfall Trust to be held at Bristol Rovers on 14 June 2007 and it was agreed that CF and HJ should attend. PS suggested that the expenses for this item should be paid by the Trust.

PS had contacted Lloyds and it would seem that we can now do a direct debit which was in contract to this last communication. We are not a Trust in the eyes of the law, we are an IPS. PS had forms which needed to be completed and these would be sent to Lloyds in the hope that we could set up the direct debits.

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