

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Torquay United Supporters Trust held on Monday 13th August 2007 at Boots and Laces at 7.45pm.

Present: **Chris Fleet** **(CF)**
 Hayden Jones **(HJ)**
 John Lear **(JL)**
 Phil Smith **(PS)**
 John Mowl **(JM)**

Apologies for Absence:

Laurie Noble **(LN)**
 Jon Gibbs **(JG)**
 Andrew Fiederkiewicz **(AF)**
 Simon Cavanna **(SC)**
 (SC aplogised in advance at previous meeting)

point	report	action
1.00	Apologies were received from Laurie Noble, Jon Gibbes & Amdrew F	
2.00	Minutes of last meeting were read	
3.00	Matters arising	
3.01	Standing order forms are now a priority PS, AF & JG to work on this ASAP a copy of the form will then need to be mailed to HJ or CF to get to the printers in time for letters going out to members re: elections	PS, AF JG
3.02	Unsure about SC having spoken to Capital Gulls re: bounced cheque HJ to follow up	HJ
3.03	HJ working on T-shirts for TUST members / volunteers	HJ
3.04	Corporate membership forms waiting to go to printers	HJ
3.05	Fixture posters are in process of being designed to go to Colour works for printing approx print run of 150 initially	CF HJ
3.06	Discussion of TUST stall in popside to be related in point 4	
3.07	J&G Harbour were invited to meeting by CF to head a working group re: junior gulls, invite refused due to points to be discussed in point 4	
3.08	PS has written to Lloyds TSB head office at Taunton to see if we can get a high interest account set up and is awaiting a response.	
4.00	Treasurers report	
4.01	PS Awaiting talks with AF & JG re: standing order forms advised this is now priority	PS
4.02	Approx £4,000 in account	
4.03	PS reminded CF that we would go for SO for membership rather than DD due to excessive costs of setting up DD	
5.00	Membership report	
5.01	LN previously advised CF membership is now up to 406	
6.00	Report on discussion with Alex Rowe	
6.01	HJ & CF attended a meeting with AR earlier in the day, Alex read the email sent to him from CF which was posted on the TUST board previously, matters arising from this were as follows -	
6.02	The kids day planned for the end of the month is a no – goer due to lack of time however it can be worked upon in the new year when things have settled down more within the club. AR explained that things had been very hectic and the last few months had almost been a case of crisis management due to time scales.	
6.03	AR has allowed us permission to use photo-copier for fixture posters however the need for this has been negated due to the deal brokered with colour works	
6.04	Torbay's got talent has been overtaken by events	

6.05	Having a permanent place in the popside well has in principle been agreed	
6.06	Leaflet distribution has been approved on condition that the club see the leaflets prior to distribution, however it was agreed not to overkill with leaflets with having a presence inside the ground.	
6.07	AR to chase up regards the promise of a TUST article in matchday programmes	AR
6.08	AR agreed that he will set a board member as a point of contact upon his return from holiday. Any email communication in the interim will come from CF directly to DB with a copy to AR at all times.	AR CF
6.09	Stewarding issues were discussed, AR seems very positive re: TUST taking on the stewarding and will find costings for a match day	AR
6.10	AR was also excited by the idea of kids for a quid and will find costings for 7 – 16 year olds on a match day	
6.11	AR pointed out there will be a fans forum on September 7 th , there was no mention of any TUST involvement by either us or him CF to request a table for membership applications	CF
6.12	CF bought up the subject of J&G Harbour not being involved because no child's buggy's were allowed inside the ground due to H&S reasons. A discussion followed where HJ also mentioned about disabled fans being unable to attend some games. It was suggested in the interim to section the away end to allow buggy's & wheelchair access, however the main thrust which could well be a valid TUST project was suggested by HJ that we build a terrace section in 'no mans land' between the old grandstand and the away supporters section, this would be a disabled section of the ground. CF then went on to suggest that the old police box, toilet block and canteen be removed then re-built in space behind away stand thus freeing up space for overflow fans. AR pointed out that at some point a new grandstand will be built so great expense needn't be spent on terracing. CF to meet with architect to talk about plans for behind away stand, AR to have site meeting with board to discuss ideas.	CF AR
6.13	HJ requested a presence on official website – this needs to be followed up AR said he will chase it upon return from holiday	AR
6.14	CF requested that the TUST have a bucket collection during home games a figure of three or possibly four collections during the season was suggested and accepted by AR, It was suggested that we have key matches and Exeter game was highlighted, AR to look into this and confirm upon his return fro holiday.	
7.00	Words from John Mowl	
7.01	Prior to JM speaking CF re-affirmed what a working group was intended to be ie the group went off and did whatever they needed to do with one member of that group being a board member to report back to the board.	
7.02	JM thanked the board for the invitation to attend the meeting. JM felt that the latest TUST magazine despite having a lot of hard work put into it may have missed the point of saying what we do as a trust PS gently pointed out that there were articles showing what we had done re: sports scientist etc, this was acknowledged but JM quite rightly pointed out that there was nothing about what we plan to do in the future. IE disabled areas, YDF football in the community etc	
7.03	JM's main point was regarding fund raising. He felt that he was out on a limb and wasn't sure about how to go about raising funds. CF was pointing out that as a working group he could raise funds any way he wanted and that would be YDF money. JM was more concerned about raising money in general. After a lengthy discussion HJ pointed out that one of the ways he saw fund raising for YDF was through council, govt funding etc as well as individual funding. After some further discussion CF asked JM if he would consider being co-opted onto the board as fund raising co-ordinator. The rules and parameters would have to be set, however JM would oversee corporate membership / fund raising as well as organizing his own working group to raise funds as he sees fit, he would need to liase with the club to an extent to make sure he won't be treading on their toes, however he would basically have free reign to do as he wishes as far as raising funds for the trust goes. JM would work closely with LN as membership secretary and be allowed access to our database	ALL

