

**Minutes of Torquay United Supporters Trust Meeting**  
**1<sup>st</sup> October 2007**

Present: Chris Fleet (CF) in the Chair  
Hayden Jones (HJ)  
John Mowl (JM)  
Laurie Noble (LN)  
Andrew Fiderkiewicz (AF)  
Chris Partridge (CP)

Apologies: Phil Smith

<p><b><u>Chairman's Opening Remarks</u></b></p> <p>CF welcomed CP to the meeting and explained that CP had some proposals to make regarding "Junior Gulls" (see specific item below).</p> <p><b><u>Minutes of last meeting</u></b></p> <p>Minutes of last meeting (17<sup>th</sup> September) were read, approved and signed.</p> <p><b><u>Matters arising</u></b></p> <p>Capital Gulls cheque still outstanding. To be followed up.</p> <p>Web site design ongoing with Danny Corder who is back from holiday.</p> <p>CF has set up a data base for match posters which will now be maintained.</p> <p><b><u>Finance Report</u></b></p> <p>As the finances had been reported in detail at the recent SGM and in view of the absence of PS no report was tabled.</p> <p><b><u>Membership Report</u></b></p> <p>As a full report had been given at the SGM, LN updated the meeting on his resolution of issues with three "claimed" members.</p> <p><b><u>SGM/Future Board</u></b></p> <p>Various criticisms of the SGM were discussed and it was noted that Maria Lunn had taken notes which would be needed for the records.</p>	<p>HJ</p> <p>CF</p> <p>CF</p> <p>AF</p>
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<p>LN was confirmed by all as Membership Secretary.</p>	
<p>Until a Secretary is appointed AF will write meeting notes.</p>	AF
<p>After some discussion it was agreed that as CF and HJ were the only potential candidates for Chairman, they should meet separately to discuss the matter and report back.</p>	CF/HJ
<p>CF noted that PS had agreed to remain as treasurer until a replacement is appointed (CF has two potential candidates).</p>	CF
<p>It was agreed that JM would assume the role of Fund Raising Co-ordinator and that HJ would continue as Press Officer.</p>	
<p>CP suggested that a job description be set out for each executive role and it was suggested that a separate meeting might be held to move this matter forward.</p>	
<p>It was suggested that both Jon Lear and Jon Gibbes might be approached to see if they would undertake some form of non portfolio role in the new Board.</p>	CF
<p><b><u>Any Other Business</u></b></p>	
<p><b>Fund Raising/Business Plan</b></p>	
<p>JM tabled his thoughts on three distinct policy areas. He also agreed to table a draft Business Plan for discussion at the next meeting. In this context AF raised the issue of the draft “protocol” relating to the relationship with the Club. He agreed to forward a copy to JM in case it was of use in formulating the draft BP.</p>	JM AF
<p>Discussion took place regarding members’ standing orders and it was agreed that specific projects should be linked to payments as it was felt that this would be more productive than non specific payments</p>	
<p><b>Future Meetings</b></p>	
<p>AF tabled his thoughts on future meetings. It was agreed that the fixed agenda concept would continue with standing items always appearing and other items either being covered by one off agenda items (given notice) or by AOB.</p>	AF
<p>AF suggested moving to a four week or monthly cycle for meetings. After discussion it was agreed that future meetings would be experimentally tried on a cycle of two meetings every five weeks i.e.three weekly then two weekly.</p>	ALL

<p><b>Liaison with the Club</b></p> <p>Discussion on the potential pitfalls of paying players' wages were discussed and it was agreed not to take any action on this matter without full discussion by TUST Board</p> <p>At the SGM a clear mandate had been given, by the membership, in favour of the idea of TUST funding a specific area for disabled supporters to watch matches. This idea is to be raised with the Club at a suitable juncture.</p> <p><b>Postal Issues</b></p> <p>LN raised questions about confidence in the postal system as it was thought that some mailings had not been delivered to the PO Box. CF is to raise the matter informally with his Royal Mail contacts.</p> <p><b>E Mailing</b></p> <p>CF tabled the concept of using e mail addresses for communications with as many members as possible via a specific software package at a cost of \$5 per month. It was agreed that CF and HJ follow up the idea.</p> <p><b>Junior Gulls</b></p> <p>CP outlined various ways in which he had raised the profile of junior membership while he was employed at Doncaster Rovers. He offered to co-ordinate a similar approach for Junior Gulls in liaison with Simon and Sandra Keefe. Currently CP is unable to commit to being co-opted to the Board however this was not felt to be an obstacle and the idea was readily accepted by all.</p> <p><b>Venue, Date and Time of Next Meeting.</b></p> <p>Next meeting will be at B &amp; L at 19.45 on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2007.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>CF</p> <p>CF</p> <p>CF/HJ</p> <p>CP</p> <p>ALL</p>
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