

Minutes of Torquay United Supporters Trust Meeting
22nd. October 2007

Present:

Hayden Jones (HJ)) in the Chair
 John Mowl (JM)
 Laurie Noble (LN)
 Andrew Fiderkiewicz (AF)
 Phil Smith (PS)

Apologies: Chris Fleet (CF)

<p><u>1. Chairman's Opening Remarks</u></p> <p>HJ opened the meeting by stating that he and CF had agreed to exchange roles (CF to become Vice Chairman) and that he now had the burden of trying to emulate CF in serving the TUST.</p> <p>It was agreed by all present that the Board should formally record its thanks to CF for all of the hard work that he had put in during his chairmanship.</p> <p>HJ then welcomed PS. The Board then formally ratified the continued co-option of PS as treasurer. PS stated that he would continue in the role until a replacement could be found.</p> <p><u>2. Minutes of last meeting</u></p> <p>Minutes of last meeting (1st October) were read, approved and signed.</p> <p><u>3. Matters arising</u></p> <p>Capital Gulls cheque still outstanding despite a call to Alan Merson. To be followed up.</p> <p>Web site design ongoing with Danny Corder who is back from holiday. HJ will now progress the matter.</p> <p>CF has set up a data base for match posters which will now be maintained.</p> <p>AF noted that Maria Lunn had not yet provided the minutes of the SGM and her agreed to progress the matter.</p> <p>It had been 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. However, Chris Partridge had indicated that he would after all be available to progress the Junior Gulls concept and it was agreed that HJ would speak to</p>	<p>CF</p> <p>HJ</p> <p>HJ</p> <p>HJ</p> <p>CF</p> <p>AF</p> <p>HJ</p>
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<p>CP to see if he would be available for co-option and that the other two potential co-options be left on the table for the moment.</p> <p>AF had forwarded the draft “protocol” relating to the relationship with the Club to JM who had considered it when writing his draft Business Plan (see below). It was agreed that a formalization of the links with the Club was still needed but that it wasn’t a pressing need at the current time.</p> <p>The e mail addresses software package idea was held over pending feedback from CF</p> <p>The Junior Gulls proposal was held over pending the co-option of CP</p>	
<p><u>4. Finance Report</u></p> <p>PS reported that a balance of £4,400 was at bank and that the fee for FSA annual registration had been paid.</p> <p>It was noted that, in addition to the above balance, £515 had been collected during the Stevenage match. It was agreed that HJ should formally make the Club aware of this achievement and that the money was reserved.</p> <p>The Board confirmed that this sum is to be reserved pending allocation to a suitable joint project with the Club.</p> <p>PS reported that SO’s totaling £156 per month were now in hand. PS will notify AF of the donors so that he can give their contact details to HJ for formal thanks to be sent to each individual.</p> <p>Any reprint of the SO form will need modification to allow for a fixed start date.</p>	<p>CF</p> <p>HJ</p> <p>CF</p> <p>HJ</p> <p>PS/AF/HJ</p> <p>HJ</p>
<p><u>5. Membership Report</u></p> <p>LN reported that applications had slowed down recently.</p> <p>The current number of members is 441 but this includes two for whom the payment cheque had been referred to drawer. LN is to write to give the relevant persons notice of expulsion unless payment is forthcoming.</p> <p><u>6. Report on Meeting with the Club on 11th September</u></p> <p>As the notes had been previously circulated by e mail LN highlighted issues for further action/discussion.</p>	<p>LN</p>

<p>Item 3 (Youth Policy): JM made clear his concerns that there might have been a misunderstanding by the Club Board representative of the TUST role. JM stated that he had been misquoted and that no commitment had or could be made by the TUST without it being ratified by TUST Board.</p>	
<p>After discussion, JM's view was confirmed by the Board.</p>	
<p>Item 5 (Stewarding) and Item 11 (Kids for a Quid): As insurance on the former item might now be an issue and due to TUST's re-prioritisation of its projects it was agreed that TUST should leave both matters in abeyance for the time being. This to be communicated to the Club.</p>	HJ
<p>Item 7 (Letter of Thanks): It was noted that no letter had been received by TUST and that a suitable time might still become available (perhaps in the Club match programme) for the Club to record its appreciation of the various projects which TUST had undertaken. HJ to raise the matter again with the Club.</p>	HJ
<p>Item 9 (Pop side well): Matter to be held pending input from CF</p>	CF
<p>Item 10 (Application Forms): HJ to raise issue of use in 200 Club and to find out how much an advertisement in the club match day programme might be.</p>	HJ
<p>Item 11 (Joint Project): AF highlighted the remit for the proposed disabled fans' area which had been given at the SGM. It was noted that, although current funds were probably not sufficient yet to underwrite the proposal, TUST must now push this idea forward as its single most important project. JM agreed to become Project Manager and he and HJ were given authority to request a meeting with the Club to drive the idea forward. If the Club supports the idea then JM will co-ordinate formulation of a feasibility study.</p>	HJ/JM JM
<p><u>7. Trust Business Plan</u></p>	
<p>JM tabled an updated version of his Plan together with an Aims and Objectives synopsis. He outlined the thought process behind his ideas and after discussion it was agreed that members should consider significant issues and bring back their thoughts and suggestions for enhancements to the documents pending their introduction.</p>	ALL
<p>HJ thanked JM for the work put into the documents thus far and stated that the matter will form a separate agenda item at the next meeting.</p>	

<p><u>8. Any Other Business</u></p> <p>AF noted that he had been approached by Lloyd Bristoe of the Stevenage Supporter’s Club. AF had been given a copy of a spreadsheet tabulating the Clubs in the BSP League and he passed it to HJ for consideration as to how TUST respond.</p> <p>AF raised the issue of formalizing the accounts as at a particular point in time in relation to the SGM. He agreed to discuss the matter and agree relevant actions with PS and Jon Gibbes.</p> <p>LN raised the issue of commercial sponsorship. AF commented on the fact that no Companies appeared to have beaten a path to TUST’s door as yet and JM stated that we should not set our sights too high. It was agreed that the matter should not be treated as a priority at the moment.</p> <p>HJ stated that the Club had asked for 12 volunteers for the fireworks display. HJ had asked for specific detail of what was needed but had not had a response as yet. HJ to further ask what was needed as it was felt that assistance might possibly be given.</p> <p>HJ asked AF to consider undertaking a specific portfolio. AF stated that he currently did a lot of work behind the scenes and was maintaining the membership database, co-ordinating mailings, as well other varied duties. As a result he could not guarantee giving additional time due to his personal circumstances. HJ agreed to make separate contact with AF on the issue.</p> <p>HJ stated that the next posters would be available at the start of November.</p> <p>HJ gave a brief verbal report on his attendance at the meeting of Trusts. A lot of very useful contacts had been made and a number of ideas had been forthcoming. HJ stated that he was to write a briefing note which would highlight specific matters for consideration and attention prior to the next meeting so that the matter could be properly considered.</p> <p>9. Venue, Date and Time of Next Meeting.</p> <p>Next meeting will be at B & L at 19.45 on <u>12th. November 2007.</u></p>	<p>HJ</p> <p>AF/PS/JG</p> <p>HJ</p> <p>HJ</p> <p>HJ</p>
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