

# Dundee FC Supporters' Society Limited

## Moving Forward Together

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### DFCSS LTD. BOARD MEETING – MINUTES

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August, 6.00pm, Boardroom, Dens Park Stadium, Dundee

**Present:** Bill Brewster, Dave Forbes, Scott Glenday, George Harris, John Keith, Maurice Kidd, Stuart Murphy, Colin Reid, John Knight, and by telephone Fraser MacDonald and Graham Smith

**Apologies:** Jacqui Robertson

Scott welcomed everyone to the meeting and a special welcome was given to John Knight who gave the Board an overview on the VAT liability of the group.

#### 1. **Tax**

John stated that we crossed the VAT registration threshold of £70,000 revenue excluding donations in January this year (the limit is now is £73,000). The VAT liability is a net figure of £1429.31 as we can claim back any VAT we have had to pay from our own suppliers /expenses.

Maurice asked if we were likely to breach the VAT threshold this coming year and John stated this was down to the level of membership income. Within this income is a donation element though and this could be shown separately on future literature to further reduce our liability. Technically we are a victim of our own success.

It was decided to register for VAT and settle what we are due, and to then explore the options going forward including corporation tax liability.

Scott thanked the Finance team for their work in the area of taxation and at this point John left the meeting along with Fraser and George. The minutes and matters arising were moved to the next meeting in the absence of the Secretary.

#### 2. **DSA**

Concerns were raised about the invitation process for Saturday's AGM as various members of the committee did not know about it as well as some of the member clubs. It was felt that if nothing is coordinated with this group in time that we might have to pick up the pieces.

George is going to organise the meeting and was contacted by Scott and Stuart by phone at the end of this meeting, where the outline agenda for Saturday was clarified, and they expressed concerns that some clubs did not know about it.

#### 3. **Matchday Activities and Merchandise**

John's PC is not functioning and because of this has not downloaded his agenda/itinerary. It is in hand though. Community brochures will not be issued this weekend.

Stuart Galloway is to deliver ballot boxes to the stadium on Saturday and will collect them at 3pm. All Society Directors are reminded to ensure that they cast their vote in the ballot.

The Legends' Lounge initiative has been postponed this weekend.

The Boardroom guests for this coming Saturday are John and Marilyn Burke, David Gray and Chris Campbell and Margaret and Alice.

Sales of Gold starter packs have been disappointing. This should be publicised better. Scott proposed that we create a small, low-priced badge to assist with selling items.

George is dealing with framed shirts.

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### **4. Various Groups**

George has interest from between 5 to 8 corporate members but details are to be confirmed. Graeme Brymer is to liaise with Maurice Kidd in connection with the business flag.

A photo opportunity is to be used to publicise the Seniors group when the inaugural meeting takes place.

We are to be asked by Ian Rae to supply footballs etc to help with his schools visits.

The Club are to receive 150 complimentary ice rink tickets as a result of a joint agreement.

Maurice is dealing with a suggestion regarding Overseas Dees.

Ray Stephen is keen to help with the Former Players Association.

Two letters of complaint have been received regarding Junior Dees and Colin is dealing with these. Colin has ordered helped the club to order 350 badges for Junior Dees.

### **5. Communication**

Details of the DSA AGM are to be added to the website. Any future cheque presentations or boardroom visits are to be shown.

### **6. Boardroom Feedback**

Harry MacLean has stood down for the club board but remains in his role as Chief Executive. Stuart and Scott have thanked Harry both in the press and face to face for his input to the football club board.

Student Fresher Week activity will be raised at Board level on Monday.

Maurice advised that as part of the celebration for the club's anniversary of winning the league a new club tie is to be produced.

### **7. AOCB**

George is seeing to plans for a Society office space.

George McGregor's proposal of donating his shares to the society for access to the Lounges on match days was discussed and Stuart is to speak with George in this matter.

Dave is keen to help out in any way he can with stadium tours.

It was felt by the Board that the members' meeting went well. Wave 102 will put out a piece on the radio reminding members the importance of voting and there will be further articles in the Evening Telegraph.

Live streaming of matches abroad requires a license fee of £5k per season. The away day proposal is progressing.

The meeting closed at 1pm.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

The next Society board meetings are scheduled for Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> September.