

Dundee FC Supporters' Society Limited

Moving Forward Together

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DFCSS LTD. BOARD MEETING – MINUTES

Saturday 26th February 2011, 10.30am, Andy Penman Lounge, Dens Park Stadium, Dundee

Present: Bill Brewster, Dave Forbes, Scott Glenday, George Harris, Ron Hill, John Keith, Maurice Kidd, Fraser MacDonald, Stuart Murphy, Colin Reid, Graham Smith.

Apologies: N/A

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Society Board Meeting held on 22nd January were proposed by Graham Smith, seconded by Maurice Kidd, and unanimously approved. The minutes of the Society Board Meeting held on 27th January were proposed by Dave Forbes, seconded by Graham Smith, and unanimously approved.

2. Finance Update

Bill has sent emails updating our funds position yesterday. The finance team proposes to do an internal audit, which the board approves. The proposed reps on the DFC board, proposed financial director, and Bill will meet the finance group to discuss.

Bill is looking for read-only access to online banking and while no fees would apply now, the coming removal of cheques (mid-long term) may change this.

3. Community Plans

Craig Feret covers 10 schools at the moment, is lacking staff, and has been passed names of volunteers to check their capabilities and suitability. Visits begin 2/3 March with 2 players. Fraser asked if we could ascertain how many schools there were in total in the area, in order to give context as to our present coverage.

Attempts are being made to meet with the Asian community, Boys' Brigade, and Scouts. Nothing has happened yet with the Junior Dees, and Dave is requested to provide a timescale and cost.

A meeting dedicated to community projects is to be arranged. The Former Players Association needs players to run it, but the vision of what it is needs to be clarified.

4. Membership

Ron, Colin and Fraser are continuing their meeting from earlier today by Skype tomorrow. Progress has been made with letters, packs, etc. sent out, and Scott thanked Colin and Ron for this. Art McGuinness is looking at marketing with other volunteers. Future hospitality should meet today's standards.

5. Volunteer Initiative

Kenny Valentine joined the meeting for this section. He is collating a list of jobs needed by Jim Thomson, including painting the Cox/Shankly breezeblocks, including toilets (2 decorating firms helping); redo flooring in the Penman; discuss with Fire Brigade how to increase Penman capacity; spruce up the merchandise hut in the South Enclosure; and other outstanding jobs from last summer.

These efforts need to be publicised. Kenny has also been contacted by a management accountant based in Dundee, offering his services. If any directors need particular volunteers, they should send Kenny a job description.

A draft survey has been prepared and we should consider what we want to know, including questions on membership benefits, what a community club means, and people's matchday spend and usage of facilities such as the Penman Lounge.

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6. Events & Merchandise

The supporters' clubs' 7-a-side competition will take place at Dens on 1st May and should coincide with an open day and barbeque. Event coordination remains a problem. A meeting with the sub-committee is scheduled.

All merchandise should be separate from the Society if at all possible. Barry Davidson is to ask Alan Provan if he would consider re-ordering scarves and continuing to donate the proceeds.

The bike raffle tickets have arrived and will be sent to mclubs to sell. Posters are also needed.

7. Sub-Committee Update

A productive meeting was held this week with the group more actively involved. Another meeting is planned on 10th March. Member clubs are to confirm numbers for the Player of the Year dinner by 12th and pay by 26th March. George will resend the changes Fraser made to the list to ensure all contact details are up to date.

8. Matchday Activities

Today's itinerary was sent earlier this week as usual. A piper has been approved, and sponsorship for a band is being investigated.

There is now no Penman Lounge sponsor unless corporate members have selected a match.

9. Communications

There have been five articles on the website this week, and the programme done, but Danny Smith will now take over the programme. A reporter for the Penman, Scott Lorimer, is also now in place.

10. Individual Action Plans

Fraser is to resend his, while Stuart, Colin, Ron and Dave have still to submit theirs.

11. AOCB

Scott proposes a renovation of the hut in the south enclosure.

Suggestions are sought for what to do with the giant Dee4Life banner.

Date of Next Meeting: The next board meeting will take place on the morning of Saturday 26th March at 10.30am in the Tay Taxis office, Clepington Road, Dundee.

The meeting closed at 12.30pm.