

Dundee FC Supporters' Society Limited

Moving Forward Together

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DFCSS LTD. BOARD MEETING – MINUTES

Saturday 26th March 2011, 10.30am, Tay Taxis office, Clepington Road, Dundee

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

Apologies: Maurice Kidd (present at continuation on Wednesday 30th March only), Dave Forbes.

1. **Management**

With community meetings having taken priority on Thursdays, a revised action list (excluding any completed or regular tasks) has been circulated, and should be updated to Fraser by email each Thursday. Directors should step up and take responsibility for their own areas, without the need to copy all of the board on everything. It may be useful to collate actions/questions, particularly with regard to the club itself.

In terms of reporting back from fans rep(s) on the board of Dundee FC, it is felt formal guidelines need to be specified so that expectations are clearly set out in job-description form. If any area is felt by the Society board to require a particular “party line” then this should be agreed in advance, and deadlines need to be communicated back to the Society board. Stuart is to check when pricing input needs to be given for next season.

Recent uncertainty over who can accompany fans trackside highlights that procedures should be written so that all know where they stand. It may be worth looking into identification for Society board members on matchdays, although a shirt and tie approach may be alienating for some fans.

The meeting was adjourned at 12.30pm to reconvene at 7pm on Wednesday 30th March in the same location, when Maurice Kidd joined the meeting and Graham Smith participated by conference call.

2. **Finance Update**

Projections for the Society until the year-end will not be available until the end of April (although it was noted it could not be any later than this, given then year ends on 30th June). Bill indicated we are likely to be VAT liable and will need to register, issue formal invoices etc. This is a natural consequence of our growth, particularly in terms of membership.

Fraser had provided considerable feedback to Bill on the half-year accounts, which Bill will now discuss with the finance team.

Bill reported that the invoice for legal fees had now been corrected to account for our prepayment.

A proposal was made by Scott to cover costs of up to £1100 on the painting project organised by Kenny Valentine, with all in favour except Fraser, who felt on point of principle this should be classed as stadium maintenance and therefore a club, rather than a Society, account. The final amount should be lower since many items are agreed on a sale or return basis. Bill reminded that a VAT receipt would be needed!

3. **Football Club Issues**

Several proposals of friendlies have been made: the postponed match with Dundee United; a “fan-owned” friendly with FC United of Manchester, who are keen to come up; and a match at Lochee United to thank them for their assistance this season. Obviously arrangements would need to be made in conjunction with Barry Smith. It is not clear what the exact procedure is for arranging such matches, and Stuart is to ask regarding all three at the next meeting of the club board.

Also, the drop dead date for discussion on season tickets and pricing for next season is to be ascertained, along with arrangements for the Junior Dees.

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4. Membership

Scott expressed disappointment at the lack of progress in marketing and selling packages especially with a marketing group existing for two months. Action is required before the end of the season. A marketing meeting is scheduled for Saturday 9th, but this will be too late for the game on Sunday 10th, so actions must be initiated now.

5. Community

The community group reviewed things last Thursday and will brief the full board before any announcements are made.

Fraser is to pursue a draft survey, ideally to use at the next home game. He will clarify the ownership and status of this with Kenny. John is to arrange volunteers.

6. AOCB

All directors are to confirm action plans and update task lists by Sunday 10th. Fraser will collate actions including Thursday feedback (by email rather than weekly calls).

Approval of minutes is postponed until the next meeting to allow sufficient time to review them.

We have had a proposal to arrange stadium tours, which George will progress with Jim Thomson. This will be promoted on Wave102 and initially restricted to Gold members, as an added incentive to sign up.

John is looking for a trophy for the crossbar challenge, and Maurice recommended Trident Trophies, who may be interested in sponsoring this. Fraser reiterated the need to get all Player of the Year trophies back for engraving.

Colin asked all directors to stop by the Legends Lounge and introduce themselves to the Platinum members on Sunday.

Bike raffle tickets are now on sale.

Date of Next Meeting: The next board meeting will take place on the morning of Sunday 10th April at 10am in the Andy Penman Lounge, Dens Park Stadium, Dundee.

The meeting closed at 10.20pm.