

Dundee FC Supporters' Society Limited

Moving Forward Together

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DFCSS LTD. BOARD MEETING – MINUTES

Saturday 9th January 2011, 10am, Andy Penman Lounge, Dens Park, Dundee

Present: Bill Brewster, Dave Forbes, Scott Glenday, George Harris, Ron Hill, John Keith, Maurice Kidd, Fraser MacDonald, Stuart Murphy, Colin Reid (until 3.45pm), Graham Smith. Grant Hill also attended part of the first section.

Apologies: N/A

1. Communication

Scott brought the group up to speed with Grant Hill's appointment and the work he had done so far, helping with Stuart's speech and Dave's comments among other press and radio coverage. He has also prepared a draft manifesto. Scott would like all other members of the group to have a higher public profile.

Grant needs background information to answer press queries, although Fraser queried whether this might put him in a difficult position regarding confidentiality. Scott's view was that we needed to balance an "official" approach to things with taking on board the help offered, citing other examples, although Fraser reiterated to the group the need for absolute confidentiality when dealing with members' personal data.

Scott as chairman has overall responsibility for the group and it was agreed he should sign off on any collective Society statement. The board is to be copied at or before the time of release on any statements to avoid learning of them second-hand. Other directors can deal with their own specific areas of course and release statements through Grant.

Grant then joined the meeting, outlining his background with the Courier and Evening Telegraph for five years, followed by freelance work and now serving as press officer for Dundee University. He is here to help the Society however he can, and feels we need to sell the idea of community ownership to address remaining scepticism. We should go out and meet people in the community rather than only addressing the same couple of hundred who might turn up to meetings at Dens, and pubs are sure to be accommodating if we want to set up meetings. This is something Fraser had mentioned previously in terms of addressing people outside our regular football community.

Grant has discussed this new role with his boss and has no conflict of interest except that he can't comment on the CVA since the university is a creditor. He sees himself as being the point of contact for journalists although this is something which we will need to move towards gradually with all that is happening just now. Scott asked everyone to be proactive behind the scenes in terms of ideas, and Grant had one suggestion already which was to invite a reporter to cover the work volunteers put in on a matchday.

Grant addressed concerns about confidentiality and assured us that he was used to handling such enquiries, on/off the record conversations, etc. and would be comfortable advising journalists that he would take their queries to the relevant director and get back to them.

Fraser is to copy Grant on the minutes of our meetings although Grant will not be in attendance.

2. Boardroom update

Stuart gave an update on progress made before yesterday's meeting with creditors.

A meeting should be scheduled with Stuart, Bryan and our legal advisors. The timeline for due diligence also needs to be established, along with putting funds into an escrow account and who would set this up. Any further questions for Bryan should be sent to Stuart.

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3. Preparation for Volunteers Meeting

Scott would open with a prepared statement which he read to the board, before handing over to Stuart as fans' rep and Dave as community director to cover their areas. Scott would then introduce every director and their area of responsibility, so that volunteers could approach them as appropriate.

Unfortunately a breakdown in communication meant the bar would not be open.

Dave was to collate forms and reply – this task was subsequently given instead to Colin.

The board meeting was adjourned at 1pm for the volunteers meeting, and reconvened at 3.45pm at which time Colin had to leave.

Feedback round the table was that turnout was positive given the weather and the number of volunteers actually working on the stadium while the meeting took place. Most filled in forms and a few decent skills have been uncovered. Perhaps stalls/requests for help with specific areas would have been of use. There was a lack of preparation of the venue, and this highlighted the need for directors to delegate where they could not be in two places at once.

4. The Way Forward

Discussions took place before and after the volunteer meeting concerning the look of the new post-administration DFC board.

The discussion will be continued at our next board meeting.

5. Junior Dees

Dave is to prepare a structure and action plan, and Stuart is to address management issues with the club.

6. AOCB

A share certificate for our August purchase has not yet been received.

Stuart circulated draft risk management documents to be reviewed at a subsequent meeting.

Sunday's supporters' clubs meeting has been switched to the taxi club at 11am (10am committee).

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 13th January at 7pm in Tay Taxis office and by conference call.

The meeting closed at 5pm.