



## **DEE4LIFE TRUST BOARD MEETING – MINUTES**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2010, 11am, Dundee Social Club, Thistle Street, Dundee**

**Present:** Graeme Adam, Dave Forbes, Scott Glenday, Mike Jeffries, Alex Kidd, George Knight, Fraser MacDonald, Stuart Murphy, Graham Smith.

**Apologies:** Bill Brewster, George Harris, Nicola Robb

### **1. Approval of Minutes of the last Board Meetings**

The minutes of the board meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2010 were proposed by Dave Forbes, seconded by Graham Smith and unanimously approved.

### **2. Matters Arising from Last Minutes**

The matters arising were detailed for all to update on next Thursday's conference call, rather than spend time in board meetings updating the status of these actions.

- Succession planning discussion still to take place.
- Asset register still to be completed.
- FM followed up re Saltire banner & Falkirk re Tesco tickets; awaiting replies; GS offered help.
- Davie Anderson to be contacted re Hotshots.
- DF to submit invoice for framed LG shirt (membership draw) and FM receipts for expenses
- CDs: 20 to producers, 50 limited editions signed for club & D4L, rest to be sold at £6 with £1 to charities
- GA to clear all remaining merchandise stock, including batch of old programmes in store
- FM to issue outstanding membership cards

### **3. Trust Board Issues**

Since the last board meeting, all eleven board members have provided feedback on the ideal size of board, and all agree that at most there should be seven directors. Several have agreed that they would be willing to step down as directors in order to transform the board into a more efficient group, while continuing their efforts as volunteers. It was agreed that job descriptions should be put in place, and all remaining directors must participate fully going forward.

George Knight and Graeme Adam then handed in letters of resignation, and both were thanked for their efforts as directors over many years by the rest of the board. Bill Brewster was unable to attend but also tendered his resignation – all are effective 2pm Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2010.

George Harris was also unable to attend and agreed to continue as a director overseeing the Penman Lounge until the end of the season, and subsequently tendered his resignation effective Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2010.

### **4. Match Day Activities**

Graham Smith agreed to assist with the launch of the CD today, although there are no posters or press coverage. Plans for the Penman Lounge for next season depend on which division we're in.

### **5. Finances**

Alex Kidd provided an update, with around £8000 in the bank, and agreed to send updated accounts to the group. The outstanding payments from fans' groups to Dundee FC for youth funding were sorted in principle, with £6000 from the DSA to be presented today, and a further £1k each from Dee4Life and the Development Club. Funds from InDEEpendence Day have been transferred. Payment has been made to Dundee Schools Football Association. Update on the Club Dundee account required from Laura. Ryan to claim renewal of Squarespace services, Alex to confirm payment of ITWM.

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#### **6. Diversity Policy**

Drafting the document is ongoing. The board congratulated Cheryl Adam and George Knight for sorting the disabled parking situation. Cheryl is working on forming a disabled supporters' club which will be affiliated to the DSA and has recruited around 20 members. Stuart Murphy confirmed he has replied to Bill Lonie regarding Penman Lounge access, and Jim Thomson is to look at a temporary ramp for next season.

#### **7. Junior Dees**

Dialogue with Susan Sturrock has restarted and an update from Stuart Murphy will be circulated. George will follow up with finance re outstanding funds. Updates will follow on Thursday conference calls.

#### **8. Boardroom Feedback**

With a new management team in place, the club would prefer to delay a Q&A until the start of next season. While the reasons for this are understood, Scott insisted that it must be a two-way process, eg if we are asked for backing, the players must put in appearances at supporters' functions etc.

Pricing discussions have concluded but the outcome will also depend on which division we're in.

Fraser agreed to put Stuart's appointment in writing to the DFC board. Stuart will be interviewed in the Tele next week.

George Knight is arranging a meeting with Harry MacLean and Alex Kidd regarding Club Dundee. Provision of Sky Sports News in the Bobby Cox stand also to be discussed by Fraser with Harry. Dave Roy had commented that the laptop was in need to repair, and David Young had requested additional internet sponsorship. More detail required.

#### **9. AOCB**

Conference calls will now be fortnightly on Thursdays. All must attend and respect confidentiality. Any director unable to attend must send an update in advance.

The Player of the Month scheme saw Gary MacKenzie win the inaugural award. He will nominate a charity and a presentation will be arranged shortly. Cards for this month will be handed out after today's game. It was agreed that sponsorship was required for this to continue next season.

The meeting closed at 1.30pm.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2010 at 11am in the DSC.