

Dundee FC Supporters' Society Limited

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Minutes of the Meeting of Dundee FC Supporters' Society Ltd, held at LRJH Offices on 5th June 2014, commencing at 7.30 pm

Present: Peter Campbell (PC), Graham Pert (GP), Bob Hynd (BH), Ian Baird (IB), Dave Forbes (DF), Carol Findlay (CF), Chris Wallace (CW), Ross Day (RD), Robyn Findlay (RF), Colin Reid (CR) – conference call

Apologies: NIL

PC opened the meeting at 7.45pm

1. Co-opt Robyn Findlay

Robyn Findlay is co-opted onto the board as Secretary.

2. Introduction of Mark Tolmie (finance volunteer)

Mark sends his apologies he has another meeting.

3. Minutes from previous meeting

Minutes amended and approved - proposed by CW 2nd by CF.

4. Membership Update

Paypal/gocardless database is correct as of 05/06/14. CR, RD, PC, GP and NR have access to database. 497 paid up adult members online (inc gold, etc) 127 memberships from post with cheques to go to CF. Membership forms to be split between PC, RD and GP.

GP suggested Platinum should be standardised to run July to June to make it simpler to manage. Further email to be sent to members regarding memberships to quantify response to membership renewal - 624 members to date.

Problem with badges - order was placed through the shop then other club orders were rushed through afterwards, Society order was likely forgotten about. PC has chased the order. A date is to be set for the badges and cards to be posted to members - Citylink will not be used this time, Society will do themselves - one generic letter needed with correct card and badge.

MTC to capture DOB in DFCTV database - RD to arrange.

Man City game - Society to set up to take membership payments at the game.

Paypal card reader on special offer (£50) would allow the payment of memberships via card at games, etc. Majority vote in favour - RD to order.

5. Communications Update

Dee for life website - MTC difficult to get hold of, should be live for 13/06/14.

Society website difficult to update currently due to time restrictions.

235 viewers watched the last game of the season on live stream - only 5 complaints.

6. Finance

The VAT return has been submitted

Barbara Tough has decided to step down. Barbara receives a huge thanks from the Society for all her hard work.

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John Knight is “retiring” from the finance team due to extra work commitments; he recently became a partner in the audit firm that he works for. It will be a huge loss to the society; however he has said that he won't abandon us. He receives a huge thanks from the Society for all his hard work.

We have had no transactions through SagePay in April or May, and Ross has already taken out the link from the website, so we should probably think about cancelling this. We're paying the £25 + vat SagePay service, plus £29.15 (incl vat) minimum transaction level charge. They'll keep invoicing both until the account's closed. Cancel sage pay as it's not been used in 2 months - PC

7. Fans rep/Club Board update

Photo of new pitch to be taken for website - RD to photograph and update website.
Possible story on refurbishment of changing rooms.
South Enclosure has been checked over and not much needing done.
Volunteers needed for stadium clean up - need date in order to advertise for help.

8. Stadium Buy-Back Update

Business plan is to be drafted to address all potential questions.

9. Governance Documents Update

Current model rules amended September 2010 but still working with 2001 standard model.
2011 Supporters Direct model rules are a tidied up and simplified version - can either continue with old rules or move ahead with new rules.
New rules introduced cleaner objectives; withdrawal of shares; based on one member one vote.
Society to go in the direction of modernizing - circulate rules to members before the AGM to approve and register changes. Use summer to go through process with members and aim for AGM in August.
Separate meeting to be arranged for IB to present changes (timescale 2-3 weeks).
New 2014 rules are expected - IB to phone to query new rules.

10. AOCB

Financial projections - budget to be set - separate meeting to be scheduled for this - costings for Platinum package to be nailed down before this can happen. Society to be more proactive and arrange more events throughout the year, eg Burns super - Everyone to think of possible events and pick the best ones to proceed with.
Revamp to Gents facilities in the South Enclosure are expected to cost £1750 - Proposed Society pay or works - PC proposed DF 2nd. Arrange signs from Derek Gerrard to advertise Society involvement.
DF to arrange an asset register for Society property.
PC suggested 2xFlat screen TVs to be installed in the Bobby Cox to advertise DFCTV - PC to get costs.
Promoting Season Ticket sales - just under 2600 sold so far - potential to use monthly update to promote sales?
RD requested monthly update from CR.
Club Dundee prize winners - fixture list and dates to be planned - RD to take control of draw.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 19th June 2014.