



# Dundee FC Supporters' Society Limited

## Moving Forward Together

**Minutes of the DFCSS Board Meeting held at: LJRH Architects' office, 18 South Tay Street on 11th December 2017, commencing at 7.45pm.**

**Meeting Chair:** Calum Findlay (CF)

**Minute Secretary:** Ian Baird (IB)

**Attendees:** Carol Findlay (CIF), Bob Hynd (BH), Dave Forbes (DF), Ian Baird (IB) Calum Findlay (CF)

**Apologies:** None

ITEM	AGENDA	ACTION
1.	<p><b>Welcome and introduction:</b></p> <p>CF welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Minutes of previous meeting/matters arising/approval:</b></p> <p><u>The following was agreed regarding two matters discussed at previous meetings:</u></p> <p>One donation to the Oor Bobby fund remains outstanding. BH confirmed that he'd had no direct contact with the donor since the last meeting and agreed to continue to pursue the matter. <u>(N.B The donor has since been in contact and his donation made to the society bank account)</u></p> <p>Following the decision at the last meeting that the Secretary should write a letter to John Nelms requesting a meeting IB confirmed that the letter which was approved by all of the Board members was posted on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2017 and to date there has been no response. It was agreed that if there was no response in the coming week that a follow-up letter should be sent by IB using recorded delivery to ensure that JN receives it. <u>(NB: A response was received on 14<sup>th</sup> December and the outcome will be reported at the January Board meeting)</u></p> <p>The Minutes of the meeting on the 14th November 2017 were proposed by DF and seconded by BH.</p>	
3.	<p><b>Secretary's Report:</b></p> <p>IB confirmed that following discussions with a Society member a specific volunteer role for the member has been created based on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The promotion of fundraising initiatives with an initial focus on maximising Society Members' support through Easyfundraising.org.uk</li> <li>Assistance in the Board's efforts to transfer funds from the no longer used BoS account to the Society's RBS account.</li> </ul> <p>The Board welcomed the offer of help and agreed that the proposed roll is well worth pursuing. IB to formalise an agreement with the member.</p> <p>IB confirmed that he had forwarded the Board's thanks to MTC for the great work carried out on the website at no cost the Society. .</p> <p>IB confirmed that he has sent an email via InTouch to all of the newly paid up members thanking them for their subscriptions and also included in the email</p>	IB



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	<p>was a general call for suggestions; active support at Board level; and any questions. IB also advised the meeting that he's recently been in contact with four members and one non-member and who are all keen to provide background support but not currently in a position to seek election to the Board. Discussions are ongoing.</p> <p>IB Confirmed that emails have also been sent to the Honorary and Life Members regarding their free membership and that an amendment is required to the Rules to acknowledge their status. This will be dealt with at the coming AGM.</p> <p>IB informed the meeting that the Society has received an offer of free tickets from Harbro Events for two drinks festivals taking place in the Bonnar Hall next year. Namely: 'Craft Beer Discovery' on the 10<sup>th</sup> February; and 'The Whisky Social Dundee' on the 24<sup>th</sup> March. Two free tickets for each event worth almost £100 have been offered as well as 10% discount on all other tickets purchased by Society Members. The Board agreed that the offer should be accepted and that details of a free raffle for the tickets should be emailed to all Members. It was also agreed that the events should be promoted on the Society's website.</p> <p>IB reported that he's received a letter from RBS with details of a "refund for charges that have been applied in error". The account is in the name of 'Dundee FC Business Club' which is no longer in operation and as past Treasurer of the Business Club IB has confirmed that he's liaising with the Bank to see if the money can be reassigned to the Society. If that's possible and acceptable to the other former Business Club officials the next decision will be how to best use the funds. The amount is £x.</p> <p>IB reminded the Board that a report on Supporters Direct study into 'Who Owns Scottish Football' is publicly available and could be of interest to many of the Society's Members. It was agreed that the information should be posted on the Society website and IB will forward details to CF.</p> <p>IB confirmed the current Society Model Rules (2001) are very much out of date and that Supporters Direct strongly recommends adoption of the 2016 Model Rules as approved by the FCA and reflecting the changes in legislation over the intervening years. IB agreed to brief the Board on the process for adopting the up to date rules with a view to seeking Members approval at the coming AGM.</p> <p>IB reported that a small number of recently renewed Members have asked if new membership cards will be issued. The Board agreed that the cost should be investigated and that temporary membership cards could be sent to those who've specifically asked.</p>	<p>IB</p> <p>IB</p> <p>IB</p> <p>IB</p> <p>IB</p> <p>IB</p> <p>IB</p>
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4.	<p><b>Finance Report:</b></p> <p><b>BoS Account:</b> Action is continuing to secure a transfer of the BoS balance into the RBS account. DF is now attempting to resolve this matter with support from a new member of the Society.</p> <p><b>Bank Balances:</b></p> <p>CF delivered a financial update.</p> <p><b>2016/17 Accounts:</b></p> <p>CIF confirmed that the completed Independent Examination of the accounts will be available for Directors signatures in the coming week.</p>	<p>DF</p> <p>CIF</p>
5.	<p><b>Primary Supporter Representative's Report:</b></p> <p>The Board is continuing with its determined efforts to fill this important vacant position and it is hoped that an appointment can be made in time for the coming AGM.</p>	<p>All</p>
6	<p><b>Secondary Supporter Representative's Report:</b></p> <p>BH provided an update on the new stadium proposal. The Outline Planning Application is still being developed and as before BH stressed that the development process is at an early stage.</p>	<p>BH</p>
7.	<p><b>Combined AGM and Social Event:</b></p> <p>After consideration of various dates in January and February the Board agreed to aim towards holding the next AGM on 10 March 2018 starting at 11.00am and finishing at 1.00pm. Dundee play St Johnstone at Dens that day and looking at competing fixtures it was agreed that the game is unlikely to be moved for live TV broadcasting.</p> <p>IB will contact Stuart Galloway and Kenny Ross with information.</p> <p>DF agreed to speak to Dundee Social Club about their availability and cost for the AGM/Social Even and also speak to his contacts regarding a Q&amp;A after the meeting.</p> <p>It was agreed that time should be set aside between the AGM and Q&amp;A to have a discussion session with the Members.</p>	<p>IB</p> <p>DF</p> <p>IB</p>
8.	<p><b>Membership renewal and website update:</b></p> <p>IB updated the meeting on the positive response to the membership renewals process and confirmed that members are all being re-registered on the InTouch database as soon as subscription payments are confirmed.</p>	



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<b>9.</b>	<b>Website and Social Media Update:</b>  CF has investigated the Twitter feed on the Home page of the website. The exact source is not clear however the updates are generally considered to be a welcome feature on the Home page.	<b>CF</b>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Future Activities:</b>  With the AGM now incorporating a social element this event will be the main focus for the next couple of months.	
<b>11.</b>	<b>AOB:</b>  None	
<b>12.</b>	<b>Date of next meeting:</b>  23 January 2018	