



Dundee FC Supporters' Society Limited

Moving Forward Together

Minutes of the DFCSS Board Meeting held at: LJRH Architects' office, 18 South Tay Street on 23rd January 2018, commencing at 7.45pm.

Meeting Chair: Carol Findlay (CIF)

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
0.	<p>Introduction:</p> <p>CIF agreed to chair the meeting and IB agreed to make up a rota for the chairing of future Board meetings.</p>	
1.	<p>Minutes of previous meeting/matters arising/approval:</p> <p><u>The following updates were tabled on the two matters below which have been the subject to ongoing discussion:</u></p> <p>The remaining outstanding donation to the 'Oor Bobby' fund has now been paid and BH confirmed that he'd forward a letter of thanks to the donor.</p> <p>Following the letter dated 22nd November to John Nelms and subsequent response from Ian Crighton dated 12th December, a meeting took place on Friday 19th January 2018 which was attended by Bob Hynd, Ian Crighton and Ian Baird. A wide range of topics were discussed and a follow up meeting is now being planned. The aim of the ongoing dialogue is to identify suitable areas where the Society can engage positively with the Club and the fact that a further meeting is being planned is encouraging. In addition, it was agreed that CIF would investigate the points raised by Ian Crighton regarding the accounts, IB would draft a request to the Club for confirmation of approval of the Society's Registered office address, and the Board agreed that matters relating to shares and the constitution of the Society require legal advice.</p> <p>The Minutes of the meeting on the 11th December 2017 were proposed by DF and seconded by CF.</p>	<p>BH</p> <p>All</p> <p>CIF IB</p>
3.	<p>Secretary's Report:</p> <p>IB confirmed that he'd received proposals for further updates to the website from MTC and it was agreed to discuss the proposals under Agenda Item 9.</p> <p>IB confirmed that he had forwarded an email (via InTouch) to all current members wishing them a Happy New Year and confirming the targeted date for the AGM. The email also included an offer of the chance of free tickets for the two 'HarBro Events' Drinks Festivals in Dundee. Regarding the tickets the Board agreed That IB should confirm the details of successful applicant to HarBro Events.</p> <p>IB reported that he has received a cheque from RBS relating to a refund for charges that had been applied in error. The account was in the name of</p>	<p>IB</p> <p>IB</p>



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	<p>'Dundee FC Business Club' which no longer exists and as agreed at the last meeting the cheque has been reassigned by the Bank to the Society. IB agreed to have discussions with the other former Business Club officials on how to best use the funds.</p> <p>The report on Supporters Direct study into 'Who Owns Scottish Football' has been posted on the Society website by CF as agreed at the last meeting.</p> <p>IB reported on his email response from Kenny Ross dated 19th December relating the proposed date for the AGM and Kenny's confirmation that DSA has nothing planned for the 10th March. Therefore there will be no clash.</p> <p>IB reported that he'd been in contact with Alison McQueen who provided details of Dee Promotions Dinner & Cabaret on the 13th April. The Board agreed to promote the event by emailing members and posting details on the Society website.</p> <p>The Board had previously agreed that the cost of membership cards should be investigated and that temporary membership cards could be sent to those who've specifically asked about the situation. Unfortunately no action has been taken to date and the matter will be actioned when possible.</p>	<p>IB</p> <p>IB</p> <p>IB</p>
4.	<p>Finance Report:</p> <p>BoS Account: Action is continuing to secure a transfer of the BoS balance into the RBS account. DF hopes that recent contact with the bank will progress matters towards a positive outcome. DF is being helped by a Society volunteer.</p> <p>Bank Balances:</p> <p>CF delivered a financial update.</p> <p>2016/17 Accounts:</p> <p>CIF presented copies of the Annual Report & Accounts for the Directors to sign before being returned to Walker Dunnnett & Co.</p> <p>CF Confirmed that she is still awaiting a response from xx and informed that she now intends to write a letter.</p> <p>Walker Dunnnett & Co's Invoice was approved.</p>	<p>DF</p> <p>CIF</p> <p>CIF</p>
5.	<p>Primary Supporter Representative's Report:</p> <p>A candidate for this position who the Board has been in dialogue with for a number of months has unfortunately decided to withdraw from the discussions. The reasons are simply based on the pressures of full-time work and ever increasing time constraints.</p> <p>The Board is continuing with its determined efforts to fill this important position and it is hoped that an appointment can be made in time for the coming AGM.</p>	<p>All</p>



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6	<p>Secondary Supporter Representative's Report:</p> <p>BH confirmed that the Outline Planning Application is still being developed and stressed that the design proposals are still at an early stage.</p>	BH
7.	<p>Combined AGM/Members Meeting:</p> <p>The Dundee Social Club booking is confirmed for the AGM to be held on 10 March 2018 starting at 11.00am and finishing at 1.00pm.</p> <p>The Board agreed that the post AGM discussion with members is so important that it would be inappropriate to ask an ex player to attend and participate in a Q&A.</p> <p>IB met with Stuart Galloway of the Election Management Group on Friday 19th January to agree on the election documents and programme. All are now approved.</p> <p>IB reported that he is currently updating the AGM notices and other documents and will forward drafts to the other Board members for approval in the coming days.</p> <p>IB is also consulting with Supporters Direct (SD) and the Financial Control Authority (FCA) on the proposed 'complete amendment' to the Model Rules. A draft copy of the 'Model Rules (2016 Version)' will be forwarded to the other Board members for approval in the coming days.</p>	<p>IB</p> <p>IB</p> <p>IB</p>
8.	<p>Membership renewal and website update:</p> <p>IB updated the meeting on the positive response to the membership renewals and the ongoing registration of members in the database as soon as subscription payments are confirmed.</p> <p>There are a small number of potential members needing to be traced due to out of dated contact details. IB agreed to circulate a list of names to the Board members in the hope that they might be able to help.</p>	<p>IB</p> <p>IB</p>
9.	<p>Website and Social Media Update:</p> <p>IB advised the meeting on the 'additional' website update proposals from MTC. The Board agreed that whilst they may be desirable none of the updates were essential. It was also agreed that members should be consulted about the website at the AGM/Members Meeting and by email, and the responses should inform any future decision on updates as well as the necessary budgeting.</p> <p>CF explained the background to the Twitter feed on the website and the Facebook account. It was agreed that the platforms were in the main positive and that CF should keep monitoring both and update the Board at future meetings. It was agreed that more information on traffic would help as well as the views of members.</p>	<p>IB/CF</p> <p>CF</p>
10.	<p>Future Activities:</p> <p>All of the current focus is on the AGM</p>	



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11.	AOB: Bob Hynd agreed to speak one of the Society members about being co-opted onto the Board. IB confirmed that he will speak directly to a number of the members to gauge their interest Board membership.	BH IB
12.	Date of next meeting: 20 February 2018	