



Dundee FC Supporters' Society Limited

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Minutes of the DFCSS Board Meeting held at: LJRH Architects' office, 18 South Tay Street
On - 30th October 2019, commencing at 7.45pm.

Meeting Chair: Carol Findlay (CF)

Minute Secretary: Ian Baird (IB)

Attendees: Carol Findlay (CIF), Bob Hynd (BH), Dave Forbes (DF) Calum Findlay (CF), Norrie Price (NP), Ian Baird (IB), Douglas Tott (DT) and David Alexander (DA)

Apologies: None

ITEM	AGENDA	ACTION
	<p>Introduction:</p> <p>CIF was appointed to chair the meeting in accordance with the chairing rota of: Dave – Bob – Carol – Calum – Norrie.</p>	
1.	<p>Presentation by David Alexander of FansBet:</p> <p>Following a general welcome and introductions DA presented a very interesting overview of the FansBet business model: Founded in 2016 FansBet principal claim is to be the only bookmaker in the UK that shares its profits with supporters giving customers the chance to choose their preferred local sports team or club to receive support via their 'Fan Partner' program. It's a model that's already helped sports clubs and supporters groups throughout the country to raise much-needed funds. DA also outlined FansBet's responsible gambling ethos and provided copies of marketing and contractual information.</p> <p>Following the presentation there was a short Q&A, then the Directors showed their appreciation for the presentation and DA left the meeting.</p> <p>The Board agreed to further investigate the potential for engaging with FansBet and review the situation at the next Board meeting.</p>	All
2.	<p>Minutes of previous meeting/matters arising/approval:</p> <p>It was agreed that all matters arising will be covered under the appropriate agenda items.</p> <p>The Minutes of the meeting on the 26th September 2019 were proposed by CF and seconded by DF.</p>	
3.	<p>Secretary's report:</p> <p>IB confirmed that there had been no formal response from the Club to the nomination papers for the Primary Representative of the Society submitted on 3rd September 2019 or the subsequent meeting with Club Finance Director David Gray on 30th September. BH confirmed that he would try to arrange a meeting between IB and John Nelms to hopefully discuss and resolve the matter.</p> <p>IB confirmed that David Halliday's nomination for 'induction' at the '2019 SFA Scottish Hall of Fame Dinner' on 27th October had been unsuccessful. However it's understood from Kenny Ross that David Halliday is being considered for the DFC Hall of Fame.</p>	BH



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	<p>The Board was updated on situation relating to the proposed 'Gordon Strachan Dinner' and it was confirmed that the event had been called off and the ticket money refunded.</p> <p>Arrangements for the Society AGM on 11th January 2020 were discussed and approved and it was agreed that the invitation papers for Board Nominations should be issued on the 16th November 2019. The Directors also asked IB to convey their appreciation to Stuart Galloway and the rest of the Election Management Group (EMG) for their ongoing support to the Society.</p> <p>The Supporter Liaison Officer situation was discussed and it was agreed that more information would be sought ahead of the next Board meeting.</p> <p>IB agreed again to update the details on the Society website regarding the organisation's shareholding in the Club plus a number of other minor amendments.</p> <p>The proposed rebranding to Dee4Life was discussed and it was agreed that the rebranding should focus on the website, other communication media, documents etc. but not extend to changing the legal name or bank account details. It was also agreed that the proposal would be discussed during the AGM Q&A so that the attending members could express their views.</p> <p>IB confirmed the arrangements for the 'DFC Sponsor's Dinner' on 3rd November 2019 at the Invercarse Hotel and updated the Directors on the list of members wishing to attend. BH indicated he may be able to offer additional spaces over and above the four tickets allocated to the Society and IB agreed to coordinate with BH and the members.</p>	<p>IB</p> <p>IB</p> <p>IB</p> <p>All</p> <p>IB/BH</p>
4.	<p>Finance Director's report:</p> <p>BoS account: BH is pursuing this matter. See below.</p> <p>Bank balances:</p> <p>CIF delivered a financial update.</p> <p>CIF Confirmed that the independently examined accounts would be signed-off and printed in advance of the AGM on 11th January 2020.</p>	<p>BH</p> <p>CIF</p>
5.	<p>Primary Representative's report – update on nomination to Club Board</p> <p>As reported under Item 1 above there's been no progress following the submission of nomination papers on 3rd September 2019 and the meeting with Club Finance Director David Gray on 30th September 2019. BH agreed to action.</p>	<p>BH</p>
6.	<p>Secondary Representative's report:</p> <p>BH provided an update on the new authorised biography of Alan Gilzean.</p>	
7.	<p>New DFC Shares Issue and Purchase Arrangements</p> <p>The Board was updated on the share situation and there will be further updates as appropriate at future meetings.</p>	



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8.	<p>Bank of Scotland Business Account:</p> <p>BH updated the meeting on his actions and confirmed that the matter was nearing a successful resolution.</p>	BH
9.	<p>Appeal for new members:</p> <p>IB confirmed that the membership stands at 185 following the review of a few lapsed payments.</p> <p>The target of 200 is still within reach however it was agreed that more needs to be done to achieve and exceed the number.</p> <p>NP confirmed that he had spoken to a former member who said he would restart his payments.</p>	All
10.	<p>Proposed DFC Heritage Project:</p> <p>IB is continuing to maintain his watching brief and updated the Board on progress.</p> <p>As previously minuted: The Club informally confirmed through BH on 20th September 2019 that it was happy to support the DFC Heritage Project as proposed and also happy for the Club badge and other intellectual property to be used for the Heritage Project. The Club also confirmed that the Heritage Project could have access to Dens Park. In addition, the Club has requested a link between the Club's website and the Heritage Project website. Formal confirmation from the Club is still awaited and it's now anticipated that the project will be launched in the first half of 2020.</p>	IB
11.	<p>Player Sponsorship:</p> <p>The Board agreed to sponsor Jordan McGee and Josh Meekings and pay the sponsorship costs as soon as possible.</p>	CIF/NP
12.	<p>Future Society activities:</p> <p>The Board remains keen to identify Club related activities that it can be involved in and support.</p>	All
13.	<p>AOB:</p> <p>None</p>	
14.	<p>Date of next meeting:</p> <p>It was agreed that with the focus being on the AGM the date for next Board meeting should be agreed after the AGM.</p>	IB/All