



Dundee FC Supporters' Society Limited

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Minutes of the DFCSS Board Meeting held via video and telephone link
On - 9th July 2020 commencing at 8.00pm.

Meeting Chair: Ian Baird (IB)

Minute Secretary: Ian Baird (IB)

Attendees: Carol Findlay (CIF), Dave Forbes (DF) Calum Findlay (CF), Norrie Price (NP) and Ian Baird (IB)

Apologies: None

ITEM	AGENDA	ACTION
	<p>Introduction:</p> <p>IB was appointed to chair the meeting and thanked Calum for setting up the video and telephone link.</p>	
1.	<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>It was noted that the Minute of the meeting on the 4th February 2020 had been previously approved by the directors via email and is now posted on the Society's website.</p>	
2.	<p>Secretary's report:</p> <p>IB gave an update on the following events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article in the Sunday Post, dated 21.06.2020, relating to the Society's reserves. • Request from John Nelms, dated 24.06.2020, relating to the Society's reserves. • Directors' views on the reserves request from JN and BH's informal feedback to John Nelms on the matter. • Press contact with John Nelms on 28 or 29.06.2020 regarding the talks between the Club and DFCSS • Bob Hynd's resignation dated 29.06.2020 • Article in Evening Telegraph dated 30.06.2020 relating to an alleged collapse in talks between the Society and the Club. <p>Following a detailed discussion on the above events the Board agreed that IB should communicate with John Nelms and confirm that there will be a consultation with the Members on the subject of a contribution to the Club from current reserves. It was also agreed that in doing so IB should reiterate the directors' duty to adhere to the 'Objects' and 'Powers' in the Society Rules and focus on various means by which the money can be spent in ways that benefit the Club, its supporters and the community it serves.</p> <p>It was proposed that IB should draft an email to go as soon as possible to the Members seeking their views on how the reserves should be used plus a separate 'confidential' letter/email to John Nelms explaining the situation and advising that the outcome of the consultation will be reported to him along with the resulting proposals following the return and analysis of the responses.</p> <p>IB also updated the meeting on Scott Roberts' crowdfunding initiative which received an agreed donation of £500 from the Society.</p>	<p>IB</p>



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	<p>IB then updated the meeting on his discussions with Ross Day in connection with Ross's 'Dundee FC Foundation' proposal including confirmation of Ross's desire to operate the fund through a GoCardless account linked to a stand-alone Foundation page on the Society's website. It was confirmed that agreement from the Club was being sought by Ross following approval in principle by the Society Board. IB also agreed to continue liaising with Ross and MTC with a view to finalising a detailed proposal and launching the fund as soon as possible, hopefully in partnership with the other supporter groups.</p>	IB
3.	<p>Finance Director's report:</p> <p>BoS account: BH is no longer pursuing this matter and a new approach is required.</p> <p>Bank balances:</p> <p>CIF delivered a financial update.</p>	
4	<p>Primary Representative's report:</p> <p>The Board continues the search for a suitable individual.</p> <p>Secondary Representative's report:</p> <p>BH resigned from this position on 29.06.2020 and the directors acknowledged Bob's contribution to the Society since his appointment in 2013. IB confirmed that he had accepted the resignation on behalf of the Board and passed on the directors best wishes.</p>	All
5.	<p>Bank of Scotland Business Account:</p> <p>Reference item 5 above.</p>	
6.	<p>Proposed DFC Historical Trust update:</p> <p>IB provided an update on the proposed DFC Historical Trust steering group activities including details of: legal and banking matters, the charitable trust application to OSCR, the website development proposals, the formal launch and the Trust's gratitude for the financial support from DFCSS.</p>	
7.	<p>Dee4Life / DFC Community Trust update:</p> <p>Greg Fenton has requested the Society's approval that the 'DFC in the Community Trust' can hold onto the £888.00 donation and use it for the same purpose as soon as feasible after schools return, whenever that may be? Greg also added that if the money's not be required could it by agreement be either used for a similar type of project or returned?</p> <p>Following a brief discussion the Board approved both requests and IB was asked to respond accordingly to Greg Fenton.</p>	IB



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8.	Website, Facebook and Twitter: No report	
9.	Rebranding \update: No report	
10	Plans for the immediate future: No report	
11.	AOB: NP asked if there was positive contact between Daniel Smith and Jim Mitchell relating to Heritage matters and the benefits of avoiding unnecessary and potentially costly duplication. IB agreed to check with JM	IB
12.	Date of next meeting: It was agreed that there would be a follow up meeting once the Membership Consultation is complete and the outcomes have been fully appraised.	IB