

Minutes of the 3rd Supporters' Trust AGM 14th December 2011
Venue: Hammonds Bar, Beveree

Meeting opened at 7.35pm

1. Apologies for absence

Ken Mace, Sally Hornsey, plus 11 proxies held

2. Chairman's Report

Once again, we have gone through another year with I believe a lot of success. We have of course not made all the advancements we set out to make, but more of that later.

We rely greatly on our volunteers who have come to the various functions we have attended, mainly of course our fourth appearance the very successful (for us) financially, Richmond May Fair. A very long day, knackered beyond belief especially for the Goalies, Alec and Oliver our regulars and many more.

They were once again in evidence at the Hampton Summer Fair and on our own Fair on the top pitch, which turned out to be very worthwhile as many locals came and discovered the Beveree, how could they know we were not there?

We were present at the Hampton Hill Christmas Parade as well as the Hampton Village One. Again thank you to Bertie for turning up and being loved and cuddled by many a child and the occasional young Lady. Not too sure why Craig was smiling a lot and Russ disappeared for certain periods?

We've opened the successful 'Elwyns Shed' thanks to a donation from Mr Edmunds. Don't forget to look in occasionally and buy that elusive programme, or even an umbrella and Beanie Hat for the winter ahead. Phil is at this moment selling Euros to David Cameron.

We are still continuing to make a small profit on the Programme sales. Thanks Paul for your hard graft on this and to Nina and Callie for working the Golden Goals.

As you were probably aware, we had an emergency with the Old Mini Bus when it died at the side of the road. Thanks to Richard Breynton for his Detective work in finding the new one at a great price and able to sell the old one back, no doubt for spare parts. It cost us £10,000 but with care will give many years of service.

At long last the club has appointed the Trust as a director of the Club, and we look forward to working even more closely with the Board to improve the Club and give a voice to supporters, in the running of the Club. We are fully aware of the challenges the Club face on and off the field and we hope to be a positive influence in resolving them. It is the intention that I (Larry) and Tony Nash are appointed as the Trusts representatives to the club Board.

Sadly we had the untimely death of Keith Hussey, an unsung hero at the Club. He was one of those rare people who could organise and deliver. His work for the Reserves as secretary and his early involvement with the Supporters Club is the reason we now have the Trust. Thank you Keith, you are greatly missed by all your friends here. Of course we needed a gesture to him and the Keith Hussey Stand was born. Amazing work and patience from Phil Weller in getting it all together. I have invited Keith's Family to attend a game as the guests of the Board. I hope it won't be long before they come.

On the minus side, we still do not have enough people investing in the 'Boost the Budget' scheme. It's getting better but really not fast enough. If we are to progress up the table, especially when we need to employ loan players, another thirty or forty investors would be useful!

I finish with thanks to our Board who put in a lot of effort on our behalf. Tony will tell you in his financial report how much has been raised this year, and none of it would have happened without Phil Wellers salesmanship.

And finally I would like to include a request to anyone interested to step forward as volunteers etc.

Thank you

Larry Dann

3. Secretary's Report on Membership

During the year membership again declined by a net 27 members closing at a total membership of 127 full members and 11 junior members. We have 60 members who are either Life, 10 year or 5 year members.

4. Treasurer's Financial Report

Overall we maintained a small profit for the year despite falling membership revenue and the absence of an expected donation by former Chairman Graham Wood. Donations totalled just over £5,000 which derived mainly from the Trust Lottery and Goal Sponsorship initiatives.

The profit on the programme was up considerably at £5,800. This reflects a full year of advertising revenues and profit on Sales and Golden Goals. A big thank you goes to Phil Weller and Paul Robinson who were instrumental in raising these sums for the Trust.

The programme sales alone made a profit of just over £500 and the Golden Goals over £1300. Overall events such as the local fairs made a small loss but this includes some equipment purchases, which we will be able to re-use over a number of future events.

On the expenditure side, the main outgoings were in the form of donations to the Club for various causes: membership of the Club Vice Presidents' scheme, new washing and drying equipment, running costs of the minibus, the end of season presentation and the Keith Hussey stand.

The Fixtures and fittings are represented by the additional programme shed.

The cash position increased largely by virtue of the retained profit. Since the year end we have spent £10,000 of this sum on a replacement minibus for the club.

We have also started a new Boost the Budget scheme on behalf of the club which is an extension of the existing Trust Lottery. We are going to make the first quarterly draw for the new scheme at the end of tonight's formal proceedings so don't rush off. We would ask you to consider joining the scheme if you are not already a member and I have standing order mandates available if anyone would like to fill one out tonight or take away. Our aim is to raise £10,000 per annum for the club wage bill and currently we are approximately half way to that target.

Acceptance of the Accounts were proposed by Russell Clark and seconded by Alan Duddy and was unanimously passed by the meeting.

5. Retirement and Re-Election of Trust Directors

The meeting unanimously agreed to the election of the following: Anthony Nash, Russell Clark and Melissa Gillings.

6 Any Other Business

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 7.55pm.

The first draw of the Boost the Budget Scheme was made for the December quarter with the following winners:

1st Prize £100 R&G Wilson

2nd Prize £30 Skillbray Ltd