

# Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Hampton & Richmond Borough FC Supporters' Trust, 28<sup>th</sup> January 2013,

Venue: Hammonds Bar, Beveree

Proxies held: One

1. **Apologies for absence:** Roger Wilson

2. **Chairman's Report ( Larry Dann)**

Thank you for attending this 4th AGM of the HRBFC Supporters Trust.

Once again we have had more than an interesting year. Relegation, the obvious loss of some senior players, the amazing start to the season, by not conceding goals, leading the table and the sudden loss of form. Something that the trust can take no credit for.

I believe the credit we can proudly claim is the amount of monies raised and the way we have used it.

For this we have certain people to thank for there amazing work. Phil Weller for his ability to sell space for the programme and some advertising around the ground and the selling of second hand programmes to unsuspecting fans of visiting clubs. Richard Bryenton for the use of his hammer and nails, without which, many parts of the ground would be in danger of collapse. Paul Robinson for his sales of the programmes and golden goals, with the help of Nina and Callie. Simon does do his bit as well! Our new editors, James, Luke and Wills, great job. Lily Schalen and Nina for their concert. Steve Morley for arranging the quiz night at the Hampton Social Club, and all the helpers who attended the various fairs that featured our ever popular Beat the Goalie, all of which, raised much silver. I apologise if I have missed any one out but you know who you are.

A word of get well soon to our ever popular Bertie the Beaver, whose carer Craig Clarke is getting over a very nasty accident. Hope to see you back at the Bev soon Craig.

In fact from the start of the trust, in 2008, we have made contributions of nearly £50,000.

This year adding to the mini bus and its extra costs (insurance, repairs etc) we have installed a Bore Hole to assist with the watering of the pitch, at zero cost to the water rates. Of course we take no responsibility for the consistent rain that followed its completion. A second hole was dug, in the corner by Bob's shed to drain that area of the water that sat there permanently. Now greatly improved. Many other donations were made to the club and I think Tony will mention them in his financial report.

Of course we are all aware of the disaster that is happening around the dugouts with what seems a collapsed drain. We have purchased a Roller that sucks up surface water and works well, but work must happen soon to repair the drainage system. The cost of this work could be well over £10,000. Not sure where the funds for this are coming from, but I believe they need to be found.

The 'Boost the Budget' has raised I believe about £3,000 this year. Once again I appeal to fans to join in and help us raise more next year. It's only £5.00 per month and you do get the chance to win 15% of the takings every three months in the draw.

That £2,000 would get us Wayne Rooney for 27 seconds. Just a thought!

We have formally been appointed to the Board and Tony and I attend all meetings and we believe we have a good relationship with board members. It is a very positive Board and the

Directors are more than generous with their donations, of course we do try to do our bit. More from Tony later.

Thank you and whoever is doing that rain dance, will you please stop.

### **3. Secretary's Report on Membership**

For the year in question to 31 August 2012, the Trust had 127 member including six Junior members. This was a reduction from the previous years of 138 (1 junior), 166 (11 juniors) and 208 (12 juniors). There still remains a good core support but as ever more members would be appreciated.

### **4. Treasurer's Report – presentation and acceptance of accounts**

The Treasurer took the AGM through the highlights of the profit and loss account and balance sheet. The Trust made its first loss of £1,436 although this was due to a decision to make a £3,000 purchase of shares in the club during the financial year at a point where funds were healthy. This brings to Trust's ownership up to 25% of the club.

Donations improved on the previous year up to £9,122 (£5,347, (2011)) partly due to a generous donation from former chairman Graham Wood and improved contributions via the Boost the Budget scheme. The programme made a healthy trading profit of £7,914 (£5,802) representing programme sales, Golden Goals and advertising. Other fundraising activity and memberships formed the balance of the income of £18,445 (£11,785).

Main expenditure was a £9,900 donation to the club for the new minibus, £1,000 for the bore hole, £2,000 contribution to the club for Boost the Budget, programme printing £5,214 and Keith Hussey stand £800. Including the share purchase mentioned above, the Trust donated in various guises just under £20,000 to the club during the financial year which is the highest ever figure.

The balance sheet is a straightforward matter with the main asset being cash of £15,351 with minimal debtors and creditors. Net worth stands at £15,340.

Questions were taken from the floor. The Treasurer confirmed that the share holding in the club had little tangible value but strategically remained important and the Trust will continue to look for opportunities to buy shares whenever possible. Other substantial shareholders are Alan Simpson OBE at 25% and Mervyn Cox at 12%. The balance is held by various current directors and former members.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Russell Clark and seconded by Ken Mace and was unanimously voted through.

### **5. Amendments to Trust Rules**

The Secretary took the AGM through the reasons for new model rules which have been urged upon all Trusts by Supporters Direct. They update and modernise the rules taking into account best practice and have been put drawn up in conjunction with Supporters direct legal advisors, Cobbetts. On a practical level they will not make any fundamental difference to the way the Trust is conducted.

Acceptance was proposed by Larry Dann and seconded by Richard Bryenton and unanimously supported by the members present.

### **6. Retirement and Re-election of Directors**

By rotation, Larry Dann, Russell Clark and Anthony Nash retire as directors and offer themselves for re-election. There were no other candidates. All three were duly re-elected

unanimously by the members present.

7. Any Other Business

There being no other formal business, the chairman closed the meeting.