

**Minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting  
of the Hampton & Richmond Borough FC Supporters' Society ('the Trust')**

26<sup>th</sup> February 2019, Hammonds Bar, the Beveree, Station Road Hampton

The meeting was opened by the Trust Chairman, Phil Weller, at 7.05pm

- 1. Apologies for absence** received from Larry Dann, Roger Wilson, Tim Hodgson, Susannah Brand, Martin Jordan, Tony Squire, Robbie Brownnett

- 2. Chairman's Report on Trust Activities**

Phil Weller introduced the meeting by thanking Trust Board Members, Trust Secretary and many Trust members who have made significant contributions to the running of the Club this year. Recognition has come from the League in the form of awards being made to Les and Lesley Rance and more recently, Richard Bryenton and Paul Robinson. Richard and Paul accepted the award on behalf of the extended team of volunteers that keep the Club and the Trust in business year on year.

Phil reported on the passing of Club Patrons Bob Hayes and Alan Duddy, as well as regular supporter Peter Armitage.

Phil reported on his role as the Trust representative on the main Club Board. He has spent a great deal of the past year working on our Ground Grading. A surveyor was appointed to assess the ground and it became clear we had much to do to maintain our current Grade B status. After a lot of work and many meetings, a team comprising Phil, Club Director Kevin Childs, Richard Bryenton and Melissa Gillings submitted a grant application to the Football Foundation amounting to many tens of thousands of pounds. The work needed will also require financial input from the Club and this in turn means a contribution from the Trust.

The Trust Board feels that this is an entirely appropriate project for us to support.

There is no 3<sup>rd</sup> party funding or council support secured for this work.

Tony Nash asked about details of the ground development proposal. Phil reported that our current ground capacity is approx 2,700. The Council has downgraded the old terrace and main stand as they fail to meet current safety guidelines. The Football Foundation grant is designed for Clubs wishing to maintain their current status and to ensure stadium safety. We will need crush barriers, terrace resurfacing, concrete infill and a supporting wall at the rear of the terrace, and some masking for the asbestos panels to bring the terrace up to scratch.

The main stand requires re-flooring and some additional structural work.

We are hoping to get the go-ahead in March, and work will need to start within 6 months.

Phil confirmed the floodlights are ok for our current level. And we are able to upgrade output using the existing structures if required.

The Trust is on course to make our predicted financial contribution to the Club this year and we remain the largest shareholder.

Finally, we remain keen to bring as many people as possible into the fold to spread the work load. If you feel you have something to offer the Club, via the Trust, we are keen to hear from you.

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

Current membership stands at 155 supporters, which is the highest since the 2009-10 season. We had 31 new members this season and 7 did not renew. Melissa Gillings stated that we need to increase the number of younger members. Lesley Rance suggested that Junior Beavers could perhaps be encouraged to join the Trust.

### **4. Treasurer's Report on Accounts**

John Ormerod presented the Accounts. In summary the Trust's income was up on the previous year. Using some of our reserves from the previous year and our increased income, we have made an increased contribution to the Club this year, by purchasing shares worth over £80,000. This includes donations from Club Chairman Graham Wood who contributes via the Trust.

Some of the items paid for with our contributions have been:

- Minibus running expenses and work on the new van to make it roadworthy
- New seats and other work on the stands
- Glass washer, washing machine and baby changer for the Clubhouse
- Irrigation system repairs and new pump.

John made the point that we simply need more people through the gates to help with the income. Our average profit (ie the Trust's profit) per match is £125.00 – this comes from programme sales, Golden Goal etc. A lot of work goes into producing this! Our programme currently makes a profit and Golden Goal also contributes a good chunk of profit to Trust funds, so we encourage as many members as possible to buy programmes, join in Golden Goal and other Trust fundraising activities.

Boost the Budget raises about £2,500 per year.

Mick Ray expressed an interest in the breakdown of our revenue – John Ormerod will make it available for those interested.

Stuart Duddy asked whether the Trust can work with Robbie Brownnett to increase sales of the 200 Club tickets. Phil and John explained that this scheme operates separately to the Trust – will discuss with Robbie to see how to go forward.

Phil mentioned that the recent sale of shares in the Club raised around £3,000 and will possibly be repeated next season. The funds went directly to the Club.

The meeting voted to approve the accounts. Proposed by Les Rance, seconded by Stuart Duddy.

#### **5. Any other business**

The U18s were due to play later the same week. Tracey Hathaway mentioned that 'The Dough Shack' will be in the car park one evening a week – check with Tracey for details.

Phil Weller commended the efforts of Melissa and Nigel Gillings, along with Tracey on the Foodbank collections. This has been extremely successful and the Foodbank, based at the White House in Hampton, is very grateful for our donations. Tracey takes along a couple of students from the Academy each time to deliver our collections to the White House. The next few home games we will be collecting general items and Easter Eggs. Thanks to everyone for your support.

Phil mentioned a fundraising evening on 6<sup>th</sup> April at Hammonds. Sandy McClelland will be performing. The charge will be £10 per person, to include food and a CD– we are aiming for 100 people, so please see Tracey for tickets and details.

Phil announced Alistair Bruce will be Co-Opted to the Trust Board and will be invited to our next meeting, after he offered his help to the Trust.

Phil reiterated our gratitude to the huge number of people who came forward to help prepare for the Oldham game – it made a big difference.

Melissa announced the Club's end of season party – scheduled for 17<sup>th</sup> May at The Lensbury. There will be a 3-course meal and the usual festivities, and tickets are now available. Details are on the Club website. See Tracey or Melissa for more info.

Melissa also reminded the meeting about the Hampton Carnival – this year on 8<sup>th</sup> June. We will be running a Beat the Goalie stall, as well as a bar – anyone who can help with this please contact Melissa or Tracey.

Please remember to use easyfundraising when you shop online. It is very simple to use – you register with easyfundraising and then go through to Amazon, Viking, etc when you shop. You pay nothing extra – funds are raised by the stores giving a percentage to easyfundraising. We have raised over £1,600 for the Trust this way so far.

The meeting closed and there was then a Q&A with Gary McCann and Fred Hyatt.