

# Terras Trust Board Meeting Minutes

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11<sup>th</sup> December 2008

**Present:**

Anthony Sams (AS); Tony Baylis (TB); Steve Walkinshaw (SW); Connor Kinsella (CK); Caroline Kinsella(CMK); Mark Golsby (MG); Matt Barton (MB).

**Apologies:**

Shaun Hennessey (SH); Rob Nichols (RN); Richard McGowan (RMcG); John West (JW); Matt Pitman (MP).

**Matters Arising from meeting 13<sup>th</sup> November 2008.**

**2.4. Co-option of Supporters Club Representative onto The Trust Board.**

When the Trust Board have agreed the dates for Board meetings for the next 12 months they are to be sent to Ian White the Supporters Club Chairman so that a representative can be identified.

**6. Open Forum**

The Trust has received no response to its request for an open forum between Malcolm Curtis, Ernie Batty and the fans.

**7. Business Plan**

The Business Plan has now been agreed and is to be sent to Trust members and up loaded to the web site. Board members need to be progress there areas of responsibility. Progress will now be a standing item on the agenda so that progress can be monitored.

**Action: AS said that he would send the Business Plan to Trust members with a covering letter.**

**11. Trust Sponsorship Board.**

A board advertising the Trust is now up at the Club but is not what was agreed by the Trust Board and is not what was expected as part of the sponsorship package.

**Action: MG will pursue this with the Club.**

**12. Match day Promotion Posters.**

The Club have not produced any promotional posters since the beginning of the season. Any posters that have been circulated have been designed and circulated by Mark Probin. The financing for the promotion of games may be something that will need the support of Save Our Club (SOC). It was acknowledged that the club could be doing more to promote games such as updating the Board outside of the ground.

**Action: AS to speak to Mark Probin to see if he is prepared to continue to produce the posters then speak to RN about circulating them.**

**Actions Closed.**

The following actions from the previous minutes are now closed: item 5. ; 7a,b,c,d and e.

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**2. Membership Update**

TB reports that to date the Trust has 195 members. We are still encountering problems reciving standing order payments there are currently 4 outstanding when these have been received number of members will have increased to 199.

It was agreed that the Trust need to be carrying out more membership promotions than we have been. January 6<sup>th</sup> has been identified as a date for a promotional drive.

**Action: It was agreed that AS, CMK, CK and MG will arrive at the ground for 6.30pm to carry out membership promotion.**

### **3. Treasurers Report.**

Current Trust balance is £6091. The Trust donated the money to the club to buy new goal nets which have now been purchased. SW reports that he requires a receipt for the nets. A donation of £100 was made to the Clubs Kingfisher Children's Ward Appeal.

To date the Golden Goal has raised £672.50.

For £66 The Trust have now purchased 112 shares in Weymouth Football Club. The Trust have also been contacted by the Family of the Late Mr Walter Robinson who recently passed away they would like to bequeath his shares in Weymouth FC to the Trust.

To date the Trust have received £593.80 reimbursement from Supporters Direct for the initial setting up costs of the Trust.

SW has prepared draft accounts in preparation for the annual return to the Financial Services Authority. These will need to be independently audited.

SW is still pursuing a change of bank account and a suitable insurance policy for the Trust. There is a possibility that SW and AS may need to travel to Exeter to visit the nearest branch of the Co-operative Bank. The Board agreed that if this is necessary then they will be reimburse there travelling expenses. Supporters Direct have been contacted for advice regarding Insurance but were unable to advise the Trust.

SW reported that he has designed a draft form for the proxying and transfer of shares. The Board suggested that members need to have the option of requesting proxy shares back and if shares are sold to the Trust then there should be an option for the member to buy their share back.

**Action: MG to provide SW with receipt for the Goal nets.**

**Action: AS to write to Mr Robinson's family on behalf of the Trust thanking them for their generous donation.**

### **4. Weymouth FC Update.**

The opinion of the Trust is that there has been no movement regarding the future of the Football Club and therefore the Trust need to attempt to engage the Chairman of the club in discussion about the future.

MG reported that as a director of the Football Club he had been embarrassed about the Treatment of the Football clubs Commercial Manager and his recent release by the Club.

### **5. Fundraising.**

MB suggested that as once again it has been a turbulent season as a fan of Weymouth FC and whatever the outcome it would be nice to have an end of season social event organised by the Trust and the Supporters Club.

MG informed the Trust Board that Weymouth FC will be entering a Team of players into the Quiz.. It was agreed that the funds raised from the Quiz night will be for the Trust and not donated elsewhere. The Board voted unanimously about this

**Action: MB to speak to the Supporters Club about arranging a joint end of season social event.**

### **6. Communications Stagey.**

Comment shave been received a suggestion has been made that it should include photographs of Trust Board members and a timetable for the publication of the newsletter. It was also suggested that Board members photographs should be put onto the Trust notice Board at the Football Club. AS reported that he is currently working on a Trust calendar which he would like included.

## **7. Community Trust**

Carry Over until MP can attend.

## **8. Any Other Business**

### **a) Posting on the Message Board**

MG requested that if Trust Board members are going to post anything detrimental to the Football club or the Club chairman could they please inform him of their post beforehand.

### **b) Letter Heads**

TB has Trust letterheads if anyone requires them.

**Extra meetings prior to the January Board meeting may be required. Next scheduled Board meeting Thursday January 8<sup>th</sup> 2009 at 7.30pm at Weymouth Working Men's Club**