

Terras Trust Board Meeting Minutes

28th January 2009

Present:

Mark Golsby (MG); Tony Baylis (TB); Steve Walkinshaw (SW);; Caroline Kinsella(CMK); Matt Barton (MB)-; John West (JW);.

Apologies: Connor Kinsella (CK); Shaun Hennessey (SH).

Meeting started 7.30pm. Closed 9.30pm.

1. Accuracy.

Minutes accepted

2. Membership Update

The current membership is 204 members there are 44 renewals currently awaited.

The Board agreed that in future a renewal notice will be sent out one week before renewal is due with a second reminder two weeks after the due date with a stamped addressed envelope and an exit questionnaire.

The Trust had planned to carry out a membership promotion at the York game on January 3rd but this game was postponed due top adverse weather conditions.

Action: To be discussed at the next Board meeting in February.

3. Treasurers Report

The current Terras Trust Balance is £7,011 so far the Golden Goal has raised £762.50. There is no update on the shares situation.

4. Weymouth Football Club Update

MG has been attending a number of early morning and late night meetings at the football club. The Club is very close to having new owners. Due to the sensitivity of he negotiations MG is unable to disclose to the Trust Board who the new owners are but did say that he believed that this development would protect the long term future of the football club and is the only way forward. The people involved not only have the experience of turning football club around but also the “appetite” and money to do so. They have made it clear that if they do take over they have no intention of bank rolling the football club. They do intend to put the football club on an even keel. There have been discussions about the situation with Malcolm Curtis.

The Board requested that if these new owners do take over the Football Club that there is a Fans Forum sooner rather than later as any plans to turn the club around is going to need the support of the fans. MG said that he believed that these new owners would be keen for this to happen. MG said that when the outcome of current negotiations are known he will make a statement on behalf of the Trust.

MG informed the Trust Board that the rumours about Gary Calder going to Cambridge are completely unfounded.

Action: The Trust are to release a statement once the future of the Football Club is known.

5. Fund-raising

The net profit raised at the quiz was £150 once expenses were deducted. Alan Lewer has sent apologies for not putting in a Team as promised but he does not want the players exposed to rumours about the future of the Club. He has said that he will support future

events held by the Trust.

MB reported that he is due to hold a meeting with Derek Cowan and Kelvin Day at Weymouth Working Mens Club about holding an Auction there on Saturday 28th March the event will be open to non Trust members as well as Trust members the Trust will need to help with expenses. The Board asked MB to clarify what the commitment to the Trust will be and bring back to the Board for discussion and agreement.

The Trust would like to thank Andy purchase for excellent Quiz he put on. Donna Barton for the buffet and Emma "the brilliant bar maid" who joined in on the night. The Board have learnt some lessons from this event and will not in future hold an open meeting on the same night as an Open Meeting. CMK said that these events need better organisation as at the beginning of the Quiz everything had been left for her to sort out and nothing had been organised she acknowledged that there had been a number of changes. MB said that he had not got involved until the last minuet the next event will be better organised.

6. Communication

There have been difficulties with the Trust Phone. The battery on the phone was not holding its charge so CK purchased a new phone but then the SIM card was not working. CMK informed the Board that she had been informed by CK that he has now been told that the Trust will have to purchase a new SIM card and change the telephone number as the current number has been put out of service. This is something that he had tried to avoid and had been assured when the phone was purchased that this would not be necessary. A number of Board members reported that despite them sending up dates for the web site they are not being uploaded and some of these date back to December. They are concerned as this is the Trusts main means of communication with members.

Action: CK to purchase new SIM Card and circulate new telephone number.

Action: MG will speak to the web master about this he has also asked CMK to ask CK if he would mind deputising for the current web master.

7. Business Plan Progress.

This will be a rolling agenda item.

Action: JW to set review dates.

8. Community Trust Meeting

MP has now resigned the Trust Boards Community Trust representative however due the situation at the football club the formation of the Community Trust has been suspended. this has been hold.

9. Any Other Bussiness

a) Missing Board Members

Some Board members have not been attending meetings and not sent apologies. This is in breech of Rule 63:

Action: TB has been asked to draft a letter to send to missing Board members on behalf of MG.

b) Position Of Trust Secretary

MG has been approached by a Trust member who would like to take up the position.

Action: CMK to contact the Trust member and invite him to the next Trust meeting.

c) Supporters Club Representative on the Trust Board.

MG will discuss this with Ian White

d) Newsletter

Over the last few months CK has produced a number of newsletters but they have not been published because each time they have been due to the news has been completely out of date.

Action: When the future of the Football Club is known CK will produce a newsletter for publication.

e) Club Web Shop

The fees for the Club web shop need paying for the next 2 years MG asked if the Trust would pay them. The Board suggested that in the first instance Save Our club should be approached as it was the Boards understanding that this was what save Our Club had been set up to do.

Action: MG to approach Save Our Club on behalf of the Football Club.

f) Future Meetings

It was agreed that Future meetings will return to Thursday Evenings the last Thursday of the month to start at 7.30pm at Weymouth Working Men's Club; Dates until the next Board election are:

Thursday 26th February 2009

Thursday 26th March 2009

Thursday 30th April 2009

Thursday 28th May 2009

g) Board Vacancies

To be discussed further at the next Board meeting.

Next Trust Board Meeting Thursday 26th February 2009. There will be an informal Trust meeting on Thursday 5th February 2009 7.30pm at Weymouth Working Men's Club.