

Terras Trust Board Meeting Minutes

9th October 2008

Present:

Anthony Sams (AS); Tony Baylis (TB); Rob Nichols (RN); Steve Walkinshaw (SW); Matt Pitman (MP); Richard McGowan (RMcG) ; Connor Kinsella (CK); Caroline Kinsella(CMK); Mark Golsby (MG);

Apologies:

Matt Barton (MB); Shaun Hennessey (SH); John West (JW)

Meeting started 7.35pm Ended 10.30pm

Matters Arising

2.1 Point of Order

AS has e-mailed everyone.

2.2 Community Trust Meeting

MP has contacted Malcolm Curtis for a date for the Community Trust Meeting but has not received a reply.

Action: MP will follow-up. This item is carried over to next Trust Board meeting.

2.4 Co-option of Supporters Club Representative onto the Board of the Terras Trust.

AS will e-mail CMK Ian Whites e-mail address.

2.6 Golden Goal

Golden Goal Rotas has now been circulated if people cannot do the dates that they are rostered for then they will need to arrange to swap with someone else on the rota.

2.8 Weymouth Working Men's Club membership for board members

To be added to December's agenda. All Trust Board members to join.

2.11 Refurbishment of the Disabled Section of the Ground.

To be carried forward for a future agenda item.

2.13 Trust Bank Account

To be carried forward.

2.21.1 Conduct of Trust members

AS e-mailed Trust Member.

3. Membership Update

Second renewal reminders have been sent out. New Membership cards authorised any payment agreed.

5. Business Planning

More time is needed to complete the final draft and circulate it for comment. This will eventually be signed off by e-mail.

6. Treasurers Report

Update on reimbursement from Supporters Direct. To date we have claimed £223 - £50 for the first year's membership and £100 for the constitution. We can still claim up to £596.

SW has spoken to Supporters Direct about Insurance they have suggested that we seek advice from an Insurance broker re level of cover the Trust will require. SW reports that Supporters Direct informed him of a scam that another Trust has been victim to. They discovered that money was missing from the Trusts account. It transpired that someone had accessed the account using the details on the standing order form which was on the Trusts web site.

Action: SW will follow up with Supporters Direct.

RMcG to be asked to remove the standing Order form from the Trust website ASAP. Standing Order forms will need to be requested.

7. Fundraising.

Collection Jars are being delivered.

A Quiz has been arranged for 24th January 2009 at the Wessex Stadium. MB will enquire about a trophy. This will be advertised through the newsletter, Terras-Talk message board and Trust website.

8. AGM

Action: CMK to clarify with Tom Hall when this is due is it a year from Election.

9. Supporters Direct Conference

The Trust would have liked to send a representative but because it is on a Thursday and in London this will not be possible as Board members are working.

10. Correspondence from Trust Member

Response sent by e-mail.

11. Julia's House Sponsorship by the Trust

This has now been paid. The Trust has now provided the Football Club with the wording for the Advertising Board and advert. The advertising Board is yet to be put up in the ground.

Action: MG to follow up with the Football Club

12. Redesign of the Match Day Posters.

Budmouth College have approached the Trust to say that they are looking for small Scale design projects. The Football Club have asked for the Trusts help in redesigning the match day posters they would like the poster to advertise 8 matches at a time. this may be a project for Budmouth College Design and Technology Students to take on.

Action: MP to speak to Dave Akers at Budmouth College re the Design and Technology Students designing a new poster to advertise home matches.

2. Membership Update

TB reports that the Trust has 189 members to date of which 50 are outstanding renewals some from the first round of renewals. The Board agreed to give members the benefit of the doubt and send a third renewal letter with a deadline which AS will sign. The Board agreed that TB should go ahead and order the new membership cards.

3. Treasurers Report

The balance to the end of September is £5,793 of which, £5,240 has been raised by membership. From the 7 home games played so far this season Golden Goal has raised £404.50. Discussion about methods of paying membership especially in light of the scam another Trust had been a victim of.

Action: SW will look into PayPal as a method of making donations and paying membership and e-mail details to RMcG so that he can update the website.

4. Community Trust Meeting.

MP reports that there have been no Community Trust meetings arranged yet. Mp has spoken to Tim Davis who is keen to get the Community Trust off the ground. Tim will be attending a future Trust meeting he has provided MP with a list of initiatives that the Club is involved in.

Action: MP to circulate the list to the Trust Board.

5. Weymouth FC Update.

The Football Club have asked the Trust to purchase new goal nets which will cost £75 –the current goal nets have been condemned. The Football Club will acknowledge that the Trust have bought the new nets.

Action: The Board voted in favour of purchasing the new goal nets. MG to organize.

The Trust Board discussed the 60 – 65 concessions issue again. MG reported that he has raised this issue a number of times with the Weymouth FC Board who are refusing to re-consider. The Trust Board have asked MG to pursue this further with the Board of Weymouth FC.

Malcolm Curtis has requested a meeting with the Chairman of the Trust on Monday 13th October to discuss investment options in the new stadium. The Board held a long and detailed discussion about Weymouth Football Clubs financial position. The outcome of which was that the Trust Board agreed to hold an extraordinary meeting on Tuesday 14th October for AS to feedback to the Board from his meeting with Malcolm Curtis. It was also agreed that the Trust Board will release a statement over the weekend informing Trust members of the meeting and asking if they have any questions that they would like asked. The Trust Board noted that there has not been either a Finance of Weymouth FC Board Meeting since June / July. The Club have requested help from the Trust and specifically needs more volunteers to help on match days. This will be discussed more fully at next Tuesday's Extraordinary Meeting. The Trust needs to be more actively exploring obtaining shares in the football club. CMK will e-mail SW and TB list of members who have offered to proxy shares to the Trust.

Action: CMK to e-mail all Trust Board members informing them that there will be an Extraordinary Meeting on Tuesday 14th October at Weymouth Working men's Club.

Action MG to further pursue concessions issue with WFC.

6. Open Meeting

The Trust are aware that they need to arrange an Open meeting a date and venue still need to be identified the membership requires a minimum of 7 days notice.

Action: To be discussed further at the meeting on Tuesday 14th October.

7. Any Other Business

a) Terra Bites

This is the new letter issued by the Football Club the Trust used to have a regular mention in it but has not for some time.

Action: TB to contact the editor of Terras Bites.

b) Trust assisting in the running if the Football Club.

To be discussed following Tuesday's meeting the Trust may need to form a sub group to take this forward.

c) Website

RMcG has updated some of the website.

Action: RMcG to circulate updated pages.

d) Trust Members personal Sponsorship of a Game.

It was agreed that the Trust Board members will personally sponsor the Mansfield Game 29th November.

Action: Can those Board members wishing to sponsor the game please e-mail MG requirements. A minimum of 10 is required.

Action: Board members to e-mail MG by 19th October.

e) Trust Phone

CK reported that the current Trust phone has become unreliable the battery is no longer holding its charge for long. The board agreed that a new phone needs to be purchased.

Action: CK to purchase a new phone and transferring the existing telephone number.

Date and Time of Extraordinary Meeting Tuesday 14th October 7.30pm at Weymouth Working Men's Club.

Date and Time of next Terras Trust Board Meeting Thursday 13th November at 7.30pm at Weymouth Working Men's Club.