

## ARFC SUPPORTERS' TRUST MEETING - MAR 2013 - GEORGIAN HOTEL, COATBRIDGE

Present: Donald Ashwood, Al Baird, Jordan Campbell, David Crichton, Gordon Dishington, David George, Eddie Hagerty, David Herd, Gordon Lind, Chris Rafferty, John McEwan, Shaun Millar, Daniel Mossie.

Apologies: Ronnie Boyd, Bill Walker.

### Agenda:

1. Matters Arising
2. Club Shares- Letter to shareholders
3. Race Night
4. Monday Club update
5. Club Shop
6. AGM
7. Ciaran Donnelly
8. AOCB

EH declared the meeting open.

### Matters Arising:

The minutes of the last meeting (7 Feb 2013) were agreed

### Club Shares - Letter to existing shareholders

EH updated meeting on an idea for the trust to send out a letter to club shareholders in conjunction with the BOD advising them of the role of the trust and whether they would be interested in transferring or selling their shares to the trust. It would explain how this could benefit the long term future of the club. The initial mailings would be targeted at shareholders who have not had any close connection or apparent interest in the club in recent and not so recent times. A draft of the letter was discussed and ideas suggested. EH agreed to redraft for future discussion.

### Race Night

Date of next race night agreed for Fri 26<sup>th</sup> April; same pricing structures as previous years.

Horse sales and race sponsorships details will be organised by JMCE.

The race night is the best fund raiser the trust has and is always a great night out.

### Monday Club update

EH, updated on work on going – focus in recent weeks has been on painting the back fence and crush barriers.

### Club Shop

JMCE updated on shop sales and stock ideas. Sales have remained pretty steady although not quite as good as last year. It's a difficult balancing act between keeping stock ideas fresh and not ending up with excess stock of items that don't sell at all. A good example of this for future consideration would be 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of winning the league title items. Hard to gauge whether there would be sufficient demand for these to make them worthwhile. An area that will be given more thought in the close season. New strips for 13/14 was also raised and JMCE would try to speak to Frank Meade on what ideas the club had in this area. An idea being a strip based on the one worn in 88/89 per the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary as mentioned earlier.

### Trust AGM

Brief discussion on possible dates - mid May was suggested to bring it closer to end of football season. Once accounts are finished and sent to auditors we will have a better idea of suitable dates. .

### Ciaran Donnelly

EH and DA advised meeting that Ciaran has now played over 250 games for the club and how we should look to mark this fantastic achievement. It was also pointed out that he is in fact the most 'capped' Rovers player since the Second World War. Without doubt a Rovers legend.

Further discussions with the club were suggested for ideas for a suitable gift – possibly at the end of season awards.

### AOCB

Squad Fund – JC updated meeting of status of fund and the regular monthly total that could be expected. He also updated on a meeting with BW and RB to take the idea out into the community and to try and engage with local businesses

GD took that opportunity to update everyone on what his role at the club would be and how JC's ideas and his own could work well together.

EH thanked everyone for a positive meeting and declared the meeting closed; next meeting scheduled for 4 April 2013.