

Albion Rovers Supporter's Trust Meeting

02/05/2013 at the Georgian Hotel, Coatbridge

Present: Eddie Hagerty, Jordan Campbell, Gordon Dishington, David Herd, Ronnie Boyd, David George, Scott Lindsay, Donald Ashwood & Alistair Baird

Apologies: Bill Walker, David Crichton, John McEwan, Gordon Lind, Daniel Mossie.

EH kicked off by welcoming everyone to the May meeting of the supporter's trust and re-iterated that we had a busy agenda to work through.

The minutes from the April meeting were proposed by DH and seconded by DA. All were agreed that they provided an accurate description of the meeting and what was discussed.

Race Night

All who were present agreed it was a very successful night. DH informed the meeting that around £700 was raised. This signalled a very healthy profit. Everyone agreed that the race night is an integral part of the Trust's events calendar and we should continue to stage it on an annual basis.

Membership Cards

DH informed the meeting that outstanding Trust membership cards are due to be issued along with the AGM notice at a point in the near future. DH & EH agreed to oversee the distribution of both the cards and the letter of invitation to the AGM. EH asked anyone available nearer the time to volunteer a few hours to help do this.

Name Change

On the back of last month's discussions, the name change proposal was looked at again. EH suggested the 'open meeting' to debate name change should take place in either the Georgian or the club itself. GD informed us that any change would have to be made before 01/06/2013. EH highlighted how important it is to take account of all opinions and agreed that an open forum/debate would be the best way of achieving this. RB agreed with EH and also mentioned that it shows we are a transparent group who see it as critical to take all views on board. EH proposed 23/05/2013 as a possible date for the meeting, EH also suggested a format of 1 speaker for and another against. AB suggested that a tannoy announcement would be the best way of informing regular fans about the proposed meeting. DG suggested the use of the A&CA. RB then questioned the issue of 'proxy' if a vote was held. EH suggested that those who could not vote in person would be able to do so online. GD mentioned the fact that it is vitally important to encourage the attendance of 'regular' fans. DH then proposed 'a trial period' during which we would change our name temporarily then gauge the results to see if it had any effect. GD "most fans" are positive about the change when he canvasses for opinion on terraces. GD also acknowledged that some are completely against it. EH ended exchanges on this topic by saying that it is vital to ensure any name change discussions occur in "an open, transparent and inclusive manner."

Community Share Issue

The pros of this type of issue were outlined by EH & GD. AB has done a lot of research on the subject and has the most subject specific knowledge. EH highlighted that if we achieved this we could have good chance of securing Trust Seat on BoD. RB said he'd be interested in buying some shares; most of those present also said they'd be interested. GD said that individuals who have little/no interest in the club should be approached 'in the right way' to see if they'd be willing to sell/transfer shares. EH it is important to have a specific target market and to do it in the right way (with a letter or a personal approach). DH questioned if this was the best avenue to pursue in terms of Trust having more of a say in the running/governance of the club.

AOCB

1. Trust AGM – held at club. 9 are required to achieve a quorum. DH suggested date of 06/06/2013, to be looked at.
2. Sportsman's Dinner – table arrangements still to be made. Those who will sit at Trust table still to be decided and will be contacted in near future.
3. Monday Club's summer project – Skip required for clear out. Bricks to be disposed of. What about astro-grass behind Coatbridge goal? All agreed lots of work has to be done over the summer. People will chip in/attend when they're able to.
4. Ayr Stewarding – DG questioned stewarding v Ayr. Explained that because of Airdrieonians/Ayr situation club (in collaboration with local police) thought it would be a necessary precaution.

EH closed meeting and said next date would be posted on MB or communicated via text to all concerned.