

## **ARFC SUPPORTERS' TRUST MEETING – JANUARY 16, 2014 – GEORGIAN HOTEL, COATBRIDGE**

Present: Donald Ashwood, Al Baird, Ronnie Boyd, David Crichton, Marcus Cotter, David George, Eddie Hagerty, David Herd, Iain Lawson (minutes) and Pat Rolink.

Apologies: Shaun Millar and Bill Walker.

### **Agenda:**

1. Matters Arising
2. Chip and Pin
3. Supporters' Bus
4. Newsletter
5. Sustainability
6. Memorial Garden
7. Feedback from Club
8. AOCB

EH welcomed everyone and declared the meeting open.

### **Matters Arising**

EH stated that the last meeting in December took the form of a social event and therefore there were no minutes.

### **Chip and Pin**

EH reported that the Samsung phone was not compatible with the chip and pin device. The iPod device that was purchased by SM was not suitable either. EH now has list of compatible devices which can be used with device which he will give to SM.

### **Supporters Bus**

General discussion on alleged drink on bus .It was agreed that this was very serious as it was illegal; EH will contact bus convener to discuss this issue.

### **Newsletter**

It was generally agreed that this should be published before the Stenhousemuir Scottish Cup game. Newsletter should be targeted in part to younger fans (older Primary School) with wordsearch, quiz, and note of remaining fixtures. Material to be sent to DH and DC for proof reading then passed to Stephen McEwan for typesetting.

### **Proposed content:**

- Quiz from PR
- Wordsearch from EH
- Motherwell/Scottish Cup article from RB

### **Sustainability**

EH stated that due to the changing personnel, the committee would have to forward plan to have long term sustainability for Trust. There is a need for a general discussion of continuity building. DH has decided to resign from committee at the forthcoming AGM; SM to take over as Treasurer at that point.

### **Memorial Garden**

EH suggested that this could be developed on land next to toilets at stadium for a limited cost. Meeting accepted proposal. IL stated that he would like to be involved in the design and construction as he had previous experience with this type of project.

### **Feedback from Club**

RB gave feedback from Club BoD. He said he had been made very welcome since recently joining. He went on to give information on the following issues:

1. Request to form a Social media Group comprising of small group of active contributors.
2. Pie stall to be opened for Stenny game following fire last year.
3. £500 from club given to DH, which will be matched by Trust, to be ring-fenced to fund small stadium improvements and maintenance projects.
4. BoD fully appreciates the contribution of Trust to general upkeep of stadium.
5. Long-standing issue with former director now resolved.

### **AOCB**

Suggestion from PR that Lew Mc William is awarded a lifelong membership of Trust for his work at the stadium. EH said he would speak to LM.

EH suggested that we change bank from Co-operative Bank to Airdrie Saving's bank. DH had concerns about changing over accounts re existing standing orders.

DG noted that there were security issues in counting programme and shop monies in a public area after a home match. It was suggested that this could be done in the First Aid Room (if unoccupied) in future.

DG asked for picture of Copy Care sponsorship board be taken and emailed to owner of Copy Care.

Meeting closed by EH.

Next Trust meeting: to be confirmed.

Minutes prepared by Iain Lawson, January 2014.