

ARFC SUPPORTERS' TRUST MEETING – OCTOBER 17 2013 – GEORGIAN HOTEL, COATBRIDGE

Present: Al Baird, Ronnie Boyd, David George, Eddie Hagerty, David Herd, Scott Lindsay, Daniel Mossie and Bill Walker.

Apologies: Donald Ashwood, Jordan Campbell, Marcus Cotter, David Crichton and Shaun Millar.

Agenda:

1. Matters Arising
2. Ratifying Candidate for Trust Representative on Club BoD
3. Membership of Club Working Groups
4. Quiz Night
5. Christmas Party
6. AOCB

EH welcomed everyone and declared the meeting open.

Matters Arising

With JC not present, the last set of minutes was not available. To be reviewed and agreed ahead of next meeting.

Following supporter collection for Paul Martin half-marathon, Trust and Club BoD have agreed to round total up to £500; the presentation to be made this Saturday at the fixture v Elgin City. Also discussion of presenting Frank Meade with framed photograph to commemorate his appointment as Club Chief Executive.

The purchase of the new TV has been completed and it has been installed in supporter lounge at stadium. The old TV has been donated to the Kirkshaws Safe Play Group.

The 'chip and pin' payment system for the club shop is not yet working due to an apparent issue with the android phone; EH and SM to investigate.

AB proposed that the Trust getting a gift for DA following his health issues; RB proposed a book token, and this was agreed upon. EH will organise.

Ratifying Candidate

Discussion held over who Trust should nominate as representative on Club BoD following invitation from J Devlin [JD]. Previous candidate had been RB, and following discussion, RB was again selected [proposed by BW and seconded by DG]. RB happy to accept, and briefly outlined what he believed he would bring to the role if/when confirmed.

Working Groups

Discussions took place on individuals that the Trust think may be viable candidates for the proposed Club working groups. RB, BW and EH all to contact JD regarding working group suggestions.

BW talked about the future of the squad fund with the prospect of the Club 2020 scheme on the horizon. This has yet to be fully determined.

As part of the Community discussion, AB noted that other clubs have expressed their envy at the current demographic of the Rovers support.

Suggestion made that another group potentially be constituted, along the lines of communication, encompassing the likes of the programme, website, social media etc. It was noted that the @albionrovers twitter account is now the official Club one.

DH brought up the relationship between Trust and Club following initiation of working groups, as some of the current responsibilities of Trust may now transferred or be shared. Potential changes in future role of Trust to be discussed at later date.

Quiz Night

Takes place on 8 November; publicity to be generated for this event as soon as possible.

Christmas Party

Date selected as 7 December; venue to be decided upon. Trust to continue to organise the event this year, but in future may fall under the remit of the Community working group.

BW mentioned possible joint fan and player Christmas event had been suggested by J Ward. To be discussed with Club.

Trust agreed to fund a Christmas Dinner for the members of the Monday Club as recognition of their sterling work throughout the year.

AOCB

DG expressed concern at lack of progress regarding the stall at ASDA prior to home matches; with Christmas fast approaching, the opportunity may be in danger of being squandered. The matter will be raised with the club.

AB mentioned contact he had with Australian Albion Rovers FC (now known as Cairnlea FC) who had recently been promoted, and may soon pass a letter of friendship to the Club; a reciprocal letter of congratulations was suggested. Trust to consult with Club. Potential similar relationships to be investigated with Albion Rovers in Ireland and Wales.

Next Trust meeting: to be confirmed.

Minutes prepared by David Herd, 23 October 2013.