

ARFC SUPPORTERS' TRUST MEETING – APRIL 24, 2014 - GEORGIAN HOTEL, COATBRIDGE

Present: Donald Ashwood, Ronnie Boyd, David Crichton, David Herd (minutes) and Shaun Millar.

Apologies: Al Baird, Marcus Cotter, Eddie Hagerty, Iain Lawson and Bill Walker.

Agenda:

1. Matters Arising
2. Trust AGM
3. Finances
4. Club Update
5. End of Season Arrangements
6. AOCB

DH welcomed everyone and declared the meeting open.

Matters Arising

Minutes of previous meeting were not available as EH currently on holiday. These are to be agreed at next meeting.

Trust AGM

The provisional date of Thursday, 19 June was selected for the Trust AGM. DH and John McEwan will prepare the accounts for submittal to the independent examiner by the end of May. DH re-iterated his decision to stand down from the committee at the AGM; SM will then take over as Treasurer as discussed and agreed at a previous meeting.

Usual reminder issued to committee members that anyone not having a current subscription by the time of the AGM will be automatically stood down at that point.

Finances

DH reported that the current balance was in the region of £6700. DH also reminded the meeting that permission for all financial outlay on behalf of the Trust needs to be agreed in advance with the committee or the Treasurer for minor items. The only permissible exception is where funds have already been ring-fenced for a specific purpose, such as the stadium funds set aside jointly by the Club and the Trust for the use of the Monday Club.

Club Update

RB Informed meeting that Frank Meade and Robert Watt are to stand down from the board following the final league game of the season, and that Paul Reilly was recently appointed as the Club Secretary and will liaise with FM in the interim. The Club plans a small increase in the playing budget for next term, and will submit plans to North Lanarkshire Council regarding the redevelopment of the north terracing at the Airdrie end of Cliftonhill.

The 'pay what you like' scheme for Season Tickets for 2014/15 will open at the beginning of May, and the Club will retaining the existing playing strips for that season, but are currently considering introducing a third strip, in all-white colours, which is likely to feature the 'Cash of Kids' logo.

End of Season Arrangements

The Club and the Trust are jointly organising an end of season awards event on the evening of 3 May at The Georgian Hotel. There will be the awards presentations, a buffet and some entertainment provided by Pat Rolink. There was some discussion as to who should present the supporter awards; an attempt will be made to contact the family of Chic Young regarding the goal of the season award.

At this award, it was suggested that a small presentation be made to FM and RW for their many years of service for Rovers. The nature of this award is still to be determined.

The Trust confirmed their intention to take a table at the Club Sportsman Dinner on 16 May at Drumpellier Golf Club, and a list of potential invitees was drawn up to attend on behalf of the Trust; DH to co-ordinate the invitations.

AOCB

Prior to the meeting, BW had provided DH with an update of the Squad Fund situation. The Fund will continue in its current form until the close season, when BW and John Devlin will decide how to incorporate the Fund into the proposed 2020 scheme.

DH proposed changes to the signatories for the Trust bank account following his stepping down. The proposal is to remove DH and Lew McWilliam and replace them with SM and RB. SM seconded the motion.

The Chip and Pin system for the club shop is still not operational; SM and EH to organise and trial before the competitive games begin in July.

JM will produce an end-of-season update on the shop sales figures for the next meeting in May.

IL advised the meeting by email that the work on the memorial garden is continuing, and the planting of shrubs will happen after the last league game.

DH closed the meeting and thanked everyone in attendance.

Minutes prepared by David Herd, 27 April 2014.