

Minutes of the CFU AGM held on 31st March 2014 at the Cambridge United Supporters Club, Newmarket Road, Cambridge.

The "top table" consisted of the following:

Dave Matthew-Jones (CFU Chair)
Colin Proctor (Fans Elected Director)
Martin Page (CFU Treasurer)
James Taylor (CFU Secretary)

There were approximately 50 CFU members in the audience. There were also members of the local media present.

The AGM had been planned for January but due to delays with the CUFC AGM, Martin Page being focussed on getting the club accounts ready and CFU volunteers assisting the club with FA Trophy ticket sales the CFU AGM was delayed

CFU ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Dave MJ opened the 13th CFU AGM at 7:30pm.

1. Chairman's welcome and report. (Dave Matthew-Jones).

- a. Dave thanked the Supporters Club for hosting the CFU AGM.
- b. A minute's silence was held for Reg Smart. Dave announced the Reg was in the process of transferring his shareholding in CUFC LTD to CFU.
- c. Apologies for the delay due to CFU personnel being required to assist the club with ticket sales.
- d. CFU had been involved in many things to benefit CUFC and the supporters:
 - i. The Abbey Helpers scheme was set up by CFU and is a vital part of the match day experience.
 - ii. CFU took the lead on organising the club's Open Day.
 - iii. CFU had set up a ticket sale system as a stop-gap in November 2012, as well as an online shop while the club worked on their own systems.
 - iv. CFU paid for accessible toilets in the Main Stand, and arranged for the labour to do the building work.
 - v. 100 Years of Coconuts has grown and is continuing to preserve and promote the club's history.
 - vi. CFU continue to oversee the Junior Us scheme.
 - vii. Social Media presence has grown and is used to promote both the club and CFU.
 - viii. CFU have a presence in the club every day and people who have come through CFU are a vital part of the behind the scenes work at the club.
- e. Dave expressed his gratitude for the work Dave Doggett has done and hopes that CFU and the club will continue to work as one moving forward.

2. Secretary's Report (James Taylor)

- a. Apologies received from Jeremy George, Graham Daniels, Richard Money and Carole Scullion.
- b. Minutes/Matters arising from the 13th AGM on 18th March 2013
 - i. There were no matters arising.
 - ii. A show of hands agreed that the Minutes were a true reflection of the meeting.
- c. Membership stood at 350, a fall of 60 from last year. Part of this is explained by the players and staff memberships lapsing. CFU membership numbers tend to increase most at times of difficulty so a fall in numbers is not necessary a bad thing.
- d. Members can save money by paying for a number of years in advance, this reduces the administration for CFU which reduces costs.
- e. A request was made for members to inform the secretary of changes of address or emails and to forward emails received from CFU to fellow supporters and non-members.

3. Treasurer's report. (Martin Page)

- a. Copies of the CFU annual financial statement at August 2012 were available for members at the door.
- b. The Independent Examining Accountants had agreed the accounts are true and fair.
- c. Notes to the financial statement:
 - i. A grant of £10,060 from the Heritage Lottery Fund to 100 Years of Coconuts was paid into the CFU account, £9,937 of this is shown as Coconuts museum expenditure.
 - ii. £9,000 of debtors is a loan to CUYCT that has since been converted to shares in CUFC LTD.
 - iii. Cash at the bank in August was £15,113, currently £15,000.
 - iv. Surplus was £10,224, cumulative income £140,797..
- d. Martin asked for approval of the accounts, this was agreed unanimously by a show of hands.
- e. Martin asked that Clifford Towers be re-appointed as Independent Examining Accountants, this was agreed unanimously by a show of hands.
- f. Martin put the following Full Audit Exemption resolution to the meeting: "It is hereby resolved that subject to the provisions of section 4A of the 1968 Friendly and Industrial and Provident Societies Act, the members of the Society shall not require an audit for the Accounts covering the current financial year ending on 31st August 2014 when they are presented to the next AGM. The members of the Society agree that the Accounts for the financial year ending on 31st August 2014 and for which reports will be laid before the following AGM do not require a full Audit provided that an Independent Examination is carried out in place of the full audit, the Independent Examination is carried out in line with best practice and a report from the Independent Examiner is included within the Accounts and circulated to members".
- g. The resolution was passed unanimously by a show of hands.

4. Election of Trust Board members

- a. Tom Taylor and John Moore had stepped down from the Society Board during the previous year.
- b. Two Society Board members were standing down by rotation and were available for re-election:

Dave Matthew-Jones

John Bilboa

- c. There were three nominations for the Society Board during the year
Tim Christopher
Margaret Pearson
Roy Newman
- d. All five were elected unanimously by a show of hands

5. Election of Fans Director

- a. The Fans Elected Director stands for 2 years and can then be re-elected on an annual basis. Colin Proctor had been re-elected at last year's AGM for a further year.
- b. Nominations had been invited, there was only one nomination, that of Colin Proctor.
- c. Colin Proctor was elected unanimously for a further year by a show of hands.
 - i. Colin thanked Dave Doggett for his hard work
 - ii. Thought the last week since FA Trophy was great. The trophy had been taken around town to local businesses. This had raised the profile of the club.
 - iii. Colin expressed a desire for the Play2win lottery to reach 500 members, this would bring in £1,000 a week to the club.

6. Membership (Tim Christopher and Terry Wilby)

- a. Tim and Terry have formed a membership group, aimed at increasing membership numbers.
- b. CFU need to be more vocal about achievements and work at the club.
- c. Looking at cutting administration costs.

7. Abbey Helpers (Roy Newman)

- a. Inspired by London 2012 Games Makers, to provide a warm and friendly welcome to fans on match days as well as useful information.
- b. After a difficult start the relationship with club stewards has improved greatly.
- c. The Abbey Helpers are now an important part of the match day experience and valued by both the club and the fans.

8. Assisting the club (Robert Osborne and Dave Matthew-Jones)

- a. The relationship between club and CFU has improved greatly, CFU now more involved in day to day operations at the club. This includes the helping in the shop, the offices and assisting Ian Darler with stadium maintenance.
- b. The Open Day saw £7,000 in sales
- c. CFU send out an information pack to other supporters trust to assist away fans visiting the Abbey.
- d. Online shop and online ticket sales have all benefited the club and were services to fans that were previously missing.
- e. CFU are often approached by other supporters trusts for assistance and also by Supporters Direct. Examples of this include writing to the FA regarding

Hull City's name change and working with Supporters Direct to oppose recent feeder club plans put forward by Greg Dyke.

- f. Dave again emphasised the CFU have not always been as proactive and vocal about achievements and importance as they should be.

9. 100 Years of Coconuts (Pat Morgan)

- a. Lottery grant has enabled more people to get involved and enabled the project to purchase necessary video and computer equipment.
- b. Bill Leivers was invited to a question and answer session recently which was a great success and hopefully the first of many.

10. Play2win lottery (Brian Thorby)

- a. Take up has been disappointing so far but a major push is planned, assisted by Cambridge Marketing Ltd.
- b. As well as benefitting the club and YCT profits are shared with local charities Rowan Humberstone and Rosie Maternity hospital.
- c. There are some great prizes to be won, cash and money can't buy prizes.

Part 2

11. O & A session with Dave Doggett. compered by Steve Jackson of Radio Cambridgeshire

After a short break Dave Doggett agreed to take questions from attendees. Due to part one over running and to ensure the meeting finished in good time this session was shorter than initially hoped.

Steve Jackson began by praising Dave Doggett, Jez George, Richard Money, CFU and all the volunteers who made FA Trophy success possible.

Q. Are the club talking to the council regarding stadium plans?

A. Plan b is now the preferred option and the club are in contact with the council. Mission 676 and the work the trust do show how important new facilities are to the club and the city.

Q. Will a CFU membership form be on Season Ticket application forms?

A. DMJ: Hopefully this will be the case.

DD: The club have details of everyone who purchased FA Trophy final tickets. This can be used to promote CFU and play2win as well as the club.

Q. Will post match events like the Bill Leivers Q & A be a regular occurrence?

A. Pat Morgan: There are plans to bring in more guests and more Coconuts events.

DD: Anything is possible and the club will always support these events.

DMJ: Hopefully there will be more post match events, possibly including injured players. This used to happen and created a good link between players and fans.

Dave Doggett thanked Steve for giving his time and praised the Radio Cambridgeshire coverage of the FA Trophy final.

Steve Jackson thanked CFU for inviting him to the meeting at stated that Wembley was his best day at work. He urged everyone to help CFU and the club in any way they can.

DMJ thanked everyone for attending and Steve for giving up his time. He urged everyone present to encourage others to join CFU. The best salespeople CFU has are the current members.

The meeting closed at 9:32pm