

Minutes of the CFU Monthly Meeting held on 3rd October 2011 at the Cambridge United Supporters Club.

Reminder: These minutes are confidential and must not be disclosed to persons outside the CFU Trust board.

1) Attendees and Apologies

Present: Dave Matthew Jones (Chair), Matt Ramsay (minutes), Robert Osbourn, Nigel Browne, James Taylor, Derek Wick, John Bilboa, Colin Proctor (FED), Brian Thorby.

Apologies: Dave Doggett, John Moore, Terry Wilby, Carol Looker, Nick Parker, Tom Taylor.

2) Minutes of the last meeting

-It was agreed the minutes of the September meeting were correct.

3) Financial (Derek)

-c.£19.5k in bank, c.£1.5k in Paypal
-Insurance money to come out.

4) Lottery (John B)

-A bank account for this project has now been set up.
-Licences, a PO Box have been sorted. PO Box is no.1198 at a cost of £170.
-An application has been made to open a freepost address at a cost of £80pa.
-Full address CFU Play2Win, PO Box 1198, Cottenham.
-Elements of the website have been upgraded.
-Alternative hosts for this might be considered for future usage.
-Data protection is something that must be carefully considered.
-Building of the website and a database for the project is ongoing.

-A proposal has been made to Matt Gooding at Cambridge First for sponsorship.
-Cambridge News had already been spoken to.
-Cambridge First might be able to sponsor; Cambridge News could only promote.
-Potential community sponsors to explore.

-Prizes still under discussion with Jez.
-Needs activity prizes as well as financial.
-Planned launch date for lottery provisionally set for February.
-Know more about infrastructure in coming weeks.

5) T-Shirts (Robert)

-Initial outlay £480 on 100 shirts. 10 left in stock.
-Estimated income if all shirts sold = profit of £300.
-Also made some pin badges.
-Suggested sale price £1. 200 ordered at a total of £81.60.

6) Race Night (DMJ, James)

-Carol in control of preparations.

- DVD done, posters created.
- Friday 2 December. £3 entrance, includes one horse.
- Needs sponsors.

7) **Owed shares** (Robert, John B)

- Raised in most recent meeting with Renford and Greg.
- c.£500 owed from phones at club, £1k+ for DVDs and books in shop in town, £x for Habbin bridge. Selling programmes in 09-10. Cambridge Til I Die sales.
- Also Gary Harwood shares. Reg Smart shares, not minute'd by Robert Smith.
- Grand total of c£4,500 worth of shares owed to CFU.
- Reg Smart's shares worth c.£6k.

8) **Membership** (DMJ)

- Currently 340 members, increase on last month.
- c15% of home gate.

9) **Fan's Director** (Colin)

- Colin could stay in role on temporary basis while waiting for somebody new to be elected.
- Renford now hoping Colin doesn't step down? Paul Barry more concerned Colin might speak to press?

10) **Community Report** (James)

- Disappointment with club's lack of involvement with Kick It Out campaign.
- No Kick It Out match this season at Abbey.
- Left too late to publicise now, potential date had been 21 October vs Lincoln.
- CFU paid for Kick It Out match last season.
- Stuart Wood best point of contact.

11) **Meeting with Renford and Greg** (Robert, John B)

- Club rejected John's proposal for club shop.
- Club talking to other franchises to run it.
- Board doesn't want CFU to take money out of club? CFU only proposed to take 25% of profit after a certain level of turnover was reached. Most likely would be re-invested into project / club anyway.
- Errea contract ends this year so now is the negotiation period.

-Junior U's and who will run it. Seen as databasing exercise by club? No time invested into making it a success?

-Family Stand has a new sponsor. More upcoming.

-Centenary Committee to be reformed. Doug S involved. Graham Daniels to chair?

12) **Centenary Book** (Matt, DMJ)

- Quotes gained from Nightingale Press. Given to Russ.
- Russ has other quotes from elsewhere.
- Too early to search for sponsors?
- Asking local media for photographs.
- Book should sell well. Costings not unreasonable.

-CFU needs to ensure return on any investment.

13) **Any Other Business**

-Mansfield away game on Premier Sports will be shown at Supporter's Club. Open 6.30pm, Thurs 3 November.

-Cost and food to be confirmed.

-CFU has a better relationship with Grosvenor than they do with the club?

-Aim for talks with them.

-Focus on position in 5 years and with a new ground in place, rather than squabbling over issues ongoing now? Ensure CFU has "a place at the table".

-Make sure people know Grosvenor wants CFU to be involved with proceedings.

-Give CFU money to part of new ground ownership rather than giving club money?

-Travel surveys. Potential new sites don't yet have public transport routes, but would do if ground is based there.

-Elliot Paige, professional at transport surveys, involved in producing survey for CFU.

-Grosvenor asks for CFU views at stakeholder meetings. Rather than ask Renford and the board?

-Club doesn't want CFU involved? Think they can treat fans as commodities?

-If Grosvenor needs CFU then the club needs CFU.

The meeting is closed at 9.50pm.

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