

Minutes of the CFU Monthly Meeting held on 6th April 2009 at the Funky Funhouse, Mercers Row, Cambridge.

1. Attendees and Apologies

Present: Dave Matthew-Jones (Chair), Gary Atyes, Derek Wick, Carolyn Cater, Robert Osbourn, Colin Proctor, Anton Thacker, Will Jones, Joy Childs, Terry Wilby (minutes).

Apologies: Brian Attmore (FD), Mark Stuart-Wood, Carol Looker, Martin Jordan.

Guest: Danny Ciborowski.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting.

- a. The minutes of the last meeting were taken as read.
- b. A letter had been sent to Histon, so far there had been no reply.

3. Financial:

- a. Around £15,600 in the Co-op bank and ~£400 in PayPal.
- b. £1220 had come in from Amber Army, £1600 had gone out.
- c. £20 donation from St.Ives U's, the final payment before they closed their bank account.
- d. £350 City Council grant for the Youth Tournament.
- e. CFU account filed on time.

4. Membership:

- a. Current membership: 312
- b. Lapsed: 97
- c. Non members: 115.

5. Vice Chair position:

- a. Nominations to Terry by email.

6. Youth Tournament:

- a. There have been problems in the past:
 - a. Abuse from parents,
 - b. Teams not in the correct age group,
 - c. Organisational problems with the pitches, goals etc
 - d. Parking problems on the day
- b. It was suggested that Jez be contacted to organise the event as he has lots of contacts.

7. AOB

Danny:

- a. Ben Phillips and Danny had spoken to Gary Atyes about raising money to replace the British Gas advert above the NRE. Help would be required getting the signs made and a cherry picker would be needed. Costs would be sought before committing. The new sign could include an advert for a local charity, such as the Teenage Cancer trust.
- b. The Amber Army flag was with Sooty, so far Danny had not been able to get it back. It was due to be returned at the Stevenage game.
- c. Amber Army are looking at alternative merchandise suppliers as they were not getting very good service from Vandanel or Macron. Dave commented that they need to review all the costs before ordering to ensure an adequate profit can be made.

Colin:

- a. Sportsmans Dinner made around £5,500 profit. There were some problems, such as running out of beer. The profit goes straight to the club, not through CFU.

- b. The Soul night was a disaster, barely breaking even. It was thought that someone had put messages out saying the event had been cancelled. There had been some complaints from locals about the noise that Robert had been able to resolve.

Robert:

- a. Gordon Theobald had contacted Robert about the Beer Festival. It could not be held at CUFC due to restrictions of the current contract with Marstons. It could be held in the Supporters Club, but there would be practical difficulties. Possibly in September/October?

Carolyn:

- a. The Legends Bar is available for CFU to use, possibly for Amber Army events or other commercial opportunities.
- b. The recent Race night made around £400 despite the attendance not being great.

Gary:

- a. Has started his job at CUFC, and is enjoying it.
- b. So far it seems easy to get money out of people, the CUFC "brand" is very strong.
- c. The club may need more volunteers in the office.

8. FED report

- a. Brian was not present so there was no FED report.

9. FED Election

- a. Terry to send out the final version of the CFU FED Document.
- b. As the CFU FED Document had not been agreed a decision on an interim FED was put back to the next meeting.
- c. Colin answered questions on why he had not been voted onto the CUFC Board as a Director in his own right, he thought that perhaps he had been considered to be a "loose cannon" and too outspoken.

Meeting closed at 9:00 pm

Next Monthly Meeting: 11th May 2009.

Other planned meetings: 1st June, 6th July, 3rd August, 7th September, 5th October, 2nd November, 7th December 2009.