

Minutes of CFU Committee Meeting held at Golden Hind, Cambridge, 10.12.01

Present: Nick Pomery (Chairman)

Dave Matthews-Jones

Derek Wick

Barry Eley

Justyn Medd

Heather Wilkanowski

Karen Hinkins

Lionel Webb

Alan Clarke

Peter Pinney

Steve Greenall

Apologies: Jamie Dyer

Eleanor Wick

Brian Attmore

Will Jones

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting (10.11.01, with the CU Board)

Accepted as an accurate record.

Of course, its great that we've got the shares and had our pitch presentation etc but there was some concern at the meeting as to who has got the share certificate! Could everyone check, please, and let Lionel know – he should keep it on file with the other main CFU documents.

ACTION: All

2. Finance

Derek circulated his excellent summary report, to 10.12.01, showing that, in addition to our share assets, we have over £17,000 in the bank. We should receive a further £7500 from our matching sponsor so it will not be very long until we can purchase another tranche of shares.

ACTION: Nick to contact matching sponsor.

Nick has taken the soundings at CCC and his feeling is that they will be unlikely to match us again in this financial year but may do in the next. Of course, when we have the funds ready for our purchase, we can ask the question.

Derek made a point about renewals, which are coming in nicely, but for those that don't, how long do we give them? It was agreed that 3 months is a long enough period.

3. MAIN ITEM – EVENTS

We wanted to ensure that we have a plan for 2002 to avoid the sort of congestion we experienced this year.

3.1 Sponsored Haircut

This will take place this year, in fact, on Boxing Day.

Olly is game for it and the arrangements are in hand. It was agreed that Olly should be introduced to the fans on 15th December, at the Bristol City game, to show his long locks – Heather is arranging. It was agreed Olly should choose the charity to share proceeds. We believe that the best way of collecting would be with buckets at hal-time.

ACTION: Nick to take up with Renford/ Ian Darler

3.1 Burns Night

It was unanimously agreed that we should arrange another Burns Night, following the success of this year's event. We'll be able to give more notice this time and it could be even better and bigger than the last one. Heather is again OK to organise it, with support needed from other CFU committee members

Heather reported that it is OK with the Club, John Taylor is supportive, Paul Wanless has spoken to the players and Tom Cowan will be around.

Since the meeting, Heather has already achieved the following:-

- Date agreed with John Taylor = Wednesday 23rd January
- Moat House booked
- Piper booked
- Comedian booked
- Brendan Batson booked to talk after dinner

ACTION: Steve to ask Colin Proctor about the VPs taking a table

ACTION: Lionel to approach Castle Flooring about a table (Lionel's cousin Rupert is partner in the business with Pete Cousins so there is some overlap with the VPs but, with luck, they might each take a table).

ACTION: Heather to speak to Eleanor about getting a poster done.

ACTION: Nick to speak to Renford Sergeant and to Paul Barry about auction prizes.

ACTION: All to think about auction prizes and simple gaming – we should use a simple approach with payment eg fiver in envelope.

3.3 Golf Day

All the participants in this year's event were keen that we run it again in 2002 and the general feeling was that it should be springtime rather than August. We will use the same facilities since Malton is popular and they looked after us well.

We agreed Friday 26th April but we must ensure that we are clear of the Club's event.

ACTION: Heather to advise Lionel of date of CUFC Golf Day.

3.4 Youth Tournament

Agreed we should hold again at Coldhams Common, the weekend before Colts League restarts – this year, it was held on 2nd September. We'll do the mailings a lot earlier in 2002. We should use the CU food trailer for the event.

ACTION: Lionel to obtain Colts League date from Rodney Slack.

3.5 Open Day

ACTION: Nick to write to the Club – when do they want to hold it?

3.6 Other Ideas

- **ACTION: Steve to arrange raffle for the famous video.**
- Steve has the idea to ask Tom Findlay to do a mix, using the Wembley commentary, Dion on sax or something, try even to get him to include a track on his next record. We could see if he would be OK to do a concert for us late next year. If we used the Corn Exchange, perhaps CCC would donate it FOC for the event.

ACTION: Lionel to contact Tom and arrange intro for Steve.

Heather suggested that we should also discuss concerts with Chris Jones, also with Alistair Wilson, our CCC Parks contact for the Youth Tournament and he's a CU Steward. He has a lot to do with the organisation of the Folk Festival for instance.

- Nick reported that Colin Davies is looking to arrange a Fun Run on 13th April, to finish at the new South End Stand, at 1-2pm. It was agreed that he should be encouraged to work with Mick Holloway, who has had a lot to do with organising Sawston fun runs. **ACTION: Nick.**
- It is thought that a Match Video compilation would have good appeal.
ACTION: Barry will follow up.
- Nick asked whether it would be possible to get a stall at Strawberry Fair, together with the Club, getting a few players along.
ACTION: Nick to talk to Renford
ACTION: Justyn to talk to organisers/ Alistair Wilson at CCC.
- Dave has spoken to Roger Hunt about selling off his store of old programmes.
- Like Bournemouth, it has been suggested that CU could have an end of season Open Day, where you could say what you want from the North End when it is all broken up. This was not considered an attractive proposition.

Whatever we organise, we will ensure that we do not clash with CU events. We know they have the Sporting Dinner on 13th March. We need to know dates for their other events, ie Golf Day (Corporate), Racing Day, 6 a side tournament. **ACTION: Heather.**

4. Website

ACTION: Steve to phone Andrea and find a solution, with her very heavy workload, for updating the CFU site.

ACTION: Barry to then implement the solution.

Dave has a contact at Durham University who may be able to help with this.

5. Other Business

- **ACTION: Heather/ Barry to follow up with youth teams the free ticket scheme (40% takeup so far).**
- Barry spoke to Andrea about ringtones for mobiles and concluded that it is very complex, for little reward.
- The Exeter Supporters Trust Business Forum was circulated at the meeting.
- **ACTION: Nick to check with the Club whether we could do a lottery (we have a new licence for 2002).**
- Karen and Dave showed the draft of their fun booklet 'The Goal Mouth', with articles, interviews, features, quizzes etc. It is really excellent and will be sold at the ground for £1, proceeds to CFU.
- Nick has checked out the copyright situation for producing material for sale which includes fixture lists and there is no problem, provided that is done on a not-for-profit basis. As Dave has suggested, we could maybe use proceeds towards cost of the Youth Tournament, or the free tickets for kids scheme.
- Heather said that John Taylor had asked her to relay his appreciation for all the kind wishes we had sent him.
- Nick has done the article for Supporters Direct newsletter on our purchase of shares
- It has not been possible to arrange seats for disadvantaged youngsters/adults at the Posh game but we should bear it in mind for another game.
- Lionel had submitted our £1500 Leisure Grant request to CCC on time and has heard back from Chris Freeman that it will not have to go to the full council committee – she can deal with it herself and will do so in the spring.

6. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 7th January 2002, starting at 8pm, venue to be confirmed.