

Minutes of CFU Committee Meeting held at St Ives Motel, 7th January 2002

Present: Dave Matthews-Jones
Derek Wick
Heather Wilkanowski
Karen Hinkins
Lionel Webb
Alan Clarke
Steve Greenall
Jamie Dyer
Eleanor Wick
Brian Attmore

Apologies: Barry Eley
Nick Pomery
Peter Pinney
Justyn Medd
Will Jones

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting (10.12.01)

Accepted as an accurate record.

2. Finance

Derek circulated his excellent summary report, to 07.01.02, showing that, in addition to our share assets, we have over £19,000 in the bank. Our total net assets have increased by £1500 since the previous statement, 10.12.01. 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.

Derek will put a copy of the club accounts in the caravan.

Every Penny Counts has brought in over £1000, which was featured in the CEN. Oli's haircut has raised £204 so far, to be shared with SCBU. This is good but we could do so much better with events at the ground if we were allowed to collect inside.

The arrangement of CFU's second AGM is now urgent. It must be held within 6 months of our year-end, ie by end-Feb 2002. Trying to avoid Valentines Day, LDV dates and dates when key committee members are away, we came up with 18/19/20 Feb. Since the meeting, Lionel has spoken to the Supporters Club and has learnt the the LDV second leg is likely to be played on the 19th Feb. CUSC has C&W on Wednesdays so the Monday looks the most likely.

ACTION: Lionel to speak to Paul Mayes on Saturday 12th Jan.

It was agreed that when we are ready to contact CFU members about the AGM, we should use email as far as possible, since this is allowed in the rules.

ACTION: Jamie.

At the last AGM, we were given approval to appoint an auditor but no action was taken and, with the AGM looming, this is urgent. Derek has contacted a Monty Lynds, who has a lot of experience of working with Supporters Trusts. In view of the time constraints, it was agreed that we should proceed with someone who knows the ropes but next time around, we'll review the process and explore alternatives.

Action: Derek.

We must find out whether any of our committee members are willing to stand down, to allow 'new blood'. In this regard, Jamie said that, whilst he is happy to continue doing the membership work, he would be happy to stand down from the committee.

Action: Lionel to canvas views of committee members.

Anyone standing for election should be encouraged to write a short summary about themselves.

It was felt that the AGM might be better-attended if we have a guest speaker – John Taylor was the unanimous choice.

Action: Heather to arrange when date known.

3. CUFC AGM

Everyone had read Nick's excellent critique of the Club Accounts and felt that it covered all concerns which might need to be raised at the CUFC AGM on 28th January. The feeling of this meeting was that, although a couple of questions might be held back, it would be best to let the Club know beforehand what is likely to be raised. CFU is entitled to attend and there was some discussion about representation. Our feeling was that we should have one voting member but that if other committee members want to go, they should be allowed, as observers.

ACTION: Lionel to clear with Andy Pincher.

4. MAIN ITEM – EVENTS

4.1 Burns Night

Heather circulated a status report, 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
- Trevor Peer booked
- George Morton booked to address haggis

ACTION: Steve to ask Colin Proctor about the VPs taking a table, at same time ask about a sketch of Shaggy and Dale Brooks for the auction.

ACTION: Dave to get someone to make a 'nearest coin to the bottle' board.

ACTION: Lionel to approach Castle Flooring about a table.

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

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

ACTION: All to think about auction prizes and simple gaming.

ACTION: Dave to try and get Ipswich tickets as a raffle prize.

ACTION: Lionel to try and get signed Groove Armada CD as a raffle prize.

ACTION: Eleanor to check whether Ann has any frames for the shirt prizes.

4.3 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.

The agreed date of Friday 26th April is clear of the Club's corporate event.

4.4 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.

4.5 Open Day

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

4.6 Other Ideas

- **ACTION: Steve to arrange raffle for the famous video, when he has the authentication letter from Alex Ferguson.**
- Tom Findlay has kindly offered to donate a DJ fee from a 2002 event. Lionel has written to thank him and also to give him Steve's details so that they can discuss future possibilities.
Heather suggested that we should also discuss concerts with Chris Jones, also with Alistair Wilson, our CCC Parks contact for the Youth Tournament and CU Steward. He has a lot to do with the organisation of the Folk Festival for instance.
- **There will be a Q103/ Hollyoaks match at the Abbey end March and CFU have been asked to help, Q103 would do the promotion – agreed in principle.**
- It is thought that a Match Video compilation would have good appeal. Barry has established that Trevor Peer's commentaries can be used.
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. In this regard, Eleanor seeks help to rehouse the dozen boxes which are still stored at her old company.
ACTION: All.

5. Website

The crux of the matter is that we need someone who has the skills and can make the time to maintain our website.

ACTION: Jamie to try and identify a CFU member from our skills records, also to see whether there is shareware available to convert HTML documents to website format.

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

6. 'Goalmouth'

Since the last meeting, the first issue has gone out, sales are £141 and rising. The Committee gave a vote of thanks to Karen and Dave for their excellent work on this new initiative.

7. Other Business

- **ACTION: Heather/ Barry to follow up with youth teams the free ticket scheme (40% takeup so far).**
- **ACTION: Nick to check with the Club whether we could do a lottery (we have a new licence for 2002).**
- **ACTION: Nick to arrange seats for disadvantaged youngsters/adults.**

8. Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that we should meet briefly at 7pm on 28th Jan, in CUSC, just before the Club AGM. Please bring diaries so that we can arrange the next meeting.