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Minutes of CFU Committee Meeting held on 8th August at the Black Horse, Dry Drayton

Present: Nick Pomery
Steve Greenall
Barry Eley
Derek Wick
Eleanor Wick
Dave Matthews-Jones
Heather Wilkanowski
Karen Hinkins
Alan Clarke
Will Jones
Justyn Medd
Lionel Webb

Apologies: Brian Attmore
Jamie Dyer
Peter Pinney

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting (09.07.01)

Accepted as an accurate record.

2. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

- Heather reported that it had not been possible to progress car boot sales at the Abbey Stadium but, hopefully, it will be possible in September.
- Dave MJ had spoken to Carla about possible improvements to the caravan. She will arrange for players to be available at the caravan before all home games, times to be announced. Team news will be provided to the caravan for display on the whiteboard.
- Eleanor reported that requests for staffing the caravan had resulted in a number of volunteers to ensure that the Wicks are given the occasional day off.

3. Finance

- Derek distributed his excellent summary, showing that we now have £39k in the bank.
- Nick reported that Supporters Direct had written to him to say that, as a result of improved funding, they were able to contribute another £500 to CFU. **ACTION: Nick to follow up.**
- Nick expressed concern that we need a process for membership renewal, as we approach our first anniversary. **ACTION: Nick to take up with Jamie.**
- Nick had done a great job creating the newsletter and had copied to bring to the meeting, members folded it ready to dispense from the caravan at the first match. DMJ emailed all members to collect and Eleanor logged who had done so.
- Nick's press release on shares was welcomed. **ACTION: DMJ to release to the media.**
- On our anniversary, we should arrange for Steve to be interviewed by Andy Harper. This will be done for Friday 31st August pm, also on the Saturday show.

- Nick was confident that the alleged CCC matching of our £25k share purchase is reliable, having been received, verbally, from both the CCC Finance Director and from the Leader of the Council, David Howarth. The matching £25k does not go to CFU but to the Club.

4. Membership

No report in the absence of Jamie but, at the game on 11th Aug, we showed 325 members on our board.

5. Colour Brochure

Alan Millard joined the meeting for this point and provided copies of the final proof. Alan was given the go-ahead by the Committee to proceed with printing. The proof has subsequently been read very carefully by both Barry and Lionel, and the changes needed have been fed back to Alan.

◉ We have to continue using the separate DD Form for applications so we arranged for these to be copied and they were passed over to Alan. The DD Forms will be folded into the brochure by the printer, at an additional cost of £75.

We are on schedule to have the brochures ready for Open Day.

ACTION: When the brochure is printed, Lionel to write a letter of thanks to Alan and Gordon.

6. Open Day

Heather has been in close contact with the Club on this and gave a resume of what the day will entail. There are some safety concerns, raised by Ian Darler, which are being resolved, but it is basically looking good. CFU members had distributed flyers at the Kit Launch and at the Brighton game.

Groups wishing to tour the ground will go through the North Stand turnstiles and will be 'logged' by Lionel, who will give out tickets. Guides will do their best to keep groups moving. Centre of Excellence are doing 3 displays, including ladies as well as young children.

◉ In the Boardroom, a PC needs to be set up to show the website.

ACTION: Barry to check on availability of phone point etc

ACTION: Steve to write notes for use by the tour guides

7. Future Events

7.1 Youth Tournament

Lionel/ Karen reported that we have 38 team applicants and Sooty had been chasing U15's, saying that another 24 teams should enter, so we have enough. Its all getting tight but a meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th to agree final steps, then a mailing will go to applicants with details of the day. Lionel reported that most of the entertainments and refreshments were being done by third-parties but CFU volunteers will be needed eg to help with the bar and side stalls. Nick recommended that Andy Pincher be kept informed because it is planned to encourage all participants to apply for £1 tickets for certain games (Bury, Wrexham, Oldham). Whilst this is a commendable initiative, it was a worry to several members of the Committee that Cambridge City gave free tickets to youngsters.

ACTION: Steve to take up with Pinch.

7.2 Golf Day

Lionel reported that response from CFU members to the mailing had been very slow. We need to have 16 min participants to get the deal from Malton. Lionel's cousin, Rupert, has a lot of experience of running days and will help us. Trevor Peer is also keen to play and will help. Lionel has opened up the invitations to golf pals, Vantico golfers etc – we must get the numbers needed and we shall but it will not be quite as heavily CFU as we would have liked. It is important to do it and get the event established.

8. Other Business

8.1 Communication with the Club

At a recent meeting between CFU and CUFC, it was agreed that anything commercial should go through Carla and when we have a schedule of events, it should be copied to Carla.

ACTION: Heather

8.2 Banner

A CFU banner is needed for Open Day and for future use. We have a quotation from Display Graphics, Soham but Steve will check it out with House of Flags. **ACTION: Steve.**

8.3 Beanies

Martin Chamberlain has proposed that CFU sell Moose beanies and buddies (soft toys) from the caravan, large at £9 with £4 to CFU, small at £6 with £2 to CFU, agreed, potentially a nice little earner. Martin will bring stock to the caravan and will collect the unsold ones.

8.4 Matchday Video Season Tickets

Nick was disappointed that there had been no takers for his proposed deal. We need 5 to make it viable. **ACTION: Nick to get details of overseas members, who should offer best potential.**

9. Next Meeting

Tuesday 11th September, venue to be announced.

LB Webb
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