

## Minutes of Cambridge Fans United Committee Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2001

The meeting was held at The Black Horse, Dry Drayton, at the invitation of John Holmes, much appreciated.

Present : Steve Greenall – Chairman ( in the absence of NP )  
Dave Matthews Jones  
Derek Wick  
Eleanor Wick  
Barry Eley  
Will Jones  
Justyn Medd  
Heather Wilkanowski  
Karen Hinkins  
Jamie Dyer  
Brian Attmore  
Andrea Thrussell  
Lionel Webb – Secretary

*Youth Tournament  
Brochures  
CFU Agents Guide*

Apologies: Nick Pomery  
Alan Clarke  
Peter Pinney

### **1. Welcome to New Members**

The Committee welcomed the two new members who were elected at the AGM  
– Justyn Medd and Karen Hinkins

### **2. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting**

( not covered elsewhere on the agenda )

- Item 4.1 all actions closed
- Item 5.2 letter to Sainsbury, closed
- Item 6.4 Fun Run – with all the other things going on, the meeting felt this is not for 2001

- Item 6.5 Balloon Race – carry over to next meeting

**ACTION: Lionel Webb include on the agenda**

- Item 6.7 The Junction, closed
- Item 6.9 Car Auction – committee asks new member Alan Clarke, who is in the trade, by copy of these minutes, whether he could take this on and discuss with Reg Smart

**ACTION: Alan Clarke**

- Item 7.1 Discount letters - sent out

**ACTION: DMJ/KH to report back to next meeting**

- Item 8.1 Young CFU – is now being publicised

### **3. AGM Issues**

3.1 Election of Vice-Chairman

A new vice-chairman is needed, Gary Atyes having stood down. Lionel proposed that this position should be taken by Steve Greenall, seconded by Barry Eley. Steve was unanimously elected.

### 3.2 Election of New Committee Member

Eleanor Wick, who has done so much for CFU and who was keen to join the Committee, was proposed by DMJ to take the one vacant place which we have, seconded by Heather.

Eleanor was unanimously elected.

## 4. Finance

There was no formal report, Derek having done that for the AGM.

The bill for Burns Night has still to be agreed with the hotel. The casino supplier was looking for £500, which has been contested, and they have agreed to £300, well done to Heather.

There is an amount of missing money, due to CFU from CUFC, which, according to Ralph's records amounts to £83, maybe it should be more but we should see that we get the £83. **ACTION: Justyn** in dealings with Ralph.

## 5. Membership

Jamie reported that membership stood at 266, a good increase, but the POB had been a bit quiet lately. The new arrangements for Young CFU should bear fruit.

## 6. Recruitment Drive

The shareholders list has a lot of names on it because there are a lot of small shareholders, many of whom have one share, all potential leads. The CUFC databases would be the best bet.

**ACTION: Heather to talk to Reg Smart when she sees him about permission to use databases, then Steve/ Jamie to follow up.**

**ACTION: Steve to prepare letter to include with season-ticket mailing (1600) and Lionel to arrange colour copying.**

The other major potential outlet is the 150 enquiries received about CFU, which can be followed up if applications do not come in.

## 7. Admin Issues

- Committee contact list was agreed should continue as Committee + Vince, Andrea and Graham Nurse.
- We must try to save on postage wherever possible and it was agreed that the default will be to email to those who have it – Jamie has issued a note. DMJ offered to deliver stuff in Bar Hill and Brian would do CB1 area.
- Re calendars, DMJ reported that, unfortunately, the people in Bradwells Court had checked with head office and were not able to take our stock. It was agreed that we should give them free to people signing up and to video purchasers. **ACTION: Heather to check whether players want any.**

- **ACTION: Nick to continue efforts to get compensation from Post Office re POB errors.**
- Re caravan issues, Justyn had spoken to Ralph and circulated a form which had been designed for credit card transactions via the shop or caravan. It will be ensured that the form are numbered uniquely for audit purposes. Credit card use could be a really big benefit to CFU locally and for distant/overseas customers. CFU membership should appear as a 'product' on the website for the shop. **ACTION: Andrea.**
- **ACTION: Justyn to progress credit card process with Ralph/ Andrea.** Re the caravan, Colin Davies is producing a redevelopment brochure, which he asks that we promote at the caravan, agreed. We will also take back from the shop the collection buckets, to the caravan. Barry expressed concern that relationships with the club might deteriorate to the extent that they claim back the caravan. This would be a sad day indeed because it has given such focus to CFU but a contingency plan is something to think about **ACTION: ALL** Justyn has spoken to some dealers about the programmes cleared from the caravan but would like clearance before taking it further.  
**ACTION: Will to write to Roger Hunt seeking clarification. ( done )**

## 8. Brochure

It is becoming urgent for us to produce a new brochure and it was agreed that this should be done by a small group = Lionel, Heather, Barry, Jamie, calling on help as needed from other committee members. Isaac Lowe would help with graphics. Heather reported that Astron could help with the production and she has identified a sponsor for £200 of the cost ( last time it was £600 ). We do not need anything elaborate, just up-to-date.

**ACTION: Lionel to progress**

## 9. Future Events and Ideas

- Re Youth Tournament, the reaction from the club was disappointing, since we had discussed it at our meeting there. It was agreed that we should press on with arrangements since 'Sooty' has confirmed his willingness to lead it, with a friend of his as Secretary and with Lionel acting as treasurer.

**ACTION: Nick to write to John Howard, confirming we are doing it.**

It can be done jointly with Football in the Community, no problem. We also have a good contact in one of our patrons, Rodney Slack, who is Chairman of the Colts Association.

- Colin Davies had replied to our proposal to stage the Open Day on 28th April, organised by CFU, saying that the club did not support this at all, why not leave until August, possibly staging an AXA Roadshow event on 28<sup>th</sup> April. Steve had replied and chased for an answer but in the absence of same, will take it up with Reg. **ACTION: Steve**
- Re friendly match, Heather had spoken to sponsor Garry Johnson, who is agreeable to his Latvia team, most of whom play in the UK, to have a friendly game at the Abbey. Heather has also obtained the agreement of Pinch and Reg. The suggestion was to combine it with a Michael Kyd testimonial match, with 50% of the proceeds going to MK. This was agreed and will be progressed. **ACTION: Heather**

- Heather reported that 'They Think its All Over' quiz has been agreed with Paul Mayes for Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April, in CUSC, 7.30 for 8pm. Quizmaster will be Trevor Peer. Chris Turner phoned Heather to say he will bring a team. Garry Johnson will come. It was agreed we should invite Roy Mc. **ACTION: Heather.** Heather has got a sponsor at Match magazine and the goalkeeping coach at the club has donated some shirts. All is going well, thanks to Heather, and what we need now is a team to come up with the quiz questions. **ACTION: Steve, Derek, Will.**
- Eleanor's idea to take some photographs of the ground for the fans is being followed up. Lionel has written to Pinch, who has responded no problem – he will talk to Eleanor about arrangements.
- The Totaliser, showing membership numbers, is being designed by Les Weston And Brian will speak to our friend who repaired the caravan struts about producing the display. **ACTION: Brian.** Andrea will report numbers on the website each week. **ACTION: Andrea.**
- 'One Wonky Antler' has sold out both issues, all credit to the Kiernans and everyone involved. There will be one more issue – for the last home game.

## 9. Community Issues

- Re proposed SCBU donation, it was agreed that we should pass on half of the Sun calendar proceeds, so £100 to SCBU and £100 to Addenbrookes, who were very helpful with the calendar. **ACTION: Heather.**
- Regarding the CCC Grant of £500, Brian and Dave are following up ways of using this for Barnwell and Abbey wards and will speak to John Durrant and Richard Smith. **ACTION: Brian/ DMJ**

## 10. Other Business

- 'Sooty' has been incredibly helpful in setting up a PC system for Heather and it was agreed CFU should write officially to thank him. **ACTION: Lionel.**
- Jamie reported that he tried to from the shop an item for £49 but got no discount for season-ticket holder. **ACTION: Andrea to pursue**
- Barry showed an example of an article by Steve appearing in a parish magazine, another way of spreading the word. **ACTION: Barry to copy round.**

## 11. Next Meeting

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 8pm, at the same location.

**ACTION: DMJ to book with John Holmes.**

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