



Meeting Minutes

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Present: Rob Hughes [RH] (Chair), Margaret Decker [MD] (Secretary), Steve McCarthy [SM], Dave Farrell [DF], Paul Collins [PC], Lee Bradshaw [LB], John Farmer [JF], Ray Tomkinson [RT], Steve Brunnock [SB], Peter Evans [PE], Andy Munro [AM], John Haynes [JH]

Apologies: Alison Turner, Phil Beardmore, Daniel Cuzick, Neil Homer

The meeting started at 7:10 pm

1. Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes for meetings on 7/3/2012 and 21/3/2012 were agreed as a correct record.

2. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Announcements

(a) MD said that on 30/04/2012 Blues Trust had 85 Full members and 11 junior members.

(b) Supporters Direct are not increasing £50 membership fees for trusts but would welcome donations from trusts that can afford to give more.

(c) Football Supporters' Federation and Supporters Direct Fans' Weekend is July 7, 8. It was agreed that we should pay for the costs of two representatives to attend the weekend, SM and DF. SM said that he had been asked to get together a team to compete in the fans tournament. RT will work on getting a sponsor for this, with MD providing contact details of a possible sponsor and SM providing an estimate of cost.

4. Treasurer

It was agreed that the Acting Treasurer should have the authority to pay any reasonable expenses up to £50 on any single item with the agreement of one other signatory for bank account but he must inform the steering group of the amounts paid out.

5. Election and constitution working group

It was agreed that MD, RH, RT and DF should form a working group to prepare recommendations on policies for the election of board members and arrangements for the AGM.

6. Blues Trust badges

SB showed the meeting the design for a Blues Trust badge. He offered to pay for 100 badges to be made. It was agreed to accept his generous offer, to have the words "Blues Trust" under the logo, and to sell the badges only to members of Blues Trust. AM will find out what would be involved in getting intellectual property rights for the design.

7. Volunteer opportunities within steering group

(a) Website

LB agreed to work on the site and RH agreed to contact Andy Webb to get him to give LB the site permissions that will enable him to do this.

(b) Minutes secretary

MD would like someone else to take minutes.

(c) Membership secretary

MD said there were two sides to this job: maintaining correct records for members using the InTouch database and communicating with members. At present MD and LB are doing this but it would be good to have someone take it as their main responsibility.

(d) Sponsorship

SM and DF volunteered to work on getting sponsors.

8. Membership drive

RH volunteered to write an email to be sent to all members, saying that we could double our membership if each member could get one other person to join. RH also agreed to ask about printing of membership forms when he contacts Andy and arrange for some to be printed.

SM said that as he seeks sponsorship, he will be contacting businesses and trying to recruit people with skill sets that would be useful.

9. Meetings

It was agreed to continue meeting on the first Tuesday evening of each month during the summer.

10. Date and time of next meeting

7 pm on Tuesday, June 5th, 2012. It was noted that this was the Jubilee Bank Holiday but the majority did not object to meeting on this date.

The meeting finished at 8:33 pm.