



Meeting Minutes

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Present: Steve McCarthy [SMc] (Chair), Margaret Decker [MD] (Secretary), Lee Bradshaw [LB], Dave Farrell [DF], John Haynes, Andy Munro [AM]

Apologies: Rob Hughes, Daniel Ivery, John Farmer

1. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

Minutes of the meeting on September 4th, 2012, were accepted as a true record. There were no matters arising.

2. Treasurer's Report

On September 14th the trust had financial assets of £1214.67 and potential liabilities of £580.73. If all of these were required the working balance of the trust would be £643.

3. Secretary's Report

Number of members is 202.

4. Other reports

1. Communications

SMc reported that we have received no reply to his message to Joanne Allsopp. It was agreed that DF would join LB running the Blues Trust Twitter and that they would step up the campaign. It was agreed that we needed to have a much greater online presence. SMc will contact Supporters Direct to repeat our request that they seek to educate the clubs about the role of supporters' trusts and their value to clubs.

2. Election Management Group report

Four nominations have been received: Phil Brown, David Farrell, Steve McCarthy and Andy Munro. As there are fewer nominated than there are places on the board we won't be sending out ballot papers but will ask members to approve each candidate at AGM.

3. Website domain

It was agreed that SMc will be the named owner of our website domain.

5. Arrangements for AGM

It was agreed that MD will purchase the insurance required by the hire agreement for the

Fusion Centre and will check with Ben Shave about this. SMC is responsible for making arrangements with South & City College Birmingham. SMC and LB will arrange to view the venue and decide what is needed. MD will circulate a list of jobs that need to be done at the AGM. DF will notify WM Police.

6. Any Other Business

DF noted the some trusts were merging with supporters clubs and that this might be something that we should consider. SMC said that he would contact the West Midlands MEPs about the forthcoming launch of a Supporter's Direct Briefing Paper.

7. Next meeting

The next meeting will be an informal planning meeting for the AGM and will be at 7 pm on Tuesday, October 9th at the Royal George. If necessary we will meet again on October 16th. The meeting finished at 8.50 pm.