



Yeovil Town Supporters Society Ltd (Glovers Trust)

Minutes of meeting, 10th January 2018

The 94 Club, Yeovil

Present

Rod Jones (RJ)

Simon Brimble (SBr)

Brendon Owen (BO)

Dean Mountain (DM - Minutes)

Lee Doel (LD - observer)

Apologies

Stuart Burrell (SB)

Andy Richardson (AR)

Minutes of previous meeting and Matters arising

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 6th December 2017 were agreed as an accurate record.

Finance Update

As at 9th January the balance in the current account was £6,262.08. Income from two 50/50 draws held over Christmas is yet to be banked (total £107.10).

The final accounts have been handed over to DM by Richard Williams, but these require some additional work prior to submission. DM is now able to access the Trust's online bank account.

Action: BO to speak to Gareth Webb & Co regarding keeping the registered address for the Trust at their premises.

Membership

Current membership stands at 203 adult members and 27 youth members.

Action: SB to contact the supporters' Trusts of Chesterfield and Man Utd to communicate the Arrow's food offer.

Communications

The Trust is still trying to co-opt a new Board member to take responsibility for communications. SB plans to meet a potential member during the next week.

Vacant Board positions

A discussion was held over possible candidates that could join the Board, in addition to a new Communications Director. Approaches have been made to a couple of Trust members who have been vocal on Facebook, along with other people with links to the Trust. Lee Doel, who was attending the meeting as an observer, agreed to take over the role of secretary.

Alliance Group vote

Over the past couple of weeks, members have been voting on whether the Trust should join the YTFC Supporters Alliance group. 53 members voted in favour of joining, with 33 voting against.

The Board felt that this was a strong enough indication that the trust should join the Alliance, although several concerns were raised over the effectiveness of the group. In particular Board members felt:

- The Alliance must focus on high level issues rather the day to day details
- The success of the group would require high level representation from the Club
- Minutes must be produced within 7 days, that accurately reflect the discussions and actions agreed
- David Mills' title of Supporters Director should be reviewed, as this should be an independent role (ideally taken by a supporter representative)

Trust presence at Huish Park

BO and SB met with David Mills and James Hillier at Huish Park earlier this week. YTFC do not feel any supporters group should have a presence in the Marquee. They discussed a portacabin, but this would be beyond our requirements. A booth similar to the programme stalls was suggested – this could be constructed by the Trust, leaving the ground rent as an ongoing cost. This would allow the Trust to have a presence on site, along with an opportunity to sell merchandise, etc. David Mills will get back to the Trust regarding the potential costs involved.

Glovers Trust objectives

SB had prepared a document suggesting the 10 main objectives for the Glovers Trust. The Board agreed that these covered the main aims of the Trust, with the addition of an objective to create a new season ticket band to bridge the gap between the junior and adult prices.

Any Other Business

The Trust have been trying to arrange a meeting with Mark Palmer to get an update on his report to the Board and the situation going forward.

Action: BO to contact Mark to try and arrange a meeting in the next couple of weeks.

The Trust hopes to produce a members newsletter in January. Suggested topics were an update on the Supporters Alliance situation, membership update and promotion of the agreed Trust objectives.

During the 50/50 draw on Saturday the original winner missed claiming the prize as he was outside, so the ticket was redrawn. It was agreed that the original winner should receive free membership and a small cash prize in compensation.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 7th February 2018