



Yeovil Town Supporters Society Ltd (Glovers Trust)
Minutes of meeting, 24th July 2019
The 94 Club, Yeovil

Present

Stuart Burrell (SB) Brendon Owen (BO) Terri Burt (TB) Simon Brimble (SBr)
Jon Hartley (JH) Vernon Edmunds (VE) Dean Mountain (DM - Minutes)

Apologies

Lesley Mowthorpe (LM) Tom Axe (TA)

Minutes of previous meeting and Matters arising

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 26th June 2019 were agreed as an accurate record.

No response has been received regarding VE's letter to Scott Priestnall outlining his reasons for not renewing his season ticket.

SB e-mailed Mr Priestnall last week regarding the ongoing takeover process. Mr Priestnall replied to say the takeover was progressing, and that himself and Mr Pope had passed the Owners and Directors test. He explained that the financing offer for season tickets had met some complications, but an announcement should be made next week. He also confirmed that the shirt sponsorship deal with Jones had finished at the end of last season, and that they were talking to a number of parties about sponsorship for the coming season.

Finance Update

As at 13th March the balance in the Trust bank account was £8,709.49, with a further £198.94 to be transferred from the PayPal account.

ACTION: DM requested anyone with Glovers Trust stock email him with a stock as at 31st July (the financial year end), and also submit any outstanding expenses to be claimed

Membership

160 adult membership renewal requests (plus 3 young and 18 youths) went out at the start of the month via the new administration system. Of those, 108 adults have now renewed, along with 1 young and 11 youths. Those who haven't renewed have now been sent 3 reminders. It was agreed that these would be classed as lapsed members if they have not renewed by the AGM.

Total current membership stands at 172 adults, 6 young people and 26 youth.

It was agreed that the new membership system was working well.

Green and White Fund

JH has been doing some additional work on the potential Green and White fund, and feedback had been received from Supporters Direct. A discussion was held amongst Board members regarding the fund and there was general agreement that it was a good idea to survey members. JH stressed that we needed a watertight plan prior to launching the fund, detailing the governance and use of funding so we are able to respond to any questions. The Board discussed giving people donating to the fund membership, but no final decision was made on this. It was agreed that the donations to the fund should be open to all supporters, but only members would be able to vote on its use.

The Board decided that the survey was ready to go out.

ACTION: SB to look into Google Docs as a way of distributing the survey.

ACTION: All Board members to research how other clubs have run similar schemes, and to consider how the Trust's scheme would work.

Meeting with South Somerset District Council (SSDC)

On 18th July, BO and VE met with SSDC Cllr. Val Keitch and Chief Executive, Alex Parmley. The wide-ranging discussion was positive, with items of note including:

- Prospective owners Errol Pope and Scott Priestnall have not yet made contact with the Council
- In certain circumstances the Council may consider purchasing YTFC, with those present having experience of similar transactions in other local authorities
- The Council have strict rules regarding Councillors' involvement in business ventures that may impact on Council business (such as purchasing the football club)
- The lease on 'The Globe' building adjacent to Huish Park does not expire until 2023
- The lease of the marquee at Huish Park expires in October this year, but it is not anticipated that there would be any issues with this being renewed

It was agreed that notes from the meeting should be published to Trust members. SBr suggested the Trust approach Mr Priestnall with regarding to facilitating a meeting with SSDC.

AGM

Timelines for the upcoming AGM were discussed and agreed. It was suggested holding the AGM at Huish Park prior to a home game, in order to try and boost attendance. It was confirmed that JH and DM are the only Board members that need to apply for re-election this year.

ACTION: DM to distribute dates to Board members.

ACTION: SB to contact David Mills regarding holding the AGM to Huish Park.

AOB

JH suggested that Board meeting minutes should be published within one week of the meeting – this was agreed by the Board.

JH suggested that we need to arrange a calendar of events to engage members and raise the Trust profile.

ACTION: SBr to draft a programme of events for the next Board meeting.

SBr and DM agreed to help out at the YTFC Funday to be held before the Bristol City game on 27th July. TB and BO agreed to run the Trust stall for the Eastleigh game on 6th August. DM will run the stall on 10th August v Stockport.

BO asked whether any further Alliance meetings are planned. SB confirmed that these have been postponed until the takeover is complete but agreed to follow this up with Rich Rendell due to the delay in completion.

ACTION: SB to contact Rich Rendell regarding a date for the next Supporters Alliance Meeting.

BO also asked whether there is supposed to be an annual election for the role of chairperson for this group.

ACTION: SB to speak to David Mills regarding these questions.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 28th August 2019, 7:30pm