



Yeovil Town Supporters Society Ltd (Glovers Trust)

Minutes of meeting, 1st February 2020 Johnson Suite, Huish Park, Yeovil Town FC

Present

Stuart Burrell (SBu – Minutes) Dean Mountain (DM) Simon Brimble (SBr)
Vernon Edmunds (VE)

Apologies

Brendon Owen, Terri Burt, Lesley Mowthorpe

Minutes of previous meeting and Matters arising

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 4th January 2020 were agreed as an accurate record.

Due to the number of absentees, it was considered postponing the meeting but on discussion there was collective agreement to proceed given availability challenges for those present on another date.

Finance

As of 31st January 2020, the balance was £8,698.12. There have been no further costs incurred or cash raised since the previous meeting.

Membership

No change, total membership number remains at 227. This is made up of 199 adults, 4 young adults and 24 youth members.

Club Shop

SBu provided an update on the progress regarding the Trust operating the Club Shop on match days. SBu had been in touch with the YTFC Ticket Office Manager and both SBu and his son helped to run the shop with a member of the agency staff prior to the Hartlepool United match on the 18th of January, with the arrangement working well. SBu then sent out two email communications to Trust members requesting support from them as volunteers to help run the shop without agency staff moving forward. These communications were successful, with 6 individuals coming forward, of

which 2 could help every week and the other 4 periodically. This was put into practise before the match vs Chorley on the 1st of February where the Trust volunteers operated the shop without any agency staff and there was sufficient availability amongst those who helped to give confidence that the Trust could support in the same way for the Notts County match on the 8th of February. As things stand this will now become a permanent arrangement. SBU also highlighted that such was the positivity amongst those who put themselves forward, it may be that there may be opportunities to deploy some volunteers elsewhere around the ground. SBU is going to follow this up with the Commercial Manager and Stadium Manager.

Action: SBU to contact volunteers to confirm availability ahead of future home games.

Action: SBU to contact YTFC representatives to establish if there are other operational areas that Trust volunteers could offer support.

Survey

At the Supporters Alliance Meeting on the 15th of January, it was discussed and felt that a fans survey would be more effective if it was conducted at the end of the season. However, it was felt that there was a more immediate opportunity to conduct a similar process at a commercial level to support the Commercial Manager in identifying opportunities. SBU has been in contact with the Commercial Manager but confirming an appropriate time for a meeting that suits both parties has been difficult. SBU is going to continue to follow this up.

Action: SBU to arrange a meeting with the YTFC Commercial Manager to discuss the survey requirements.

Supporters Alliance Meeting

DM and VM confirmed attendance at the Supporters Alliance Meeting held on the 15th of January. DM advised that he had taken the minutes in the absence of the Club Secretary and that these had been circulated to those present for review and approval.

SBU confirmed that the next Supporters Alliance Meeting date had been set for Tuesday the 18th of January at 2:30pm and that he was able to attend. It was agreed to wait for feedback from those absent from the Trust meeting before confirming who would accompany SBU. A range of potential items to raise at the meeting were discussed and the following were agreed to be taken forward:

- An update on the suggestion for a skittle alley.
- An update on the surplus of stock for the shop.
- Quality of sound produced from the PA system.
- An update on Marquee staffing approach for next season and recognition for those who have serviced it over the past few years.
- An update on the current position with respect to the restrictive covenants.

AOB

It was noted that various Trust Board members knew of people who had helped volunteer at the Club a while ago but had not done so for some time. It was agreed to collectively follow up these leads.

Action: All to consider and follow up conversations with anyone who they think may be interested in helping at YTFC in a voluntary capacity.

It was acknowledged that there is still an absence of a general Player of the Season award that is not tied to a Supporters Group.

Action: SBU to discuss a possible suggestion with YTFC whereby the Trust could sponsor an award that is open to any supporter who wishes to vote.

DM highlighted that he had collected a number of leaflets from the Football Club which advertised the fixtures arranged for February. SBU and DM agreed to take some and distribute locally too.

Date of Next Meeting

5pm on Saturday 29th February 2020 at Huish Park, room TBC.