

Minutes of Chorley Supporters Trust monthly members meeting.

Wednesday 2nd August 2017.

- Present-Board Members.** : David Tindal, Chris Blackburn, Grenville Hartley.
- Others present** : 14 members.
- Apologies received from** : Mark Rees, Ryan Modlin, John Paul Lynch, Julian Vass, Paul and Sheila Brennan.
- Minutes of last meeting** : The minutes of the meeting on the 7th June were read out.
- Matters arising.** : There were no matters arising.

Treasurers Report

<u>Income</u>	£	p.
Golden Goal.	181.00	
Golden Goal sponsors.	100.00	
Half time draw commission.	79.00	
Donations.	162.80	
Pledges.	42.00	
Gift aid.	81.42	
Membership.	71.00	
Lanc's.CC T20.	810.71	
	<u>1527.93</u>	
<u>Expenses.</u>	£	p.
Golden Goal prize.	40.00	
Magpies Radio.	51.98	
Tyrers Coach Lanc's T20.	306.00	
Little Box office T20.	19.24	
Membership Cards.	64.26	
	<u>481.48</u>	

Bank Balance.

	£.	p.
Working Account.	1444.74	
Fans Ownership Fund.	19491.88	
Unbanked cash.	77.00	
	<u>21013.62</u>	

Check.

	£.	p.
Balance at 06/06/17.	19967.17	
Income.	1527.93	
Expenses.	-481.48	
Balance at 23/07/17.	<u>21013.62</u>	

- Matters arising** : There were no matters arising.

- Membership** : The meeting was informed that membership cards had now been obtained and that these would be handed out, where possible, at the Trust table at the next home match.
So far the membership renewals had reached 70 to 75 and it was hoped that this would increase as they season progressed and lapsed members could be contacted.
The Trust members would still get a 5% discount in the club shop and the Trust would still hold a draw for tickets under the stand and for match day mascots. However the club room would no longer be free to members as the football club were hoping to let it out at a fee of £100. This was to be discussed further with with the C.E.O. to see if discounts on hire for members could be obtained.
- Pledges** : It was reported that the new chief executive officer was supporter of the scheme but suggested that the pledges go more toward the ground improvements.
Club Vice Chairman Graham Watkinson said that he would prefer to see the funds continue to go to the Youth Development scheme. He also explained to the membership the re-organisation of the league system for these teams and informed that the home games were to be held on a Thursday night.
Trust Chairman Dave Tindall prompted by a remark from Tony Gilgun, stated that we didn't get much recognition, if any, from the club for the £3000 donated last season.
The membership was asked whether the funds should go to ground development or the Youth Development Scheme.
The latter was proposed and seconded and carried unanimously.
- Chorley F.M.** : The Chairman advised that Chorley FM were seeking donations of £100 from various organisations towards the running of the station and that the Trust, who now had a regular spot, had made a donation of £100.
- Food bank** : After discussions with Living Waters church food banks were to be set up on the ground in the weeks leading up to Christmas.
- Player of the Month** : It was announced that we, as a trust, would be continuing with this this season. Rita Charnley and Maureen Wardman informed the meeting that the ordering of trophies was in hand.
- 50/50 Draw** : In the past the Trust had managed this fund raiser for a commission on sales. However the football club had taken back the management and would not, therefore be paying any commission to the trust in the future. It was left to individual Trust members as to whether they would continue as volunteers to sell the tickets before the matches.
- Golden Goal sponsorship** : Sponsorship of the tickets had now been obtained for the first four home games.
A volunteer had been found to replace the current seller who, due to unfortunate personal circumstances, did not consider that he should continue.
- Leaflets** : The football club were now to produce their own quarterly information booklet and so the production of leaflets by the Trust would now not be required. The Trust would have space in this new publication.
- New Trust Web Site** : Julian had produced the prototype which was shown to Board members who considered it to be impressive. Julian had informed the board that regular input would need to be provided in the future and this also applied to members. Mark Rees would be back from his travels shortly and would be available to assist.
- Easyfundraising.co.uk** : The membership was informed of this new scheme which would raise funds for the Trust every time that they shopped on line with participating organisations.
- Upcoming events** : This item was linked in with the Social Events committee. .
The trust intends to hold the following:-
- A sponsored walk to Southport on boxing day.
 - A Christmas Quiz on Wednesday 6th December.
 - A Christmas Craft and Table top sale on Sunday 17th December.
 - An indoor car boot sale on the 28th January 2018 and
 - A Race Night to be held on either the 22nd or 29th September.
- The visit to all the grounds was to hopefully be undertaken before the clocks are put back on the 14th October. It was decided that the event would take place in October but not on the date of the Alfreton fixture.
This event would be used for fund raising by having competitions such as guessing the mileage covered or the time taken, for a fee of £1 per entry.
The Pitch lottery was in abeyance for the time being until the board could be printed.
A future visit to Old Trafford for a T20 fixture was planned and Chris explained what had been

learned from mistakes with the first event and how it could be expanded by notifying the smaller local cricket clubs such as Adlington, Blackrod and Euxton as well as Chorley CC.

- Joint Events Committee.** : Jeremy Lee had suggested that this be set up to prevent duplication of ideas and clashes with planned events and a first meeting had taken place with Chris Blackburn representing the Trust. He reported back that it had been a cordial and useful meeting.
The club were to arrange an evening with Jimmy White for which there would be a 10% reduction to Trust members and it was hoped to arrange a similar event but featuring Wigan Rigby League manager Shaun Wayne.
- Any Other Business** : Member Tony Gilgun enquired as to who should be seen to register for pledges for the coming season and was informed that the Chairman would deal with this after the meeting had closed.
The same member asked what implications there was for the Trust since ownership of the club had been passed to the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Football club. The vice chairman Graham Watkinson was in attendance at the meeting and informed us that they were not rushing into things and that they were considering various ownership models and would be speaking to Chorley Borough Council in September with a view to having matters with ground ownership resolve by the end of the year. He assured the membership that there would be no asset stripping or other disposal of the club and that when matters with the council were settled then the Trust would also be consulted on future plans.
Mr. Gilgun then enquired whether rumours that the Chairman wished to proceed with the laying of a 3G pitch was true and was informed by Graham that Ken had never entertained the idea and was totally against them.
- Next meeting** : The next Board meeting was scheduled for Tuesday the 29th August 2017 at a time and venue to be announced.
There next Members meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th September 2017 at 8.00 pm in the Social Club.
